

# Leaving a gift in your Will



Helping people and pets during difficult times



## What is Our Special Friends?

Our Special Friends is a 'one welfare' charity that fills a gap in community care by providing a range of free support services to help those in need to continue to benefit from contact with animals during illness, bereavement and other difficult times in their lives.

## Why do people need our support?

Pets can be vital companions especially for the vulnerable or isolated and may be their only family. When times are challenging, knowing where to turn for help can be confusing and worrying.

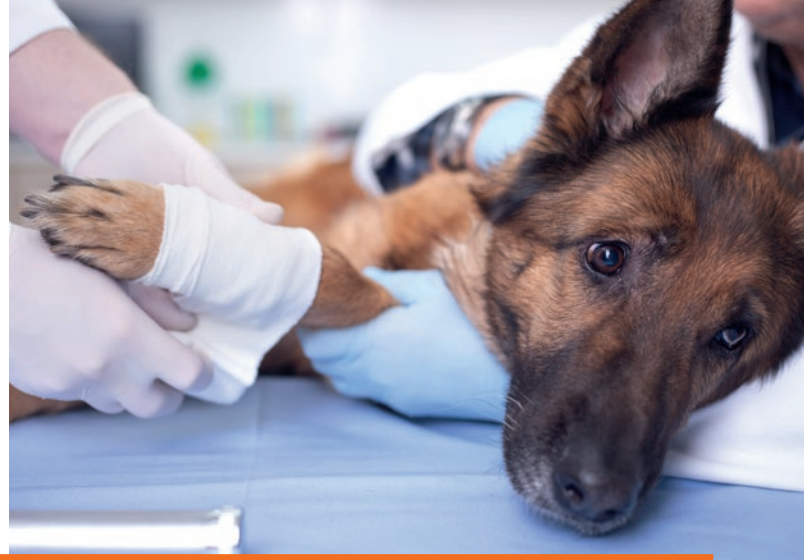
## How does it work?

We provide this unmet need for support through our volunteers and by working in partnership with human health and social care; as well as vets and animal charities. Our services include providing practical and emotional support to vulnerable people and animals during times of need. This can be in their own home, a hospice or nursing home. Currently we operate in the West Suffolk and Theiford area, but are looking to expand geographically as funding allows.



## What difference will a gift make?

We are entirely dependent on fundraising to enable us to provide our services. Your gift will make a huge difference to someone's life by providing them with the companionship of an animal, a regular visit from a volunteer and their visiting dog, or by giving them the peace of mind that their own pet will be cared for when they are unable to do so. It is hugely important to us that our work not only enhances human wellbeing, but also the welfare of the animal.



## Where will my gift go?

- Clients** – visits to our clients in the community to assess what really is needed
- Veterinary and Animal care** – vital treatment, vaccinations, microchipping, neutering
- Fostering and Adoption** – finding foster carers and adopters, emergency kennel costs
- Volunteers** – recruitment, training, travel expenses, support, management
- Volunteer Training** – understanding dementia, bereavement, animal behaviour, health and safety
- Animal Equipment** – crates, carry boxes, collars and leads, beds, balls...

## How do I leave a gift in my Will?

When making a Will, we understand that there are priorities but by leaving a gift to Our Special Friends, however small, you can make a real difference to the lives of those in need.

We would be happy to talk with you about leaving a Legacy to Our Special Friends and how your gift could be utilised. Making or updating a Will is not difficult and to find out more about leaving a gift to Our Special Friends please speak to your solicitor or call us for more information.

**Please help us to continue the vital work we do.**

*“ I just wanted to thank you for all your support, understanding and time when I lost my much loved dear little Toby. Your time and kindness really meant a lot to me and I’m very grateful. You really helped me. ”*

*“ This is to say a big thank you to your organisation for the marvellous care and support you provide to my step mother. Your constant support and dedicated service has been an important part of her getting her confidence and spirit back and we are very grateful to Our Special Friends for this. ”*

*“ Poppy is a great success. She is really very sweet and has settled well. She is a great companion and has brought me a lot of new friends who take her for walks. It’s so lovely to return home to a warm welcome instead of an empty house. She has made such a difference to my life. Thank you so much for finding her for me and bringing her here. ”*

## To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact us:

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