

Forever Home

We will be here when you can't



Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

Giving the living a chance at life

We will take care of your pet - That's a promise

In the event of your passing or you going into care, your pet deserves a home that's as loving and caring as the one they have right now, no matter what.

That's why we have introduced our Forever Home Program. It means that if you're no longer capable to look after your pet, we'll take them in and do everything we can to find them a safe and loving home.

In this guide, we'll take you through the simple steps needed to apply for the Forever Home Program and ensure your pet is cared for.

If you have any questions about Forever Home after reading this booklet, please don't hesitate to email or call us using the contact details at the end.



How to give your pet a Forever Home

And ensure other animals are cared for too

We recommend you make or update your Will with instructions to rehome your pet through Forever Home (the suggested clause is included at the end of this document).

This ensures that your Executor is fully aware of your requirements, as your Will is the only official document they must refer to when dealing with your estate. By formally acknowledging Forever Home in your Will, and returning the completed application form, you're doing everything possible to safeguard your pet's future.

If, or when, the time comes, you can rest assured that they'll be left in the hands of a dedicated team who promise to love and care for your pet as their own.

But thousands more animals are not so lucky

While you're making or updating your Will, please consider including a gift to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre at the same time. More than half our work is funded by gifts and donations. They're a vital source of support; helping us to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals that are unwanted, stray or have suffered neglect.

Apply to Forever home: Guide

1. Take this leaflet to your legal adviser and use the suggested wording at the end of this booklet when adding the Forever Home to your Will. Please also consider including a gift in your Will to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.
2. Complete a Forever Home application form for each pet you'd like to register and return to us by post, in person or by email. If you're happy to do so, please also send a copy of your Will. Then we'll be fully prepared if, or when, the time comes.
3. Make a copy of your Will and ensure someone you trust knows where the original is kept.
4. That's it! You can enjoy the rest of your life with your pet, safe in the knowledge they will be lovingly cared for when you're gone.

Peace of mind for you. A future for your pet

Once you've done everything you need to apply, we'll be in touch to let you know if there are any queries. If, or when, the time comes for us to take responsibility for your pet, we will be notified by the Executor of your Will, or a friend or family member, and will organise to take them in. We'll make sure your pet has all the necessary health checks and will do our best to find them a loving new home. We understand every animal is different, and some pets can take longer to rehome than others. However, we promise that as long as your pet is not suffering, he or she will stay with us for as long as they need.

Why should I include the Forever Home Will wording?

We strongly recommend you include the suggested wording in your Will as this means that any arrangements in relation to your pet will formally recognise the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. It also ensures that, in the event of your death, your Executor will be fully aware of your wishes. This is because your Will is the only official document that they must refer to when dealing with your estate.

What if I can't afford to make or update my Will?

Some legal advisers do offer a reduced rate for the preparation of a Will, and it may be worthwhile comparing several local firms. Alternatively, you may wish to speak with your local Citizens Advice to see whether they can be of any assistance. You can reach them on: 020 7833 2181 or at: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Can I use different wording in my Will?

As long as your wishes are clearly stated in your Will and you have included our charity name and registered charity number, your Executor should have all the information they need, but it's always a good idea to check with your legal adviser.

Can you rehome my pets together?

If you require pets to be rehomed together let us know using the application form provided. Although we cannot guarantee that this will be possible, we would, of course, do everything we can to keep your pets happy.

What if I get a new pet?

To make sure we're there to take in your pet and find them a loving new home, you'll need to submit an application form to register them onto the scheme. Please call us to let us know and we will send out a form for you to complete and return.

How much does it cost?

We ask for a donation of £50 per animal, which covers pick up of your pet, a vet check when your pet arrives, and then of course loads of attention from our dedicated staff to ensure your pet gets the comfort it needs to settle in. After acceptance of your application we will be in touch regarding the payment.

We simply wouldn't exist without public donations, and without kind gifts left to us in our supporters' Wills. That's why we ask you to consider leaving a gift in your Will, so we can continue our vital work protecting vulnerable animals.

Are there any pets you won't take?

We take cats (domestic and feral), rabbits and guinea pigs. For more information, please see the Terms and Conditions.

Is there a limit to the number of pets you can take?

No, there isn't a maximum number of pets. However, if you're looking to send more than five applications at once, then please contact us to discuss your requirements as capacity needs to be taken into consideration.

What if my family offer to take my pet?

Forever Home is there for when no other provisions have been made. If you later decide that you'd prefer someone else to take care of your pet, please let us know.

How long will you look after my pet for?

Pets that are not suffering will stay with us for as long as they need. We do NOT put any animal to sleep without a health reason.

A few words make all the difference.

