

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL HELPS ANIMALS FOREVER



VANCOUVER HUMANE SOCIETY
HELPING PEOPLE HELP ANIMALS

**Vancouver Humane
Society**

Working to create a kinder
future for all animals since
1984



Your compassion for animals lives on – forever –

Your love for animals can extend beyond your lifetime. A gift in your Will to the Vancouver Humane Society (VHS) is a lasting gesture of immense kindness that ensures a brighter future for all animals.

Since 1984, the Vancouver Humane Society (VHS) has been supporting individuals, organizations, and governments to take action for the welfare and rights of animals influenced by human activities.

Whether providing emergency veterinary funds for companion animals in low income homes, offering resources to help people and businesses choose plant-based options, or advocating for policies that minimize harm to animals, the VHS is dedicated to ending animal suffering in all forms. In your Will you can specify an area of the VHS's work you'd like your gift to go towards, or leave it up to the VHS to decide where your gift is most needed at the time.

Bequests make up a large proportion of the VHS's income. Years ago, it was a generous bequest by a supporter that enabled the VHS to move beyond 'two activists in a basement' and to hire the outstanding staff we have today.

Leaving a legacy gift to the VHS enables us to continue working to help animals long into the future.

Your legacy gift
advocates for the safety,
freedom, and protection
of animals for generations
to come.



A message from the VHS's Executive Director

As a hiker and rock climber, I know I take on a little more risk. When I drafted my Will earlier this year, my first thought was making sure Clover would be well cared for if anything were to happen to me. My second thought was making sure to leave a specific gift for Vancouver Humane Society.

While I wanted to support some loved ones with the residue of my estate, I also wanted to make sure VHS would have, untouched, a sizeable gift that would ensure animals could continue to be helped beyond my lifetime.

I'm motivated by the farmed animal advocacy work of the VHS. On a recent road trip with Clover, we looked out at all the cows kept for beef. I was reminded of all the animals we didn't see - the pigs, cows, and dairy cows kept in narrow confinement.

By leaving a gift in my Will, I am investing in a future where these animals are valued for their personalities and the joy they bring each other.



VHS Executive Director Amy Morris and her dog Clover



Your impact in action

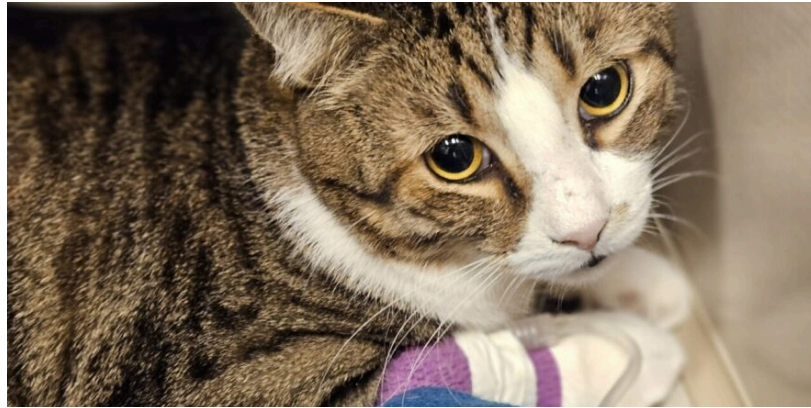
Your kindness can live on for animals in need.

A gift in your Will supports the VHS's efforts by:

- Providing funding for life-saving veterinary care to pets in crisis through the VHS's McVitie program.
- Raising awareness about ways to prevent animal suffering through wide-reaching messaging including billboards, bus ads, online ads, radio, news coverage, and the VHS's podcast.
- Helping the VHS monitor and document rodeos and use the footage to advocate for changes in bylaws, policies and practices that prohibit inhumane roping, wrestling and bucking events.
- Ensuring the VHS continues to keep the plight of farmed animals on the radar of decision-makers and advocate for meaningful changes to better protect these vulnerable animals.
- Encouraging individuals and institutions to shift towards a plant-based diet with resources from the VHS's PlantUniversity program.

VHS program highlights

Approximately 600 animals across B.C. receive funding for life-saving veterinary treatment through the VHS's McVitie Fund each year. Each animal assisted through the fund would otherwise end up actively suffering, euthanized, or surrendered to a shelter.



In 2016, a joint report commissioned by the VHS and Zoocheck Canada led to effective advocacy efforts in support of a ban on whale and dolphin (cetacean) captivity. In 2017, the Vancouver Park Board voted to ban cetacean captivity. This was followed by a federal ban across Canada in 2019.

In 2022, significant restrictions around the use of some of the most dangerous and inhumane rodent poisons were announced after the VHS campaigned in collaboration with other animal advocates and organizations.

In 2023, more than 8,000 advocates signed the VHS's actions calling for an end to provincial funding of rodeos and for municipal bans on inhumane rodeo events. The City of Port Moody responded to the public demand for change, with City Council unanimously voting for a bylaw prohibiting inhumane rodeo events.

The VHS has long called for government-mandated and proactively enforced farmed animal welfare regulations; independent, third-party audits and video monitoring of facilities; and effective deterrents and penalties for animal cruelty. As of 2024, the VHS has learned these recommendations will be considered by B.C.'s Ministry of Agriculture as part of a farm animal welfare framework review.



