

- YES, I would like more information about leaving an estate gift to Dogs for Better Lives.
- YES, I would like to be a member of the Guardian Society. Please contact me.
- YES, I have already designated Dogs for Better Lives in my will or trust plans. Please contact me.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

*Thank you
for your support!*

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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Guardian Society



The Guardian Society champions the life-changing work at Dogs for Better Lives through estate gifts. It's a wonderful opportunity to support Dogs for Better Lives through your estate plans by including us in your will, trust, insurance policy, or other means of charitable giving.

Funds received through the Guardian Society have helped the organization in a number of ways, including establishment of the Endowment Fund which greatly increases the long-term financial stability and future growth of Dogs for Better Lives.



We hope you will consider joining this exclusive group of individuals who have the foresight and dedication to sustain the work at Dogs for Better Lives for many generations to come. All it takes to join is to include Dogs for Better Lives in your estate plans with a gift of at least \$5,000.00.



There is no better time than now to create or update your estate plans. Take control of your future and enjoy peace of mind knowing that you are taking care of loved ones and a special interest.



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through your Estate Plans**

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Don't Let Time Get Away From You



So many of us say, "I'll take care of it soon," but life happens and we let time pass without taking care of our affairs. You have the right to decide who benefits from your estate after your death - don't let the state do it for you. If you were to pass away without a will or trust, the state could distribute your property as they see fit, leaving your family or loved ones in a difficult position.

Directing your estate plans gives long-range security for you, your family, and those you wish to benefit in the future, such as Dogs for Better Lives.

*Remember to update your estate plans as changes occur, such as marriages, death of a spouse, births, financial gains/losses, and charitable gifts.

Why You Need A Will

A valid will or trust is the ONLY way for you to identify your beneficiaries. The state will not know your wishes for your loved ones or charitable interests if you do not tell them.

Even if you are married, both you and your spouse need separate wills, identifying your specific wishes and beneficiaries.

If you have children, own property, have stocks or other financial assets, you should have a will, regardless of your age or financial standing.

Estate Planning Options

CASH, DESIGNATED ASSETS OR PROPERTY: You can leave a specific cash amount or percentage of your estate, your car, RV, home, artwork or other property to a charity such as Dogs for Better Lives.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS (CLT): Funded by a transfer of assets from a donor to a trust. A charity receives the income for a lifetime or a number of years, after which the remaining assets are transferred to the donor or other persons (typically children or grandchildren).

CHARITABLE IRA: You can designate a charity as the beneficiary of all or part of your IRA. Other tax benefits may apply.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT): Funded by a transfer of assets from the donor to the trust. Beneficiaries receive a specified percent distribution from the trust for a period of years or life, with the remainder interest paid to a charity such as Dogs for Better Lives.

LIFE INSURANCE: You can designate Dogs for Better Lives as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. This allows many people to give a larger gift than they would otherwise be able to and it avoids probate. Also, by making Dogs for Better Lives the beneficiary of the insurance policy, the premiums are tax deductible.

SECURITIES/STOCKS: You can donate stocks that may have appreciated and save on capital gains taxes, while enjoying a federal income tax deduction for the full value (some restrictions apply).

*We encourage you to consult with a financial advisor to learn further details about your estate planning options.

Your Investment at Work



new lease on life.

By making a gift through your estate to Dogs for Better Lives, you are making an investment in the lives of countless people and dogs who look to us to help give them a

We carefully match the dogs we train to our clients. Hearing Dogs give people who are deaf or hard of hearing independence and security, reducing the sense of isolation from the hearing world that they often feel. Program Assistance Dogs bring a calming influence and foster communication for children and adults. Autism Assistance Dogs reduce anxiety in social situations and they help keep the child safe by preventing bolting or running off. Our professionally trained dogs help people continue to live independently in their own homes. Your estate investment in Dogs for Better Lives will enhance lives for years to come.

