

# Loved For Life

Our promise to be here for your furry friend  
when you no longer can



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# Our promise to you and your pet

Since 1986, we've been caring for and finding perfectly matched, loving homes for animals. We're here for every cat, rabbit and guinea pig regardless of age, health condition or temperament.

In the event of your passing or going into permanent 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, when you sign up to our Loved for Life service, you'll have peace of mind that your pet will be well cared for.**

With The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's Loved For Life service, if, or when, the time comes, you can rest assured that your pet will be left in the hands of a dedicated team who will love and care for them as their own. We promise to take your pet in when you're no longer here to provide them the utmost care for as long as it takes to find them a perfectly matched new home.

In this guide, we'll take you through the simple steps to apply for our Loved For Life service to ensure your pet is cared for when you're gone.



Gold, at 18 years young, was warmly welcomed into The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre after her owner entered hospice care

Because of her many health conditions that need experienced monitoring, she now lives at at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, free to explore the site's 3 acres - but she much prefers assisting us in our offices, snuggled up on a nice warm lap

# How to ensure your pet is Loved For Life

With The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's Loved For Life service, your pet will be welcomed into our care, provided any vet treatment they need, given nutritious meals plus lots of love and attention, all whilst enjoying the comforts of their own room, kitted out with cosy beds and enriching toys, as we work hard to find them a perfectly matched new home.

We strongly recommend you make or update your Will with instructions to rehome your pet through The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's Loved For Life service to ensure your wishes concerning your pet's care are carried out when you're gone. You'll find further details including suggested wording and how to request our gifts in Wills informational booklet later in this guide.

Our Loved For Life service is **simple to sign up to and free**, however many of our supporters choose to leave a gift in their Will to help towards the care of their pet and to support The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in continuing to be able to be there for pets like yours.

## How To Apply: 3 Simple Steps

1. Get in touch with us by telephone or email to inform us of your intention to sign up to our Loved For Life service and to discuss the unique needs of your pet(s).
2. Complete the included Loved For Life application form for each pet you'd like to register and return to us by post, email or in person.
3. Upon application approval, take this guide to your legal adviser and use the suggested wording included when adding Loved For Life to your Will. Please also consider including a gift in your Will to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre to help us care for your pet and others in desperate need of help. If you're happy to do so, please also send a copy of your Will.

We recommend that you let family and friends know of your wishes to leave your pet in the care of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in the event of your passing or entry into permanent care. This ensures that your pet will not be left without the proper care they know and deserve whilst your Will is being reviewed and carried out.

**"My main concern has always been providing for the future care and security of my beloved cats and bunnies if they should outlive me. Registering them with CRRC's Loved For Life service is complete peace of mind for me, I can stop worrying now that I know my furbabies will have a happy, healthy and secure future in safe and loving hands. Thank you CRRC for providing this wonderful service!"**

*Sally*



# Peace of mind for you and your furry family member

We understand that you need as much trustworthy information as possible whilst planning for your pet's future without you. That's why we've put together a list of answers to commonly asked questions about our Loved For Life service to help you make your decision.

## Why should I include the Loved For Life Will wording?

We strongly recommend you include the suggested wording found in this guide 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.

## How much does it cost?

Our Loved For Life service is completely free, however many of our supporters choose to leave a gift in their Will to help towards the care of their pet and to support us continue to help unwanted, abandoned and neglected animals in our community through our rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming work.

## What pets can benefit from Loved For Life?

We can only accept domestic cats, rabbits and guinea pigs. This is because our rescue centre facilities can only accommodate these types of pets.

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

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 I get a new pet?

To make sure we're there to take in your new pet and find them a loving new home, you'll need to submit an application form to register them. Please contact us via telephone, email or in-person to let us know and we'll provide a form for you to complete and return.

## Can you rehome my pets together?

When animals from the same home enter our rescue centre looking for a new home, we always try our very hardest to rehome them together, especially if they are in a pair and get on well. If you require your pets to be rehomed together let us know using the application form provided. Although we cannot guarantee that this will be possible, we'll do everything we can to keep your pets happy.

## How long will you look after my pet for?

Pets will stay with us for as long as they need to find their forever home. We DO NOT put any animal to sleep unless they are suffering with health issues we cannot treat.