Bud's story

Retired tennis player and coach, Bud, is "terribly passionate about animals," and his great love is dogs. "I have an electric scooter that I put everyone's lives in danger with driving down the streets of Steveston," Bud explained, "but I also carry dog biscuits with me for the dogs I meet." As you can imagine, Bud is very popular with the dogs in his neighbourhood, and known for taking good care of them. He's leaving a legacy gift to the VHS that will ensure dogs and all animals continue to be cared for well into the future.

Bud explained that the VHS has been "centerfold" in his Will for 25 years. It was around that time that Bud took in a yellow lab from a family that was struggling with taking care of their puppy. Bud named his new companion Buddy. Bud and Buddy quickly became family, and "everyone knew it," Bud said. "He was with me through thick and thin." Buddy was with Bud for 12 years and 8 months. "He helped me understand the love of animals."



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Bud empathizes with folks reeling from the effects of COVID-19 and struggling to afford sudden vet bills. The VHS's work to fund emergency veterinary care for pets of low-income guardians through the McVitie Fund is very important to Bud.

Aside from dogs, Bud is appalled by rodeo cruelty, and let us know that he's been pleased to read of recent successes in the VHS's work to curtail these inhumane events.

Bud generously donates what he can to the VHS, his "number one charity." But he has to "watch [his] nickels and dimes like most people do." Like all gifts in Wills, Bud's legacy gift to the VHS will cost him nothing in his lifetime.

By leaving a legacy gift to the VHS, Bud and his late companion Buddy ensure a kinder world for animals for years to come.



Where Do You Start?

Before you create your legacy gift, it's usually best to involve professional guidance. It can be important to first determine approximately how much you might have to give. A financial advisor can help you determine how much you will need to live in comfort. They can also advise on how much you might give to family and loved ones. Next you can consult with a lawyer and either create or update your Will. This is the document which makes your legacy come alive.

Which Type of Gift is Right for You?

There are several gift options that may be available to you during your estate planning. The following is a summary of commonly used forms of legacy giving. Please consult a professional advisor to determine the best option for you.



There are three types of bequests available to you:

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Specific Bequest

Designate a specific dollar amount or piece of property in your Will to <charity> (e.g., stocks/bonds, property, works of art)

Suggested clause: "I give the sum of \$ _____ (or a description of the property) to <charity name and address> to be used in support of its general charitable purposes."

2

Residual Bequest

In your Will you allocate all of—or a portion of—your estate to <charity> that remains after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests are paid.

Suggested clause: "I give _____ (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to <charity name and address> to be used for its general charitable purposes."

3

Contingent Bequest

You make a provision in your Will that your gift only takes effect if your primary intention cannot be met (i.e. if the primary beneficiary and alternate beneficiaries do not live longer than you).

Suggested clause: "If neither (name of primary beneficiary) nor (name of alternate) survives me for 30 days, then I give (description of the amount of cash, percentage of residue, etc.) to <charity name and address> to be used for its general charitable purposes."

Other types of legacy giving include gifts of life insurance, RRSPs or RRIFs, Charitable Remainder Trusts and more. Your advisors can help you determine what's best for you.

If you have questions, we are also here to help!

Cut along this
dotted line

Share our commitment!

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Would you consider leaving a gift to the VHS in your Will?

Knowing of your intentions to leave a gift in your Will helps us better plan for our future and ensures we allocate your funds to the issues that matter most to you.

What are your wishes?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Yes, I would consider leaving a gift in my Will to the VHS
- I would like more information about how I can include the VHS in my Will
- I have named the VHS in my Will

If you have already named the VHS in your Will, or if you are planning to do so, which of the following best describes the structure of your gift:

- A percentage of the residue of my estate: % _____
- A specific dollar amount: \$ _____
- A specific asset (describe): _____
- Other: _____

All information is kept strictly confidential.



Please email your responses or send an image of this page to info@vancouverhumanesociety.bc.ca, or tear off and return this completed form to:

Attn: Vancouver Humane Society

303-8623 Granville St.
Vancouver, BC V6P 5A2

We are here to help you!

We understand that writing a Will is a deeply personal and sensitive task, and we are happy to support you in any way we can. Please contact an VHS representative for a confidential conversation.

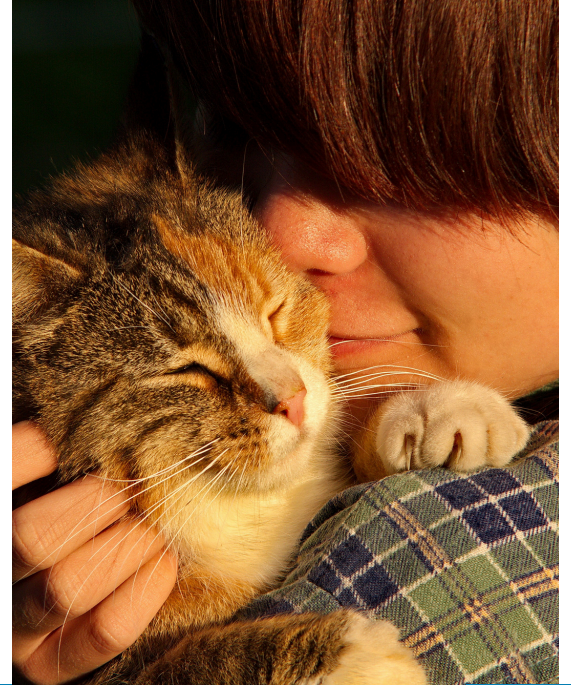
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