

# The best gift you can give is a chance at life

Your guide to helping animals in need with a  
gift in your Will



The Cat & Rabbit  
Rescue Centre

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# Saving lives starts with you

## Dear Friend,

Thank you for considering something truly amazing, leaving a gift in your Will to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

These special gifts are vital to the work we do, helping pets and the people who love them across our local communities. Without this generosity, we wouldn't be able to provide the essential care that hundreds of unwanted, abandoned, and sick animals rely on each year.

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre is your local animal charity and has been part of the community for nearly 40 years.

Over the generations, families have continued to return to us to adopt their newest furry companions, because they trust the care we provide, not just while animals are with us, but even after they find their forever homes.

Furry friends welcomed into The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre come to us for many reasons. Often, older pets arrive because their elderly owners can no longer provide the care they once could.

These situations, and many others, can be distressing for both pets and people. But they're all comforted by the promise that our trained, dedicated team treats every animal as their own, showering them with love and attention.



George the kitten was born with leg deformities that required ongoing vet care and monitoring at our rescue centre

What sets us apart from other charities is our unwavering commitment to helping every animal in need, regardless of age, health, or temperament.

Sadly, many animals who are older, unwell, or have behavioural challenges are often overlooked or turned away. But we believe, and we're sure you do too, that every single animal deserves a loving home to spend the rest of their days, surrounded by compassion and care.

As an animal lover, considering a gift in your Will is a deeply personal decision. It's a chance to create a positive, lasting impact on the lives of animals who need it most.

Thanks to the kindness of people like you, we're able to provide the very best care, 365 days a year, for animals who have found themselves without a family, through no fault of their own. Our dedicated Animal Care Team is here for them, every single day.

This guide provides information about leaving a gift in your Will to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre and how your generosity and lasting memory will create many more second chances for animals that need them.

Thank you.

*Ian Hughes*

**Ian Hughes, General Manager**



# Over 35 years of love

**The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre was created to rescue, rehabilitate and find forever homes for animals in need.**

Our founders had an unrivalled passion for animals. What began as a small, local rescue and fostering effort quickly grew into something much bigger.

In the early 1980s, with a mission to rescue cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs, a quiet home near Chichester was purchased, complete with several acres of land. It offered the space and opportunity to help even more animals in desperate need, and marked the beginning of what would become The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

With the support of dedicated volunteers, our founders worked around the clock, 365 days a year to care for unwanted, abandoned, feral and neglected animals and to continuously improve the facilities of what had then become an established rescue centre and charity.

Today, we honour and uphold our founders' hardworking ethos and dedication to animal welfare.

Due to ever-growing demand, The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre has expanded its facilities to accommodate up to 400 animals. Our purpose-built rooms provide safety and comfort, often to animals who may have never experienced either before. We also have an on-site veterinary centre, where our team can carry out vital surgeries, administer treatments, and provide ongoing medical care.

In addition, our dedicated Mother & Baby Unit offers specialised support for pregnant cats, new mothers, and their kittens, giving them the best possible start in life.

We've always believed every animal should have the chance at a good life. That's why we never put a healthy animal down, and we welcome animals of all ages, health conditions, and temperaments into our rescue centre.

We've come a long way since our small beginnings, but we continue to serve and support local communities. Since 1986, we've helped over 40,000 animals across West Sussex and Hampshire and rehome around 1000 each year.

**"Over the 20 years I've been working at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, I've seen animals transform in our care. I'm so proud of the hard work we do here to help animals in need, but we wouldn't be able to continue without the help of our supporters"**

Sue, Animal Care Supervisor at CRRC





## **Upsy Daisy was given the chance to be loved.**

At just a few months old, Upsy Daisy was found terrified and poorly, abandoned on the side of a busy road. Her contorted appearance revealed something perhaps even scarier than her desertion; a deadly parasite affecting her brain and spinal cord.

Thanks to our supporters who left a gift to us in their Will, we were able to provide urgent medication needed to treat the parasite. Although the parasite's damage could not be reversed, we worked tirelessly to provide her with an excellent quality of life and showered her with love during her stay with us.

Upsy Daisy now happily lives with a member of our dedicated Animal Care Team, who fell in love with her whilst caring for her at our rescue centre.



## **Caellum recieved lifesaving surgery and care.**

On a cold, bleak night, we received a call for help for an injured cat found on the side of the road, hit by a car and ignored by passing drivers for hours.

When we found the poor boy meowing for help, his diagnosis was not good; he had a broken leg, smashed jaw, he was struggling to breathe and his eye was hanging from its socket.

We brought him to the safety of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre and started treatment right away including surgery to remove his poorly eye and amputate his leg that was

beyond repair plus medication to ease his pain and stop infection. Amazingly, despite all he endured, he purred continuously from the time he arrived. We named him Caellum, meaning 'brave warrior'.

Thanks to the supporters who left us a gift in their will, Caellum was able to live out his remaining years exploring The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre's several acres and offices, surrounded by love.



# What do you want to be remembered for?

Having a Will brings peace of mind, knowing that your loved ones and the causes you care about will be looked after when you're gone.

As an animal lover, it's only natural to want to continue supporting animals, even when you're no longer here to do so.

You might be thinking that with family and friends to consider, there's no room to leave a gift to charity. But even a small portion, just 1% of what's left after your loved ones are provided for, can make a real and lasting difference to animals in need.

