



Thank you for your interest in leaving us a gift as a legacy.



Leaving us a legacy is a touching way to enable your love and passion for pets live on. In the past it has been the generous legacies from one or two people that have enabled SCAS to continue when we might otherwise not have been able to. These donations will fund important research and support our campaigns into the future.

There are different types of legacies that can be gifted to SCAS and to help you understand the options available to you and the important steps and information needed, we have produced this information leaflet to explain how you can arrange to leave a legacy to SCAS helping us to make a difference to people and their pets everywhere.

Types of Legacy

A *residuary legacy* is the remainder of the estate once other gifts and payments have been made. This type of gift is popular with our supporters because it remains proportional to the value of your estate.

A *pecuniary legacy* is a fixed sum of money. The value of pecuniary legacies could decrease over time, as the cost of living increases.

A *specific legacy* is a particular named item, for example a piece of jewellery or property.

A *residuary legacy* after a partner dies allows you to leave assets for the care of a loved one for the duration of their life. When they die, your legacy will then go to your chosen recipient.

Steps to make a legacy gift to SCAS

1. Work out the value of your estate.
2. Decide on your beneficiaries, the people or organisations that you wish to leave property, possessions or money to. Many people choose to leave a residuary legacy to SCAS to ensure that family are provided for first.
3. Appoint your Executors. These are people named in your Will who are responsible for making sure your instructions are carried out.

4. Visit a solicitor to have your Will drawn up and executed. If you don't have a solicitor, you can find a suitable solicitor and also some useful information about making a Will at the Law Society. <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/for-the-public/common-legal-issues/making-a-will/>
5. Make a copy of your Will for future reference and keep the original in a safe place. Your solicitor will sometimes store it without charge.
6. Make sure a relative or close friend knows where the original Will is stored.

To ensure your wishes take effect, we strongly recommend that you take independent professional advice on the contents of your Will, including any bequest you decide to leave to SCAS. It is important that the Charity is correctly identified and the extent of the legacy described in sufficient detail. We recommend that you take our suggested wording set out below to your professional advisor for their information.

To leave a residuary legacy

I give to SCAS, registered charity number 1070938 (England and Wales), of Airport Business Centre, 10 Thornbury Road, Plymouth, PL6 7PP [enter percentage] per cent of my residuary estate and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of SCAS.

The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of SCAS shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.

To leave a pecuniary legacy (cash sum)

I give to SCAS, registered charity number 1070938 (England and Wales), of Airport Business Centre, 10 Thornbury Road, Plymouth, PL6 7PP the sum of [insert amount in figures and words] and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of SCAS.

The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of SCAS shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.

If you have further questions please do get in touch and we will do our best to provide answers for you or signpost you to where you may find more information.

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