

THE RSPCA DANAHER ANIMAL HOME

Writing Your Will to leave Danaher a Legacy

Your will can be written in a number of ways. We recommend consulting a professional so that all legal formalities are followed. This will ensure that your wishes are carried out.

You can find a solicitor through the Law Society. You can also use a will writer or your local bank to help you through the process.

Getting assistance in writing your will can cost surprisingly little and will give you peace of mind.

You will need to name the people you want to carry out the terms of your will (the executors). These may be friends or family members. It is a good idea to check with them first that they would be happy to do this.

There are different types of gift that can be left in a will

- Residuary bequest – this is a proportion of your estate.
- Pecuniary bequest – this is a gift of a particular amount of money.
- Specific legacy request – this could be any item that you would like to leave to a person or organisation.
- Revisionary legacy – A sum of money can be held in trust during the lifetime of a loved one. Following their death the trust assets can be donated to charity. This is a way of helping a charity as well as your loved ones. Here specialist help will be required.

If you already have a will you can add a further legacy by writing a simple amendment, called a codicil, to your will. Again the assistance of a professional is recommended.

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Wording Your Will

If you do decide to help Danaher through a gift in your will, some specific wording will be needed. We are always willing to help you on this. However for your information below are some recommendations but we suggest that you have the details of your will confirmed with your solicitor or other qualified person.

(i) Residuary bequest (a proportion of your estate)

I give (%) of my real and personal estate, which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper, to The RSPCA Danaher Animal Home Charity Registered Number 1112369 of Thorley Farm, Wethersfield, CM7 4EQ for its general purposes. The receipt of the

General Manager or any Director of the said Charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

(ii) Pecuniary bequest (a set sum)

I give the sum of pounds to The RSPCA Danaher Animal Home (Registered Charity No. 11112369) Thorley Farm, Wethersfield, CM7 4EQ for its general purpose. The receipt of the General Manager or any Director of the said Charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

(iii) Specific legacy bequest (a named item)

I give to absolutely, my (name and description of item) to The RSPCA Danaher Animal Home Charity Registered Number 1112369 of Thorley Farm, Wethersfield, CM7 4EQ. The receipt of the General Manager or any Director of the said Charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

If you wish the sum given under (i) or (ii) to be used in a particular area rather than general purposes you should replace “for its general purposes” with “for its general purposes and I express the wish but without creating any binding trust that this legacy be used in the (specify) areas”. We will do our very best to use the money in the way you request but there may be a reason that makes this impossible.

Inheritance Tax

Inheritance tax is the value of a person’s estate when they die. If you live in the United Kingdom and the value of everything you own comes to more than £325,000 (current inheritance tax threshold), you may have to pay inheritance tax. Inheritance tax may also take into account gifts that an individual has made in the 7 years before their death. The main ways to avoid paying this tax are

- If you are married, anything you leave to your spouse is not taxed
- Anything you leave to charity is free from inheritance tax. Gifts to charities are taken out of your estate before inheritance tax is worked out. This means that **a gift to a charity could reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate or remove it completely.**

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