

Making a gift in your Will: information for your solicitor

Preparing your Will

To make sure the wording in your Will accurately describes your intentions, we suggest including the following clause:

I give (a specified share of the residue/or the sum of/or a specified bequest) to The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated (RNZSPCA) for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the appointed officer of the Society shall be full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

I further declare that if at the date of my death or the date of distribution of my estate, any charity named in my Will does not exist or has amalgamated with another charity or has changed its name, such legacy or residuary gift shall not fail but my trustees shall pay it to the charitable organisation which they consider most nearly fulfills the objects I intended to benefit.

Understandably some people have a strong affinity and association with their local SPCA centre and you may wish that your gift is directed to a specific community. In this circumstance we suggest adding, after the wording *for its general purposes*, the following additional wording:

for use in the (name the area of New Zealand you want your gift directed to e.g. Wellington) area

Caring for your pets

It is also natural to be concerned about the welfare of your pets after you've passed away. If you would like peace of mind that they are cared for when you are gone, you can opt to transfer custody to a friend or family member. However, if no one is able to care for them, you can include a clause in your Will which gives custody to your local SPCA centre. We recommend the following wording:

If I have any pets at my death and have not made alternative provision for their care and welfare, I give those pets to The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated. I express the wish that SPCA take any action SPCA in its absolute discretion considers necessary for the welfare of my pets, including:

- > *Finding a suitable new home; or*
- > *Placing my pets in a specifically selected foster home.*

I authorise my trustees to expend such amount or amounts they consider necessary to ensure the satisfactory completion of this direction.