



Sample Bequest Language

Your attorney can help you draft language specific to your circumstances, but here are examples of options to include the Maryland SPCA in your estate plans.

Our legal name is Maryland SPCA, Inc, EIN: 52-6001558

Residual Bequest

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Maryland SPCA, Inc., a nonprofit Maryland Corporation located at 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21211, [all] or [___%] of my residual estate after all other obligations have been met to be used for any purpose, as determined by the Maryland SPCA."

Specific Bequest

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Maryland SPCA, Inc., a nonprofit Maryland Corporation located at 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21211, [the sum of \$_____] or [___% of my estate] to be used for any purpose, as determined by the Maryland SPCA."

A donor may designate the purpose for which their gift will be used. For example:

...providing veterinary and emergency care including wellness and spay/neuter services.

...supporting humane care including shelter, foster, transport, and adoptions.

...promoting humane education and community partnerships.

Providing support that helps pets stay in their home.

If unforeseen circumstances arise in the future, making the donor's designation illegal, impracticable, or impossible to fulfill, the Maryland SPCA's Board of Directors shall determine an alternate distribution which shall be as nearly aligned with the original intent of the gift as good conscience and need dictate. If next-of-kin or an estate executor is available and known, the Maryland SPCA will make reasonable effort to consult that individual as to the repurposing of the gift.

