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## 19. Remembering Pets As Therapy in your Will

Just as a Will brings security to your family's future, a legacy could help us to secure the future of Pets As Therapy and continue to provide our unique and beneficial service to benefit over 130,000 people in hospitals, hospices, nursing and residential care homes, mainstream and special needs schools and many other establishments every single week.



### The advantages of writing a will or leaving a legacy

The process of writing a will is relatively easy and inexpensive, yet without one, it can be much more costly and stressful for your loved ones after you die. There are several ways in which you can leave gifts to both your loved ones and your favourite causes and we would strongly advise you to take professional advice on this. If you do not have a solicitor, ask friends and family for a recommendation or contact the Law Society

England and Wales or the Law Society Scotland. Alternatively, you may decide to use a homemade Will, in which case the following is an example of the wording which should be used.

I give the sum of £....., free of all taxes, to Pets As Therapy (Company Number 5311186) ("The Charity") and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary of the Charity shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustees.

### Why Support Pets As Therapy?



We are a unique Charity in that we provide vulnerable and ill people with the companionship and therapeutic benefit that contact with a companion animal can bring. The beauty of helping Pets As Therapy is that, because we visit such a wide variety of establishments, from hospitals, hospices and homes for the elderly, schools, children's wards health units, you will be and children who are



residential care to special needs and mental helping adults coping with a visits benefit social isolation,

wide range of problems. Pets As Therapy people with physical disabilities and ill-health, depression and loneliness. Although we offer our services across the whole of the UK, Pets As Therapy is a small Charity and so your gift could make a significant difference to us.

## Testimonials about the service provided by PETS AS THERAPY

*"Paula (Pets As Therapy volunteer) and Izzy (PAT dog) have proved to be an invaluable source of inspiration and encouragement, especially with our stroke patients"*

Sallie Bollans, Occupational Therapy Technical Instructor, Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Hospital Trust, Enfield, Middlesex

*"Pets As Therapy has played a fundamental role within a psychological therapy treatment for children referred to this department. They have improved the psychological and emotional well-being of all the children they have worked with."*

Dr. Nigel Trevarrow, Clinical Psychologist, Child and Family Department, City Hospitals, Sunderland.

*"Since Angel (PAT dog) has been visiting the hospital I have witnessed many socially withdrawn and isolated clients literally come out of their shell."*

Kate King, Haven Unit, Longreach House, Redruth, Cornwall.

## Frequently Asked Questions About Making a Will

Q. Why do I need to make a Will?

A. If you do not, then you have no say over how your estate will be distributed when you die and it could be tied up in a legal process for years.

Q. Do I have to leave money or can I leave some of my belongings?

A. You can bequeath almost any asset to Pets As Therapy, including property, personal possessions, shares etc. and its value will be deducted from your estate, reducing your tax liability.

Q. Can I leave a bequest to a number of charities?

A. You can name as many charities in your will as you wish. You may also like to consider leaving one large donation to the Charities Aid Foundation, and instruct them to distribute it to your chosen charities. This way, you can amend the charities that benefit at any time, without altering your will.

We receive no government support or statutory funding; all of our income comes from voluntary donations. We operate with only a small number of employees, most of whom work part-time and all of our visiting PAT Dogs and PAT Cats are owned by volunteers who provide therapeutic visits free of charge to benefit around 130,000 people every week.

Leaving a donation to Pets As Therapy gives you a lasting memorial by helping the charity to continue in future years and bring comfort, companionship and joy to many people.