## What if my family offer to take my pet?

Loved For Life 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.

# Just a few words can mean so much

We recommend you make or update your Will with instructions to rehome your pet through The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's Loved For Life service.

By adding Loved For Life to your Will, 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 Loved For Life in your Will, you're doing everything possible to safeguard your pet's future.**

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. Over 50% of funds we need for vital surgeries, rescue and rehoming operations and day-to-day care comes from gifts in Wills. We simply wouldn't exist and be able to continue to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals that are unwanted, stray or have suffered neglect without these kind gifts.

If you'd like to receive information about leaving a gift in your Will to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, please request your free guide via email, phone or your Loved For Life application form

You may also wish to consider including suggested wording like this in your Will to leave a gift to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre:

"(i) I give to **The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham Chichester PO20 7RJ (registered charity no. 1010000)**, the residue (or % share of the residue) of my estate absolutely and I direct that the proceeds may be used for the general purposes of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

(ii) I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre shall be a sufficient discharge for my executors."

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will, including types of gifts and how The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre depends on them, see our gift leaving guide

## Make sure to include the following suggested wording in your Will:

"I give **[any pet animal I own at my death]** **[define the animal]** to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, Holborow 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 & 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."

When Kanzi's owner sadly passed away, family and friends were unable to take her in. Luckily for the beautiful bun, we were there to welcome her into our loving care

Pacific Rose and Lady Alice were welcomed in with loving arms when their elderly owners were no longer able to care for the gorgeous pair



# Our Terms & Conditions

Please read these Terms and Conditions (Terms) before applying to the Loved For Life service run by The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre. Registration with Loved For Life constitutes your acceptance of these Terms, which take effect on the date that your Loved For Life registration is accepted by The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre. Acceptance to our Loved For Life service will be confirmed by email or post, if the applicant does not communicate via email:

1. Loved For Life is owned and operated by The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre (Registered charity no. 1010000). The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre only operates in their catchment area which can be found at [www.crrc.co.uk](http://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](http://www.crrc.co.uk).
3. For the purposes of these Terms, any person who has applied to join the Loved For Life service 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 Loved For Life service is known as 'Loved For Life Member'. Any references to 'Pet' relate to the Loved For Life 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 Loved For Life Member can access these Terms directly at: [www.crrc.co.uk](http://www.crrc.co.uk)

## Eligibility for Loved For Life

6. Loved For Life is a service for pets and their owners. For the purposes of the Loved For Life service, the definition of a 'Pet' includes any domestic cat, rabbit or guinea pig sharing The Applicant's life and home as a companion pet.
7. A Pet will only be registered to the Loved For Life service if an application form issued by The Cat & Rabbit Rescue has been completed in full 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 to the Loved For Life service. If The Applicant wishes to register more than five pets they should call The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre to discuss. Acceptance onto Loved For Life 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](http://www.crrc.co.uk), and as such the Loved For Life service is available to pet owners who live within the catchment area at the time of registration only. Should there be any change in The Loved For Life Member's circumstances where they or their Pet no longer reside within England or Wales, Loved For Life registration will cease.
9. The Loved For Life service only rehomes The Loved For Life Member's Pet(s) post-death or if the Loved For Life Member has to go into a permanent care facility. The Loved For Life service does not rehome Pets under any other circumstances i.e. cases where the Loved For Life Member is unable to look after them due to illness or capacity issues. If the Loved For Life Member feels they have extenuating circumstances they should call The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre on 01243 967 111 to discuss their situation and seek further guidance and advice.

## **Acquisition of a Loved For Life Pet**

10. By registering with Loved For Life, The Loved For Life Member gives permission for The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre to take full responsibility of their Pet. Legal ownership of their Pet will take effect upon completion of a 'Transfer of Ownership' form provided by The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

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 delivery by The Responsible Person of the Pet. If The Responsible Person is unable to arrange travel with the Pet to our rescue centre, they should contact us via telephone to discuss options of alternative transport such as collection by The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. While every effort will be made to ensure minimal waiting time, we ask that The Loved For Life 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 Loved For Life 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 example, a cat bed, cat tree, guinea pig pen, etc.

