Leaving a gift in your Will

Our Special Friends

Ensure a future of animal companionship support for all

What we do

We provide animal companionship support services to people in need within your community, offering practical and emotional support to help them through difficult times.

We address unmet health and social needs by partnering with human health and animal welfare organisations. We also promote advance planning for pet care, ensuring owners have peace of mind about their pets' wellbeing in any situation.

Services we provide:

- Dog walking or accompanied walking via our volunteers or others
- Advice and practical support via our volunteers to enable a pet to stay with its owner
- Regular visits from a volunteer with their own dog
- Support around bereavement and acknowledging the impact of loss
- Fostering pets in times of crisis
- Sourcing, introducing and monitoring a new pet

With your help,
we can make a lasting difference.

Who we help

We help people and their animals regardless of their age and where they live with our current focus on the West Suffolk area. Pets can be vital companions especially for the vulnerable or isolated and may be their only family.

We help individuals with mental or physical frailty who have, or have had, pets as companions, but who can no longer keep them – or need support to keep them.

We are the eyes and the ears for the hidden vulnerable

A key aspect of Our Special Friend's approach is working in close collaboration with partner health and welfare organisations to optimise outcomes for people and animals. We often find clients in desperate situations, too anxious to contact statutory services for fear that their beloved pet will be taken away. Our focus on the human-animal bond and innovative position bridging the divide between human and animal services means clients feel able to turn to us in these situations.

It was the biggest help I could have asked for...

“I needed help for my dog, Shelly. The team helped me with my anxiety about the situation. The service that they provided for us both was second to none. Thank you so much for everything and all your help.”

Sean and his dog, Shelly

Where will my gift go?

Client visits

Veterinary and animal care

Fostering and adoption

Volunteers and training

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.

Your gift will make a huge difference

How we've made a difference

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The team gave me the help, support and strength that I needed.

Our Special Friends are experts in companion animals and their relationship with the community. Their counsellor was very helpful and sympathetic, understanding the grief of my beloved dog.

They have filled a huge hole since my husband died. The dogs are delightful, and for a little while, make me smile.

I was given permission to keep my cat with us which in turn helped my mental health and got my autistic son talking again.

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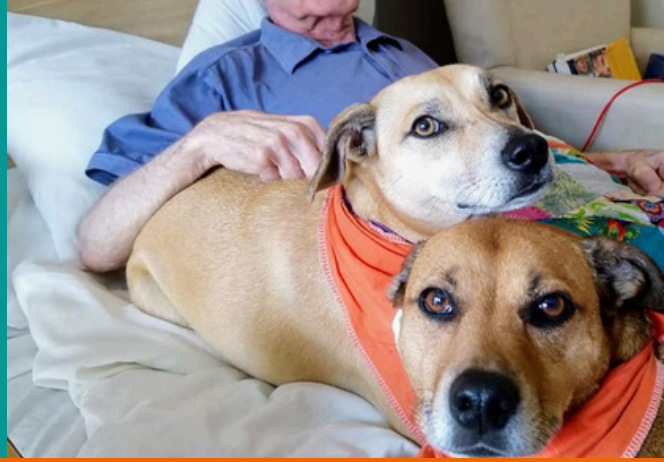
How do I leave a gift in my Will?

A lasting legacy of a gift in your Will to Our Special Friends will help us look towards the future. It means that we will be able to offer our animal companionship support services to people and animals in need and generate a vital support network into the future.



We understand that making a Will involves important priorities, but even a small gift to Our Special Friends can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. We would be grateful to have your support and discuss how leaving a legacy to Our Special Friends can impact others and show you how your gift could be put to good use. Making a Will is not difficult and to find out more please speak to a solicitor or call us for more information.

We need your support

Our Special Friends

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