

Leaving a legacy is a gift that can be used to great effect. Every penny of the gift can be put towards projects that will benefit K9 Crusaders for years to come, that will help future generations of dogs.

There are a range of activities that a legacy can help to support, whatever the size of the donation. Simply choose the way in which you would like to give, and use the following wording when making your legacy;

Residuary Gift (% share of your estate)

"I give all (or a % share of) the residue of my estate to K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare, Hollybush Farm, Bissoe, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8TF, Charity No: 1138278, for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer, or duly authorised officer, shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge.

Pecuniary Gift (Fixed sum)

"I give to K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare, Hollybush Farm, Bissoe, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8TF, Charity No: 1138278, the sum of (amount in figures and words) to be used for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer, or duly authorised officer, shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge.

We recommend that you take our suggested wording to your professional advisor for their information. If you would like to leave a specific gift – please ask your solicitor to contact us.



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Leaving a legacy to K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare



About K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare

It all began with one determined dog lover and a newsletter and has, over the following 14 years, ballooned into a rescue centre with over 50 dogs looking for new homes.



It all changed thanks to a legacy from a great supporter Val Brown, who unfortunately passed away from cancer, but bequeathed us enough money to buy the above ground facilities on our current site, compared to previously using foster homes or paid kennel spaces. We still have to pay rent to the landowner but at least now we have so much more room to help lots more dogs in need. This could not have come at a better time as the number of dogs needing rehoming has gone through the roof in the last few years.

We help with anything related to dogs and dog welfare, focussing on the 3 Rs; Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rehoming. We also run an advice line, provide free behavioural support and assist the local community wherever possible.

The kennels offers work experience placements to students, socialisation for people with additional needs and work with social services, the job centre and other organisations.

We fully intend to expand our services, as funds allow, and be able to further help the local community and the hundreds of unwanted, stray, abandoned and unloved dogs in Cornwall.

Why you should make a will

It's important to make a will. Dying without one, or "intestate", means your estate (which means your money, possessions and property) might not go to the people you wish it to go to. In theory, you can write your own will, but it's best to get a solicitor to do it.

The tax benefits of gifting to a charity

As well as helping a good cause, a legacy to a charity may also have financial benefits for your friends and family.

Gifts to charities are exempt from inheritance tax, meaning that your estate may pay less inheritance tax, especially if the gift reduced your estate below the current tax threshold (currently £325,000 for individuals or £650,000 for a married couple). Depending on the value of the gift you choose to leave to a charity or charities, there is also a reduction to the inheritance tax rate payable on your estate if you give 10 per cent of your estate to charities. You should speak to a solicitor about how this can be claimed.



The different types of legacy

Legacies can be separated into three categories:

- Residuary (a share of the net value of an estate)
- A residuary legacy means you can leave a set proportion of your estate to charity after other beneficiaries are taken care of.
- Pecuniary (a fixed sum of money)
- This may seem like a simple option but bear in mind that the effects of inflation could mean that the true value of this gift could become less than you intended. To plan for this, either update your will regularly or link your legacy amount with inflation.
- Specific (individual possessions)
- This could be anything, but typically land, property, shares or individual possessions.
- If you're not sure about what kind of gift you would like to give, talk to your solicitor, who will be able to advise you further. If you have already made a will but now want to leave a legacy to a charity, you can make a small addition or change to your will by way of a codicil. Your solicitor can advise you on how to add a codicil to your will.