

## Making a bequest to RSPCA Australia Incorporated

RSPCA Australia is the country's peak animal welfare organisation. With a mission to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection, the RSPCA is a not-for-profit charity that is firmly based in the Australian community and depends on the support of individuals, businesses and organisations to survive and continue its vital work.

Each year in Australia the RSPCA accepts around 144,000 injured, homeless and unwanted animals from the public and investigates more than 43,000 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect. The RSPCA also advocates for humane treatment of farm animals, wildlife and animals used in research and in sport and entertainment.

One of the most valuable ways you can help the RSPCA continue to care for and protect animals in need is by leaving a bequest in your will.

When making a gift in your will it is important to use the correct legal terminology.

### Leaving a bequest to RSPCA Australia

RSPCA AUSTRALIA is the federal body of the RSPCA. Its areas of work include improving legislation and standards of animal welfare, government liaison, science, education, national marketing and promoting the development of more humane production systems. Please use the following wording to leave a bequest to RSPCA Australia:

*"I give devise and bequeath to RSPCA Australia Incorporated for the general purposes of the RSPCA:*

- (a) *the whole of my Estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate*
- (b) *..... % of my Estate*
- (c) *and/or the sum of \$ ..... free of all duties and taxes payable at my death and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other Proper Officer for the time being of the said national office shall be sufficient discharge for my trustees."*

**Note:** choices (a), (b) and (c) should be followed by the statement, "*after the payment of all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death.*"

By the Wills Act, all Wills and Codicils must be in writing, signed by the Testator, and attested by two witnesses in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

The RSPCA recommends you seek professional advice or the assistance of a solicitor when preparing your will, and thanks you for considering supporting the RSPCA with a bequest.

**Address for the purpose of a bequest:**

RSPCA Australia Inc  
(ABN: 99 668 654 249)  
Unit 4/5, 6 Napier Close  
Deakin ACT 2600 Australia

**Postal address:**

RSPCA Australia Inc  
PO Box 265  
DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600 Australia

### Leaving a bequest to your State or Territory RSPCA:

You should consult your local state or territory RSPCA for advice on the correct wording – please see <http://www.rspca.org.au/localsites.asp> for contact details.