

On behalf of your pets, thank you for considering their well-being in the event of your passing. If there is no individual you feel comfortable designating as your pets' caretaker, or you wish to have a back-up for your existing caretaker, spcaLA's Peace of Mind Pet ReHomingTM program is for you.

Through the program, spcaLA will help you make and implement a long-term plan for your pets in the unlikely event that you predecease them. spcaLA has been in the business of caring for animals since 1877, and we will continue our tradition of excellence for many years to come.

How does the program work?

Complete the Peace of Mind Pet Re-Homing Registration Form and Standard Bequest Form and then return them to spcaLA. Should your pets outlive you, spcaLA will guarantee a home for your healthy, adoptable pets. If an animal is not healthy and is able to be reasonably medically rehabilitated, spcaLA will treat the animal with funds from the program. Upon completion of treatment, spcaLA will guarantee a home for your pet.

How can I participate?

A gift to spcaLA in the amount of \$5,000 per pet (either an outright gift or bequest¹) will ensure a full medical exam, any required treatment and adoption into a loving family. In addition, spcaLA staff will monitor and follow up on the adoption to ensure that both your pet and the adoptive family are happy together.

How do my pets qualify for the program?

To qualify for the program, your pets must be free of untreatable diseases or behavior issues that could adversely affect the health of other animals or human caretakers. You must complete the Peace of Mind Pet Re-Homing Registration Form and Standard Bequest Form at the time you arrange your endowment. If an enrolled animal should pass away before this agreement takes effect, another animal can be enrolled in his or her place. However, another Peace of Mind Pet Re-Homing Registration Form must be submitted.

Why do you require a Peace of Mind Pet Re-Homing Registration Form?

These forms, along with a copy of your estate document pertaining to spcaLA, will serve as a written record of your wishes for our files. Additionally, the Registration form provides spcaLA with a detailed history about your pet – the more information given, the better match we can make for your pet and his or her new adoptive family, should you predecease your pet.

Where can I submit my Peace of Mind Pet Re-Homing Registration Form and Standard Bequest Form?

Scanned copies can be emailed to info@spcaLA.com (include Pet Rehoming in the subject line) or mailed to the following address.

spcaLA
Attn: Pet Re-Homing
5026 W Jefferson Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90016

¹Bequests must be made with the knowledge of spcaLA. spcaLA cannot guarantee placement of animals whose owners have not made prior arrangements with spcaLA's Fund Development Department.

10 Steps to Peace of Mind

Estate planning for your pets can provide a lifetime of care, should something happen to you.

1. Select a trusted friend or family member to act as guardian of your pets in the event of your death or inability to care for them. Make sure your prospective caretaker has the same values and beliefs about your companion animals as you do.
2. Specify in your will or trust document that your pets should be turned over to this assigned guardian for immediate care. Also, name a successor guardian in case your first selection is unable to fulfill the obligation. Make sure to get consent from all potential guardians.
3. Consider leaving a sum of money to help the caretaker with food, veterinary and other care expenses. If your estate plan includes a continuing trust, you may consider providing a regular distribution to the caretaker for the life of your pet with any remaining funds to be distributed to the caretaker, a charitable organization and/or other beneficiaries.
4. Provide your selected guardian and successor guardian(s) with copies of your will/trust designation and copies of your Pet's Profile and History (see attached). Keep these instructions in a safe place with your other important documents and make sure that your attorney, executor and/or family members have additional copies of all forms. Update forms regularly.
5. Make copies of the blank Pet Profile and History forms so that you can fill out a separate form for each pet. Keep blank copies so you can update these forms regularly.
6. If you are a spcaLA supporter and cannot find an appropriate guardian for your companion animal(s), you may specify in your will or trust that, in the event of your death, your pets are to be taken to spcaLA and placed in a suitable and loving home (or humanely put to sleep if too old or sick to adapt to a new environment). Please note, with this arrangement there will be no guarantee that spcaLA will be able to find appropriate placement for your pets, but every attempt will be made to do so. An alternative to this is spcaLA's Peace of Mind Pet Re-Homing program, which guarantees homes for healthy, adoptable pets for those who leave a minimum bequest to spcaLA (which provides for animal care needs) and fill out the appropriate paperwork. Details about the Program are included in this packet.
7. Be sure all of your pets wear current ID tags – even if your pet has a microchip or tattoo. Tattoos can be overlooked and your animal may be taken to a facility that cannot detect microchips. And, in a time of crisis, your pets may panic and be hard to find.
8. Display an emergency sticker on the door or window of your house or apartment to alert rescue personnel of the number, type and location of pets in your home.
9. If you don't have friends or family nearby, you may want to notify your neighbors of your wishes as well. Ask them to keep a copy of your pets' information so that they can take immediate action in the event of an emergency.
10. Be sure to contact an attorney for advice when drafting your will or trust.