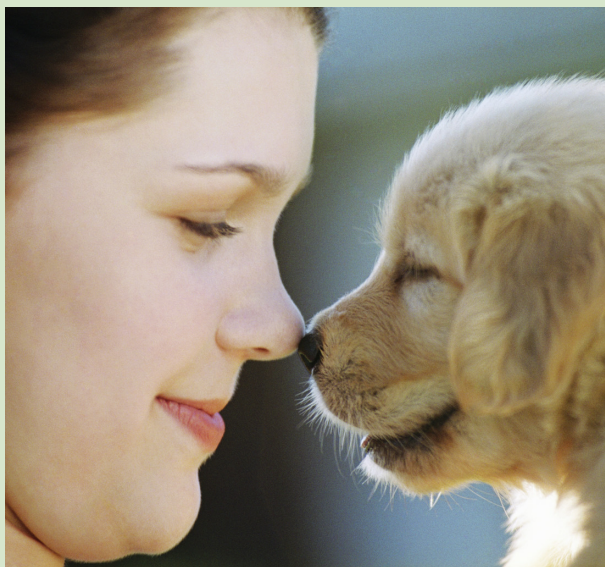


Planning is Essential

Have you considered what would happen to your pet in the event of your disability or your 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 for your pet?
- ❖ To provide a source of funds for your pet's care?
- ❖ To inform future Caretakers of your pet's likes and dislikes, routines, care instructions, and your wishes regarding your pet's burial or cremation?

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We offer you a free, no-obligation consultation when you meet with us the first time. This allows you the opportunity to get to know us, the way we work, and to see if we are able to help you with your situation.

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Pet Trust

*To Take Care of Your Pets
When You Are Not Able
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Why Plan?

The life expectancies for some common pets are:

- Cats - 12 to 17 years
 - Dogs - 10 to 20 years
 - Horses - 20 to 30 years
 - Parrots - 30 to 100+ years
 - Rabbits - 9 to 12 years
 - Turtles - 50 to 100+ years
- There is the possibility your pet may out-live you. Advanced medical care is also resulting in longer life expectancies for pets than in the past.
 - You can provide for a temporary emergency caregiver in the event that something unexpected happens to you – providing them with keys to your home, feeding and care instructions, the name of your veterinarian, and information about permanent care instructions.
 - Proper planning can provide for a care plan not only in the event of your death but also if you become incapacitated.
 - 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 if you leave money to someone outright to care for your pet that they will do what they promised to do, but a PET TRUST will ensure the money will be used to take care of your pet.
 - Providing an orderly plan for your pet is the responsible and loving thing to do.

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 funds are available to care for your pet and a care-taking system in place.
- 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 the PET TRUST, you can
 - ✓ Appoint a Caregiver and at least one alternate Caregiver to provide care for your pet.
 - ✓ Appoint a Trustee to make sure 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 needs, exercise needs, diet needs, preferred veterinarian, and burial or cremation plans for your pet.
 - ✓ Provide that any funds remaining in trust at the death of the pet goes to charity or a family member.
 - ✓ Provide a method for finding a Caretaker in the event the Caretaker or the back-up Caretaker you have selected is unavailable.



Trusts are better than Outright Gifts to a Caretaker

Assets in a trust are NOT subject to the Caregiver's creditor, marital disputes or bankruptcy problems. The assets are reserved for your pet.

If you leave an outright gift of money to a person in your will to take care of your pet, the money may go to that person's heirs or beneficiaries at his or her death and may not be available to care for your pet.

If you haven't already...

Consult with an Estate Planning Attorney about providing for your Pet.

This information is general in nature and is not legal advice. Please see an attorney for your personal situation.