








# RSPCA Mission Statement

To actively prevent cruelty to animals by enforcing existing laws and working constructively to help reform and improve them.

To rescue, shelter and care for animals in need and facilitate adoption.

The RSPCA believes that all animals are entitled to the following Five Freedoms:-

-  **Freedom from Hunger and Thirst**
-  **Freedom from Discomfort**
-  **Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease**
-  **Freedom from Fear and Distress**
-  **Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour**

## Friends speaking now for the future

One of the most important ways you can help the work of the RSPCA (SA) in the future is by including a Bequest (gift) in your Will. Without bequest income, our services for 'All Creatures Great and Small' would be considerably diminished.

### Why have a Will?

It is important to have a Will if you want to say who will benefit from your estate. Without a Will the law dictates the distribution of your possessions and investments and this may cause delay, problems and extra expense at a time when your loved ones are already bereaved.

### Only you can do this!

It is important that you are very specific in your directions. In this way there will be no dispute and you will have peace of mind that your wishes will be carried out. It is also important to review your Will every 3-5 years as personal and family changes occur.

### Who will be your executor?

Choosing an executor becomes more difficult as some of our old and most trusted friends are no longer able to act for us. In certain circumstances the RSPCA can help and this would normally be where the RSPCA is the sole or a major beneficiary. Seek legal advice or speak in confidence with the Society's Executive Director.

### Friends speaking in their own way

There is a wide variety of ways in which you can make your Bequest to the RSPCA (SA). The following brief explanations may help you decide how to help in your own way.

#### Proportion of the Residue

The best form of bequest for most people is a proportion of the residue. This allows you to decide the share or proportion of your estate that you believe is right. You do not need to know how much your estate will be worth.

Once you have decided on the share for each person or organization, for example a percentage to the RSPCA (SA), you may never have to write another Will, unless you wish to change the proportion or the beneficiaries.

#### Property, possessions, shares, insurance

It may be more appropriate for you to leave some property or possessions or even some shares or insurance to the RSPCA. The important thing to remember is that if you dispose of any of these you will need to change your Will or the RSPCA will not benefit. This is often seen as a good reason not to identify particular items in the Will.

### Discussing your special wishes

The RSPCA can only use your money in the way it thinks fit at the time. Some people may prefer that it be used in a specific area, eg. to benefit cats, dogs or Inspectors. If this is your wish, then you should make sure that it is mentioned in your Will after contacting us to clarify options.

### Why do you need a power of attorney?

When you meet with your adviser, you should discuss the appointment of an Enduring Power of Attorney. If through accident or illness, you are no longer able to make decisions, a person with Power of Attorney can make decisions they believe you would have made.

If, for example, you were going overseas, signing a Power of Attorney would allow someone you trust to act on your behalf in your absence.

### Wording for your Will

The following wording is suggested, if you decide to remember the RSPCA (SA) in your will.

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED free of all duties for its general purposes the sum of \_\_\_\_\_. The receipt of the Executive Director, or his nominee, shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors."

For more information please contact the Bequest Officer on 8231 6931 or fill out the form below and return to: RSPCA, PO Box 2122, ADELAIDE 5001

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel Hm \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to discuss ways to include a bequest to the RSPCA in my Will
- I intend to leave a bequest to the RSPCA in my Will
- I have already included a bequest to the RSPCA in my Will

I would like to receive information about:

- Leaving a bequest to the RSPCA
- The RSPCA Bequest Pet Program
- Becoming a "Foster Parent" of a Bequest Pet



## Bequest Animal Program

We all love our pets dearly. Have you ever considered what their future will be if something happens to you? The RSPCA Bequest Pet Program may be the answer.

All you need to do is put a clause in your Will that leaves a specified bequest to the RSPCA. In exchange we will provide your pets with a disc which identifies them as members of the RSPCA Bequest Pet Program and take care of them when you are no longer able.

Although the RSPCA remains the "owner" and pays for medical expenses, your pets will not be kept at the RSPCA. They will be fostered to loving homes with a background similar to the one they have known. These homes are screened and inspected so you can be sure that the new "foster parents" will give your pets all the care that you could wish for.

Please provide detailed records of all pets including diet, regular vet, medications, special bed/toys etc. to ensure that any stress is minimized by keeping their routine as similar as possible. The RSPCA's Bequest Officer will then issue you with a card with instructions for the RSPCA to be contacted in the event of an emergency so your pets will never be alone.

### Wording for your Will

The following wording is suggested, if you decide to leave a pet to the RSPCA in your will: "I GIVE AND BEQUEATH, to the ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED free of all duties for its general purposes the sum of \_\_\_\_ together with all pets owned by me at the time of my death and express the wish that the ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED provide adequate care for such animals and the receipt of the Executive Director, or his nominee, shall be sufficient discharge to my executor."

## At work in South Australia

Since 1875 the RSPCA has been working to raise public awareness of our responsibility to animals. Its success is demonstrated by acceptance of the RSPCA as the authoritative body in animal welfare.

The RSPCA polices the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. It is important to note that the RSPCA can not make laws regarding the treatment of animals. It can and does, however, have a major role in influencing Government to create and introduce new and improved legislation. It is then the role of the RSPCA to enforce these laws.

Over recent years the RSPCA has been closely involved in the development of legislation of Codes of Practice covering many uses of animals.

These include:

- Pet shops and other establishments holding animals
- Banning the use of pound animals for experimentation
- Increased cage sizes for battery hens and support for 'barn laid' eggs
- Regulating the use of other animals for experimentation
- Restraining dogs on open tray trucks
- Regulating the use of electro immobilizers
- The banning of dog and cock fighting
- The banning of small steel jaw traps
- Banning the use of bird gels

The RSPCA is continuously seeking to improve the welfare of animals, by either improving or banning existing unsatisfactory practices, by working with the community, industry and governments.



## RSPCA Directory

### RSPCA Headquarters

172 Morphett St, Adelaide 5000  
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Email: [info@rspcasa.asn.au](mailto:info@rspcasa.asn.au) Website: [www.rspcasa.asn.au](http://www.rspcasa.asn.au)

### RSPCA Animal Shelter

25 Meyer Road, Lonsdale  
Postal: PO Box 260, Morphett Vale 5162  
Open: 10am - 5pm weekdays. 10am - 2pm weekends & public holidays. Closed: Good Friday and Christmas Day  
Telephone: Dogs and general enquiries: (08) 8382 0888  
Cats: (08) 8382 9962  
Email: [rspcasheltersa@adam.com.au](mailto:rspcasheltersa@adam.com.au)

### RSPCA Whyalla

7 Cook St, Whyalla Norrie 5608  
Postal: PO Box 2287, Whyalla Norrie 5608  
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Website: [www.geocities.com/rspca\\_whyalla](http://www.geocities.com/rspca_whyalla)

### RSPCA Port Lincoln

Lot 1-5 Happy Valley Rd, Port Lincoln 5606  
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Website: [www.rspca-portlincoln.com.au](http://www.rspca-portlincoln.com.au)

A will to help  
all creatures...



great & small