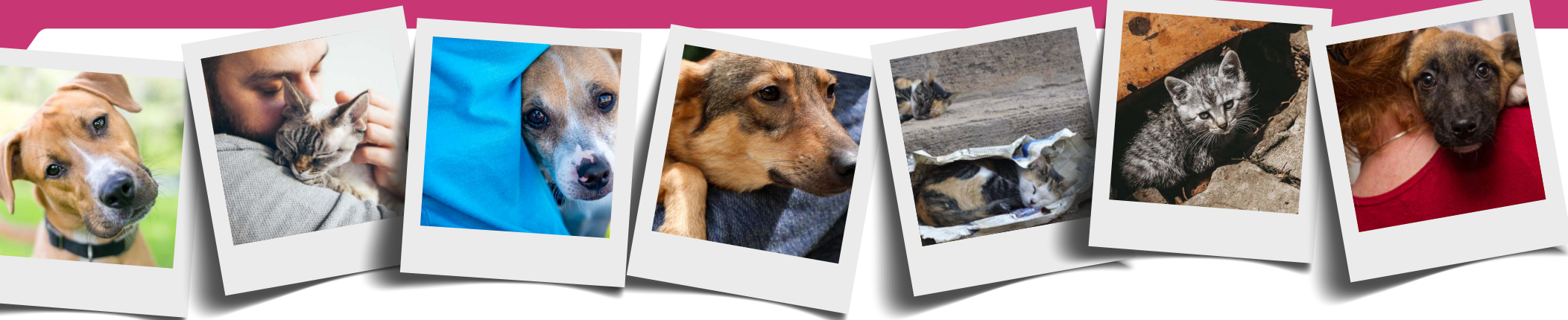


Leaving a gift in your Will

St Giles Animal Welfare

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Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to support the work we do at St Giles Animal Welfare

Just like you, we love pets and the companionship they can provide. All the staff are pet owners so understand the importance of making sure that they are always kept safe. Every pet deserves to live a happy life, free of pain and with access to veterinary treatment when they need it.

After providing for your family and friends, we hope you will consider including a gift in your will to let the love for your pet live on. Your support really matters to the animals we help today and in the future.

Thank You

Jack Linnell - Director



About Us

Based just outside Taunton, St Giles Animal Welfare are responsible for caring and rehoming stray and unwanted dogs, cats and small animals within the county of Somerset. Welfare have responsibility for taking in all strays across two councils, Somerset West & Taunton and South Somerset. These dogs are brought to the centre by the dog warden and if not claimed by an owner within the legal statutory time we are then able to re-home them. In addition, we take animals that are surrendered by members of the public who are no longer able to provide the level of care their pet needs.

We also support the RSPCA South East and South West Branch by boarding dogs and cats on their behalf and whilst in our care we help to find them their happy ever afters. We take dogs out of the puppy farm

trade, many of which have had little human contact, having spent most of their days in a cage or kennel. They come into the centre scared and confused and we are dedicated to changing their lives forever.

At St Giles Animal Welfare our policy is to ensure that the welfare needs of every single animal, whatever the cost, are met until such time as they are ready to find their 'forever home'.

On arrival at the centre every animal is checked by the onsite veterinary team, they are micro chipped, vaccinated, neutered, wormed, flea treated and receive any additional treatments or surgery they need. We provide safety, a warm bed and a full tummy, rehabilitation and a lifetime of support for every adoptee, but most importantly we provide love and we would not be able to do any of this without the amazing support of people like you.



Gifts in Wills means so much to so many animals and their owners. We are dedicated to making sure that no pet suffers

We give advice to prevent disease, treat sick and injured animals and help owners ensure that their animals are happy and healthy.

We cannot do this work without the support from people like you. By leaving a gift in your will, where you leave a portion of your estate or a certain possession or amount of money to a beneficiary to inherit, you will be helping us care for pets in need.

When you leave a gift in your Will to St Giles Animal Welfare you help to ensure that we can continue to be here for every dog and cat who needs us. It is also an incredible way to celebrate your love of animals and leave a legacy for dogs and cats in need of help by giving them a second chance of happiness.

