

Planning is Essential

Have you considered what would happen to your pet in the event of your disability or death?



Do **YOU** have a plan in place?

- To ensure that certain people are notified so that your pet's care will be uninterrupted
- To ensure that caretakers are pre-selected by you to provide care
- To provide a source of funds for your pets care
- To inform the future caretakers of your pet's likes and dislikes, routines, care instructions, and your wishes regarding burial or cremation

WHAT IS A PET TRUST?

You can plan to ensure that there are people who will care for your pet, resources available for such care and clear instructions regarding their care.



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Gary B. Garland, Esq. works closely with pet owners to help them ensure that their pets will be properly cared for in the event that the pet owner cannot care for them.

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PLAN FOR YOUR PET



Who will care for
your pet
if you are
unable?

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WHY PLAN?

- Despite some pets' short life expectancy, your pet may outlive you. This is especially true now that medical intervention results in longer life expectancies for dogs, cats, horses, parrots, and others.
- Proper planning can provide for a care plan not only in the event of death but also incapacity.
- You can provide for a temporary emergency caregiver in the event that something unexpected happens to you—providing them with keys to your home, your pet's feeding and care instructions, the name of your veterinarian, and information about permanent care.
- Planning can lead to peace of mind, reducing the anxiety that many pet owners experience when they envision their beloved pet living without them.
- There is no assurance that if you leave money to someone outright to care for your pet that they will do what they promised to do.
- Providing an orderly plan for your pet is the responsible and loving thing to do.

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WHAT IS A PET TRUST?

- If you are no longer able to provide for the care of your pet, a PET TRUST can ensure that there are funds available and a caretaking system in place to care for your pet.
- A PET TRUST is a legal document you can create to ensure that your pets will be cared for as you yourself have cared for them.
- With a PET TRUST, you can:
 - Appoint a Caregiver to provide care for your pet, and a Trustee to ensure that the Caregiver is doing his or her job;
 - Protect the money designated for the pet and ensure that it lasts for the duration of the pet's life;
 - Give directions regarding health care, exercise, and diet needs, as well as preferred veterinarian;
 - Make burial or cremation plans for your pet;
 - Provide that funds remaining in trust at the death of the pet go to charity or a family member;
 - And provide a method for finding Caretakers in the event the appointed Caretaker is unable or unwilling to serve.

TRUSTS ARE BETTER THAN OUTRIGHT GIFTS TO A CARETAKER

Assets in a trust are NOT subject to the Caregiver's creditors, marital disputes or bankruptcy.

If you leave an outright gift of money to a person in your will in exchange for the care of your pet, the money will go to that person's heirs or beneficiaries at his or her death and will no longer be available to care for your pet.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY...

CONSULT WITH AN ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY TODAY ABOUT PROVIDING FOR YOUR PET