## **Rehoming a Loved For Life Pet**

14. As per The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's 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 Loved For Life 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. The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre 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 Loved For Life 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 interest of the Pet's welfare (based on veterinary advice concerning the Pet's health).

23. It may be possible for The Loved For Life Member's friends or family to visit the Pet whilst it is in the care of The 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.

## **Loved For Life Applications**

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

25. Where The Applicant wishes to leave their pet to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre under our Loved For Life service 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 Loved For Life application form. If the Loved For Life service is acknowledged in the Will, this information should also be included here.

26. Upon registration, The Loved For Life Member should keep any identification documents and legal proof of ownership including microchip with their registration pack. They should also consider including any photos that will help with identification of their Pet.

27. Should any Loved For Life 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 Loved For Life. 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 upon application will be taken into consideration.

29. If an Authorised Person has been included within the Loved For Life Application Form by the Applicant, this person can contact The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre via telephone or email to discuss the Applicant's application form and/or make changes to the application, depending on the Applicant's level of authorisation of the Authorised Person, as indicated explicitly within the Applicant's application form.

30. Unless contact has been made to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre to request removal of the Authorised Person, an Authorised Person will continue to be able to discuss and/or make changes (indicated by the Loved For Life Application Form) once a Loved For Life application turns into a membership, once the Applicant has changed to a Member upon acceptance and approval of their Loved For Life application form by The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

## **Privacy**

Information on how we use your personal data is set out in our Privacy Policy, published and available for public viewing via our website, [www.crrc.co.uk](http://www.crrc.co.uk).

# Loved For Life Application Form

Please complete all relevant fields, via writing or tick, of this application form and return to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre by post, email or in-person. Your application form will be reviewed by relevant individuals of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre who will respond to your application via email or telephone.

Please note, submission of this completed form alone is not acceptance to our Loved For Life service and so we encourage you to contact us to discuss your interest in this service and application approval before you include relevant wording in your Will.

## 1. Your Details

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Authorised Person

If you'd like someone, such as a spouse, other family or a friend to be able to discuss your application or membership regarding our Loved For Life service, please include their details below.

Please note, this person cannot make changes to your application or membership on your behalf unless explicit consent has been provided directly to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. In accordance with GDPR laws, we cannot discuss your details with any other person that is not detailed in this form unless they are acting as Executor of your Will.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I give this person: ☐ Permission to discuss my application/membership only  
☐ Permission to discuss my application/membership and make updates to my application/membership

## 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 complete a form for each pet. If you are unable to print multiple, please contact us to request addition forms.

Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
They are a: ☐ Cat ☐ Rabbit ☐ Guinea Pig ☐ Male ☐ Female

Colour & Any Specific Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

They Have Been: ☐ Neutered/Spayed ☐ Microchipped  
Microchip number: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Your Pet's Details (Continued)

Name of veterinary practice used: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary practice address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any special medical information we should know about your pet e.g. do they require any medication, or have any health conditions? Please include as much detail as possible:

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 favourite toy or activity, are they afraid of something in particular?

#### 4. Agreement to our Terms

☐ I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's Loved For Life service as outlined in this document

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in our Loved For Life service. We will be in touch soon to discuss your application and any next steps required.

If you have any questions at this stage, please get in touch with us on 01243 967 111 or [info@crrc.co.uk](mailto:info@crrc.co.uk)

#### Interested in more information about how a gift in your Will could make a big difference at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre?

Please tick below to let us know if you'd like to receive your guide to helping animals in need with a gift in your Will to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, filled with stories of how supporters' gifts have made a true difference to the lives of animals in our care.

Yes, I'd like to receive this guide by:

☐ Email ☐ Post ☐ Both

#### We'd love to keep you up-to-date on the important work we do.

Please tick below to let us know if you'd like to receive our free monthly e-newsletter, communication about our fundraising activities/events and volunteering opportunities and other relevant information.

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 marketing purposes.

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

☐ Email ☐ Post ☐ Both

**Thank you for thinking ahead for your & your furry friend's future**

Please ensure to get in touch with us via telephone or email before completing this form and adding The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's Loved For Life service to your Will.



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