Share this wording with your legal adviser. Here is the suggested wording you'll need to include in your Will. This will leave your pet in the care of the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, in the event of your death or you going into care:

"I give [any pet animal I own at my death] [define the animal] [and _____ pounds] [and _____ percent / the whole of my residuary estate] to the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, Holborrow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester, PO20 7RJ (registered charity no 1010000) for its general purposes and I direct that once [any pet animal I own at my death][defined animal] is delivered to the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre it shall take over full responsibility for the animal and seek to place it in a suitable home if possible. The receipt of the honorary treasurer or other appropriate staff of the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre for the time being shall be a good discharge of my Executors."



Forever Home Application Form

1. Adding Forever Home to your Will.

We recommend you add the suggested Forever Home wording to your Will as this formally acknowledges the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre in any future arrangements. It also ensures that your Executor is fully aware of your wishes as this is the only official document that they must refer to when dealing with your estate.

- Yes, I have added the Home for Life wording to my Will.
- I have enclosed a copy of my Will for your records. (This information is not mandatory but it helps us to better prepare for future arrangements.)

2. Helping other animals.

We rely on the generosity of the public to continue helping animals in need. So that we can better plan for our future, please use this section to let us know if you have chosen to include a gift in your Will to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

- I've included the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in my Will to ensure you're always there for animals in need.
- I have some questions and would like a bit of help. Please call me.
- Please send me more information about gifts in Wills.
- I do not wish to include a gift to the Cat and Rabbit Rescue right now, except of a donation of £50 per animal when I sign up for Forever Home.

3. Your pet's details.

Please share as much as you can about your pet. If anything changes you can always get in touch with us to update or add information. If you have more than one pet, please fill in these details on a separate sheet of paper or photocopy this form. Name of pet _____

Cat Rabbit Guinea Pig Male Female

Breed _____ Age _____

Colour and any significant markings _____

My pet has been: Neutered Microchipped

Microchip number _____

3. Your pet's details (Continued)

What are your vet's details?

Is there any special medical information we should know about your pet? (e.g. do they require any medication, or have any health conditions?)

What vaccinations has your pet received, and when?

Does your pet have any dietary requirements?

Is there anything you'd like us to know about your pet? (e.g. do they have a favorite toy or activity, are they afraid of anything?)

4. Sign here.

Yes, I have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions.

Print name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for your interest in Forever Home. We will be in touch very soon to confirm your details, and let you know that your application is being processed. If you have any questions please get in touch: info@crrc.co.uk / 01243 641409

We'd love to keep you updated about our work. This may include our Paw for Thoughts magazine and monthly e-newsletter and fundraising activities. Your details will only be used by the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. We'll never share your information with other organisations to use for their own marketing purposes.

Please tell us how you would like to hear from us, by ticking these boxes you confirm you're 18 or over. Post Email

Terms and Conditions

Please read these Terms and Conditions (Terms) before applying to join the Forever Home program run by Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre. Registration with Forever Home constitutes your acceptance of these Terms, which take effect on the date that your Forever Home registration is accepted by the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre. Acceptance onto Forever Home will be confirmed by email confirmation or post if the applicant does not use email:

1. Forever Home is owned and run by the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre (Registered charity no. 1010000). The Cat & Rabbit Rescue only operates in their catchment area which can be found at www.crrc.co.uk.
2. All rehoming decisions are based on the Cat & Rabbit Rescue centre's rehoming policy which can be found at www.crrc.co.uk.
3. For the purposes of these Terms, any person who has applied to join the Forever Home program is known as 'The Applicant.' References in these Terms to 'you' refer to you as 'The Applicant.' Any person whose application has been accepted onto the Forever Home Program is known as 'Forever Home Member'. Any references to 'Pet' relate to the Forever Home Member's pet.
4. For the purposes of these Terms, any person who has been assigned responsibility to manage The Applicant's affairs in the event of their death or submission into care is referred to as 'The Responsible Person.' This covers any individual who has legal responsibility for the Applicant's assets / estate post death or post submission to care so that arrangements can be made on behalf of and in accordance with the wishes of The Applicant.
5. The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre reserves the right to modify these Terms at any time. In the event that any changes are made, the Forever Home Member can access these Terms directly at: www.crrc.co.uk

Eligibility for Forever Home

6. Forever Home is a service for pets and their owners. For the purposes of Forever Home, the definition of a pet animal covers any cat, rabbit or guinea pig sharing The Applicant's life as a companion pet.
7. A pet will only be registered onto Forever Home if a Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Forever Home application form has been completed by The Applicant, and accepted by the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. The Applicant must submit an application form for each pet they wish to register onto the Forever Home. If The Applicant wishes to register more than five pets they should call the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre team. Acceptance onto Forever Home will be confirmed by email or post.
8. The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre operates only in their catchment area, which can be found on www.crrc.co.uk, and as such Forever Home is available to pet owners who lives within the catchment area at the registration only. Should there be any change in The Forever Home Member's circumstances where they or their Pet no longer resides within England or Wales, Forever Home registration will cease.
9. The Forever Home Program only rehome The Forever Home Member's pet Pets post-death or if the Forever Home Member has to go into care. The Forever Home does not rehome Pets under any under circumstances i.e. cases where the Forever Home Member is unable to look after them due to illness or capacity issues. If the Forever Home Member feels they have extenuating circumstances they should call the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre on: 01243641409 to discuss their situation and seek further guidance and advice.