Gifts in Wills are vital to all areas of our work so any gift you give, whatever the size, will make a big difference to the animals in our care.

Writing a Will needn't be as daunting as you may think. However, please do seek the services of a solicitor or a suitably qualified professional. This will remove any worries or concerns you may have.

Why do you need a Will?

Having a Will means that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you would want when the time comes. Unfortunately no Will means no choice. If you don't make a Will the rules of intestacy will determine who receives your property and possessions and that may not be the people and causes you would have chosen.

It is easy to put off having a Will, but if you don't have one you do limit your choice. An up-to-date Will ensures that the things that you hold dear are passed to the people you love and causes you believe in.

Writing a Will offers complete piece of mind and security that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you want. The last thing any of us wants is for our loved ones to have to deal with stressful issues because we didn't make a Will or left it too late to update an existing one. If you don't have next of kin, without a Will, your estate will go to the Crown and not where you would have wanted.

How to leave your legacy

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to our dogs and cats, we strongly recommend you that you speak to a solicitor to ensure that your wishes will be carried out as you intend.

There are 3 types of gifts you can make:

Residuary a percentage of/ share in or all of what's left of the value of your estate after family and friends have been taken care of.

Pecuniary a specific sum of money.

Specific an item such as jewellery or a piece of art.

You will need to take the following details with you:

St Giles Animal Welfare

Registered address: based at St Giles Animal Centre, Newport Road, Wrantage, Taunton, TA3 6DJ

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An example of wording you could use

I leave my / X share (s) of my residuary estate for the St Giles Animal Welfare based at St Giles Animal Centre in Wrantage, Taunton, Somerset TA3 6DJ, absolutely for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.





Our pet promise provides security that your pets will be looked after

Pet Protect Service

St Giles Animal Welfare also offers a Pet Protect Service. Should the worst happen, we will be there to care for and rehome your beloved pets. It's a simple thing to do – when making or amending your Will, state that you want St Giles Animal Welfare to find your dog(s) or cat(s) loving new homes.

It allows us to care for them for as long as it takes to find them the homes they truly belong in, where they are treated with love, care and respect. A gift in your Will helps ensure their future.

What to do next

- Use a solicitor to ensure that your wishes will be carried out as you would want.
- Think about your assets and the people and/or organisations you would like to leave them to.
- Appoint one or more people to be your Executor, meaning they will be responsible for carrying out the instructions in your Will. This can be a friend, relative or your solicitor.
- Make a copy of your Will and ensure someone you trust knows the location of the original. Your solicitor will be able to advise on storage.






If you choose to remember St Giles Animal Welfare, then we would like to say a huge thank you. We understand that your Will is a very personal matter but letting us know of your intentions will help us make plans for the future of the charity and means we can thank you properly for your support.

Keep your Will safe

It is important to keep your Will and any documents together and safe. Let your executor know where they are stored so that your wishes can be carried out. It is advisable to keep a copy of your Will with your personal papers at home. The original Will should be placed in safe custody.

The knowledge that you are helping animals get the life-saving treatments they need and making sure they can continue to bring joy into the lives of their new owners in the future is such a rewarding feeling. Animals do not deserve to suffer because of financial hardship. That's what makes gifts in a Will such a unique and joyful way to support and continue the vision of St Giles Animal Welfare.

Our Promise to you

-  We are committed to making a difference to mistreated and abandoned animals.
-  We will use your Gift carefully and cost effectively so it has the greatest impact for the animals in our care. Plus, we will handle whatever gift you leave us with sensitivity and respect.
-  We will give your family as much choice as we can about how and where your gift will be used to keep animals safe from abuse and neglect.
-  You have the right to change your mind about a gift in your Will at any time in the future and you don't need to tell us if you do.
-  We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.

If you have questions about leaving a gift in your Will, please get in touch with us on **01823 490333** or email **donations@sgaw.co.uk**

We will stay in touch with you by email or by post, it is entirely your choice.

Thank you

Visit our website www.stgilesanimalwelfare.co.uk
for details on how you can support the amazing
animals we rescue