**Our care starts the moment we receive a call for an animal in need and continues even after they've found their forever home.**

- Every year, we provide over 7000 vital medical treatments to injured and poorly animals, including lifesaving operations
- We welcome around 1000 cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs into our care annually, each one with a unique story
- We've saved hundreds of animals from being euthanised for a variety of reasons ranging from medical to behavioural issues and are proud to have found them loving, forever homes

At The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, we don't receive government funding, so we rely solely on the generosity of supporters and gifts in Wills to allow us to continue our work giving animals the **second chances they all deserve.**

**Over 50%**

**of funds we need for vital surgeries, rescue and rehoming operations, and day-to-day care comes from gifts in Wills**



# How to remember CRRC in your Will

## Making or updating your Will is easier than you think.

### Value your estate

Your estate is the total amount of assets you have, minus any debts. You can get an idea of what your estate will be worth by making a list of your assets, such as property you own, savings, investments and other personal belongings less any debts such as mortgage, loans or credit card balance.

### Decide who you want to provide for

Think about how you want your family, friends, and your favourite causes to benefit from your Will.

Make sure your estate is divided to take care of the people and charities you love, in the way you want. You can give specific items to individuals or you can simply divide your estate between a number of people and charities.

### Leave a gift to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

The best gift you can give is a chance for animals in need.

Gifts left to us in Wills are vital to our work rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals in need. If you decide to leave a gift to us in your Will, make sure to include our full name, address, and registered charity number. **You can also write your Will online for free. Find out how to do this on the next page.**

### Choose your executors

These are the people responsible for carrying out your wishes when you're gone.

You can choose friends, family members, or solicitors to act as the executor of your estate.

### Ask a solicitor to draw up your Will

We recommend using a solicitor to ensure your Will is valid, accurately reflects your wishes, and can be stored safely. Solicitors can help you with any updates you may need to make to your Will throughout your life.

## Choosing which type of gift to leave

There are three main types of gift that you can choose to leave in your Will.

### Residuary Gift

A residuary gift is a share or percentage of the value of your assets, such as property and savings, after all other payments have been made (e.g. debts, gifts, tax expenses). The advantage of a residuary gift is that it won't lose its value over time due to inflation.

### Pecuniary Gift

A pecuniary gift is a specific amount of money, which can be any amount you choose.

### Specific Gifts

If you'd like to leave a particular item, such as jewellery, a family heirloom or even property, this is known as a specific gift.



Handsome rabbit, Baldwin, was surrendered to us when his owners could no longer care for him

# Wording for your Will

Should you decide to remember The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in your Will, you may want to share this suggested wording with your solicitor to help ensure your wishes are made clear.

## Option 1: A Residuary Gift

(i) I give to **The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, Holborrow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester PO20 7RJ (registered charity no 1197958)**, 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.

## Option 2: A Pecuniary Gift or Specific Item

(i) I give to **The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, Holborrow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester PO20 7RJ (registered charity no 1197958)**, (i) (free of tax) the sum of £\_\_\_ OR (ii) (free of tax and cost of transfer) the gift of my [short description of specific item given] and I direct that the proceeds may be used for the general purposes of The Cat and 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.



*Christine*

**"As a volunteer, I see first-hand the difference The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre makes to the lives of animals in desperate need of help. Adopting an animal from a rescue centre brings a very special joy to them and to their new owners as we have experienced in abundance when our four beautiful rabbits found their forever homes with us. These are the reasons why I've included a gift to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in my Will"**

Chatty brothers Relish and Pickle came to us when their owners no longer had time to look after them





# Leaving a gift in your Will couldn't be easier

If you take action today you'll have the peace of mind of knowing your values will live on through the work we do. Gifts in Wills transform the work that we can do in the future.

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre has teamed up with Make A Will Online, an online Will-writing provider, to make the process both free and simple.

Visit: **[makeawillonline.co.uk/crrc](https://www.makeawillonline.co.uk/crrc)** and follow the instructions.

Every Will is checked by a fully qualified solicitor and if you have any legal questions, you can get these answered too. You will also gain free access to Capacity Vault, the best way to protect the wishes in your Will online.



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If you already have a solicitor or would prefer to speak to a solicitor face to face, you should do so. You should also speak with a solicitor if you have a large estate or a more complex Will.

Scan the QR code or visit  
**[www.makeawillonline.co.uk/crrc](https://www.makeawillonline.co.uk/crrc)**  
to start making your Will for  
free.



**A gift of any size can make a big difference**

## **£2000**

could provide nutritious meals to all of the animals in our care for a month

## **£9000**

could cover the cost of vaccinating animals at our rescue centre against life threatening diseases for a year

## **£30,000**

could help towards the cost of spaying and neutering animals for a year at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

Vincenzo was returned to us when he became overwhelmed in his home



# Loved For Life

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



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

When planning for the future, we understand it's especially important to consider the care of your cats, rabbits or guinea pigs; your furry family members.

In the event of your passing or 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, 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, we promise to welcome your pet into our centre following your passing or entry into a permanent care home and provide them with the utmost care for as long as it takes to find them a perfectly matched new home.

Our Love 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 support The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in continuing to be there for pets like yours.

For more information and to sign up to our Loved For Life service, visit our website [www.crrc.co.uk](http://www.crrc.co.uk), or get in touch by phone or email.



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**"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*



# Thank you for caring for those in need

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, we can't thank you enough.

Gifts in Wills fund over half of our crucial work to continue giving animals desperate for help the lifesaving treatment, care and loving homes they all deserve. Together, we can ensure that every animal gets a second chance.

We understand that your Will is a personal matter. But if you do choose to let us know about your gift, it gives us the chance to plan for the future and, most importantly, to thank you properly for your incredible support.

**If you'd like to speak to us about leaving a gift in your Will, or to enquire about our Loved For Life service, please find our contact details on the back of this guide!**



Lovely older ladies, Nala and Pombo, were originally adopted from us as kittens. At 14 years old, they were welcomed back into our care when their owner had to move and couldn't take them with them.

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