Collection of a Forever Home Pet

10. By registering with Forever Home, The Forever Home Member gives permission for the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre to take full responsibility of their Pet. Legal ownership of their Pet will take effect on completion of a 'Transfer of Ownership' form.

11. On completion of the transfer of ownership, Pet(s) will be rehomed through the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre only.

12. The Responsible Person and the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre should work together to make prior arrangements for the interim care and collection of the Pet. While every effort will be made to ensure minimal waiting time, we ask that The Forever Home Member considers making arrangements with The Responsible Person to look after the Pet whilst preparations are being made to bring the Pet into the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

13. If there is any equipment to be used for the welfare of the Pet at the time of The Forever Home Member's death, these should be included in the Will and passed over to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre for the care of that Pet. For instance, a cat bed, collar, guinea pig pen etc.

Rehoming a Forever Home Pet

14. As per the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre rehoming policy, the Pet's health, behaviour and welfare will be assessed on arrival.

15. As per the rehoming policy, no Pet may be rehomed without reasonable steps to make sure they will have a good quality of life. Once a right match has been found for a Pet in our care, a home visit will be carried out. This will also apply to friends or family members applying to adopt the Pet, where ownership has been transferred to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

16. While we do everything we can to find a new home for Pets as quickly as possible, some Pets may take longer to rehome. For Pets that are proving more challenging to rehome, we will carry out special appeals through our website and social media.

17. While every effort is made to accommodate The Forever Home Member's requests, there may be some instances where this is not possible. For instance, where the request to rehome Pets together is preventing them from being placed in a new home which could subsequently impact health or quality of life of one or both Pets.

18. The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre operates a non-destruct policy and if the animal cannot be rehomed it will remain at the rescue centre for the rest of its natural life. Sadly, it may be necessary to perform euthanasia on an animal if, in the opinion of a vet, the animal is terminally ill.

19. Forever Home will arrange for Pets with terminal illnesses and long-term conditions to be taken in and rehomed or placed under the Cat & Rabbit Rescue centre's foster scheme, providing the conditions are manageable with treatment and subject to veterinary advice.

20. Pets with a minor disease transmissible to humans or other animals may still be rehomed to any home where it does not place others at risk and only on veterinary advice. In general this means that Pets with an infectious disease can only be rehomed to a single animal household.

Care of a Forever Home Pet

21. Providing friends/family have not taken ownership of the Pet and ownership has been officially transferred to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue centre, all decisions regarding the welfare of the Pet lies with the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. Any final decisions regarding the welfare of the Pet whilst under the care of the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre are at the sole discretion of the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

22. Applicants cannot specify Pet euthanasia as a request on their death; we will not comply unless it is in the interests of the Pet's welfare (based on veterinary advice concerning the Pet's health).

23. It may be possible for The Forever Home Member's friends or family to visit the Pet whilst it is in the care of Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, although this will be at the sole discretion of the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre staff based on the best interests of the Pet.

Forever Home Applications

24. The Applicant is obliged to fully and truthfully disclose all medical, health and behavioural details relating to their Pet in the Forever Home application form.

25. Where The Applicant wishes to leave their pet to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre under Forever Home, only in the event that a nominated individual is unable to take them i.e. in the event of secondary death, such instructions should be submitted with the Forever Home application form. If Forever Home is acknowledged in the Will, this information should also be included here.

26. Upon registration, The Forever Home Member should keep any ID documents and legal proof of ownership including microchip; with their registration pack. They should consider including any photos that will help with identification of their Pet on collection. We also recommend that cats are microchipped by The Forever Home Member to aid identification on collection of the Cat.

27. Should any Forever Home application indicate potential welfare issues we will contact you to discuss how we can support you.

28. We reserve the right in our sole discretion to refuse any applications to Forever Home. Any decision regarding the acceptance of an application ultimately lies with the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. Decisions are made under these terms and on the basis of what is in the best interests of the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. We aim to treat all Applicants fairly. Any information provided on applying will be taken into consideration.

Privacy

Information on how we use your personal data is set out in our Privacy Notice, published at: www.crrc.co.uk.



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Giving the living a chance at life



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