



A GUIDE TO MAKING A BEQUEST TO
INTERNATIONAL SPAY/NEUTER NETWORK

Thank you for considering leaving a bequest to International Spay/Neuter Network.

The cornerstone of your estate planning is a legal, up-to-date Will. It ensures your wishes will be met on how your assets and belongs will be distributed, and that your loved ones will be taken care of when you are no longer around to do so.

But your Will is also more than a document that directs how your trustees are to act – it is also a way of expressing what is important to you and ideals you embraced in life.

As such, it's an instrument that can empower the charitable causes you support, and often allows them to achieve much more than regular or one-off donations.

Some other ways leaving a bequest to International Spay/Neuter network holds potential:

- It can express to your family and future generations what values your life represented, and how you would like to be remembered by them.
- If a bequest is of sufficient size, it could be used to create or add to a charitable trust such as foundation, which means the money is put into a secure investment vehicle to provide income for use by ISNN into perpetuity.
- It provides the opportunity to develop a memorial program or projects within the current structure of the organization.

Why make a Will?

Note: This information is not intended to take the place of independent legal advice.

- Making a Will is the only way to make sure your property and possessions will go where you wish after your death.
- If you die not leaving a Will, the law decides how much should go to whom, which may result in some decisions being made with which you may not agree.
- If you have no Will and no family, your estate will go to the Government.
- If you have married, separated, divorced or remarried since you made your last Will, it is essential that you make a new Will.
- Once you have made a Will, you should look at it every few years to make sure it still fits your wishes and circumstances.
- A do-it-yourself Will may not stand up in court and you may find it useful to seek the help of a solicitor or lawyer when you make or change a Will.

What is a Bequest?

A bequest is the act of leaving a legacy in your Will to a specific individual or organization. It may be money or an asset of value.

By making a bequest to International Spay/Neuter Network you will make a contribution that will continue to make a difference long after your death.

There are several ways you can do this in your Will:

- **A Residual Bequest** is an amount of money left after all other gifts and bequests have been attended to and all costs, etc., have been deducted. Whatever is left over is passed on to the charity.
- **A Pecuniary Bequest** is a specific sum of money mentioned in your Will along with whom it is to be given.
- **A Percentage of Your Estate** is a useful way to define a gift of money when you are not sure of the final value of your estate.

What Can Be Left in a Will?

Your bequest may be one or any of the following:

- A stated dollar amount (pecuniary) or percentage of your estate (residual)
- Real estate
- Shares
- Life insurance policy or superannuation
- Artwork
- An annuity
- Jewelry
- Furniture, furnishings, car

What Wording is Appropriate for Including a Bequest in My Will?

Here is a sample of general Will wording that may be appropriate:

"I give, devise and bequeath to International Spay/Neuter Network (EIN 20-2892114) free from all duties, (insert here the nature of your gift, dollar amount, or percentage of your estate you wish to donate) and direct that the receipt of the Executive Director or President of International Spay/Neuter Network for the time being will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees."

Should I Let International Spay/Neuter Network Know if I am Making a Bequest?

It is up to you. Letting us know your intentions, however, will assist our long-term planning and allow you to be involved in it in some appropriate way if you wish to do so.

Indicating your intention to leave a bequest is in no way binding – legally or otherwise. It is also completely confidential and only those within ISNN who are authorized office bearers will know of your pledge.

In addition, if we know you are intending to support our work in this very generous way, we would welcome the opportunity to invite you to discuss how your bequest may be used, or if you may wish to create a memorial in some way.

You can inform us of your intentions by simply sending us a note including an indication of whether you would like us to contact you to discuss your bequest and how it could be used in our work.

If you wish to confidentially discuss your bequest or have any enquiry please contact Kimberley Swaim (954) 328-5907 or send her an email at KLSwaim@bellsouth.net
Postal address: ISNN, 933 SW 16th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33315

On behalf of International Spay/Neuter Network board, volunteers, and most especially, every animal and community helped by our programs, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and foresight.



BEQUEST PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

For use by your legal advisor or for placing with your estate records for your Executors.

To: (Name of Executor) -----

(Address) -----

Copy to: (Name of Executor) -----

(Address) -----

I hereby request and authorize you to pay moneys payable, as directed below –

_____ Bank Check to:

Bank:	Bank of America
Account Name:	International Spay/Neuter Network
Routing Number:	540600106
Account Number:	898019428788
Amount:	\$

_____ Electronic Funds Transfer to:

Bank:	Bank of America
Account Name:	International Spay/Neuter Network
Routing Number:	540600106
Account Number:	898019428788
Amount:	\$

Dated this -----day of -----20-----

Executed by:

Signature of authorized person

Office held

Name of authorized person (print)

Executed by:

Signature of authorized person

Office held

Name of authorized person (print)