

LEAVING A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL

You may wish to print this guide for ease of reference.

Your only guarantee that the proceeds of your estate will go to the people and causes that you care about is by making a WILL. Once you have remembered your friends and family in your will, you may also want to include a legacy to your favourite charity or charities, in order to support their work. Such a legacy may also help reduce any tax burden on your estate.

The Hungarian Vizsla Welfare Charity greatly appreciates all types of legacies of any size. Anyone can leave a legacy to the Hungarian Vizsla Welfare Charity and every bequest is important to us, no matter how small or large. Legacies are a major source of our funding and any amount can make a big difference.

These are a few of the most common types of gifts you can leave in your Will:

- Pecuniary Legacy - This is a set sum of money that you can leave either to an individual or to a charity. Pecuniary legacies can be index linked so as to increase with inflation, otherwise the value of the bequest will decrease over time as the cost of living increases.
- Residuary Legacy - This is what remains of your estate once all other monies have been paid out. Unless you specify how you would like the residue to be disbursed, the Government will decide.
- Specific Legacy - This is a particular item or a specific property that you can leave either to an individual or to a charity.

Once you have written your Will

Once your Will has been written you must sign it in the presence of two witnesses who will then also sign your Will in the same company. Your witnesses must not be beneficiaries or the spouse of a beneficiary. Your professional advisor will be able to assist further. Once you have made your Will, keep a copy for yourself and keep the original in a safe place (e.g. with your Solicitor or Bank).

It is advisable to review your Will from time to time and this is especially important if your circumstances change through marriage or divorce, as part of your Will may become void. If you only need to make minor changes, this can be done by a Codicil, which must be executed in the same way as your Will, and should be kept alongside your Will. We advise anyone making or updating a Will to engage a practising solicitor to help you do this.

Example wording for your Solicitor

If you have decided to remember the Hungarian Vizsla Welfare Charity in your will, you might like to provide the following wording to your Solicitor:

If you would like to leave a specific sum of money:

I give to the Hungarian Vizsla Welfare Charity, The Oak Tree Bungalow, Five Oak Green Road, Five Oak Green, near Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 6RL (Registered Charity No. 1147353), the sum of £....., for their general purpose, and the receipt of the proper officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Trustees.

If you would like to leave a residue legacy:

I give% of the residue of my estate both real and personal to the Hungarian Vizsla Welfare Charity, The Oak Tree Bungalow, Five Oak Green Road, Five Oak Green, near Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 6RL (Registered Charity No. 1147353), for their general purposes, and the receipt of the proper officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Trustees.

Enquiries

All enquiries about leaving a legacy to the `Hungarian Vizsla Welfare Charity should be directed to Admin Officer and Trustee:

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