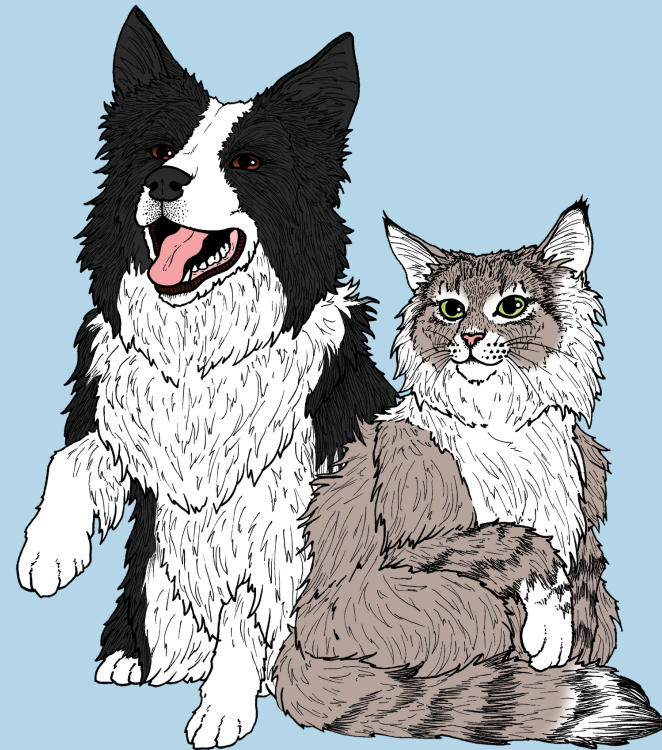




# Gifts in Will

By making a gift in your will, you'll help the dogs and cats at Maggie's Rescue beyond your lifetime and well into the future.



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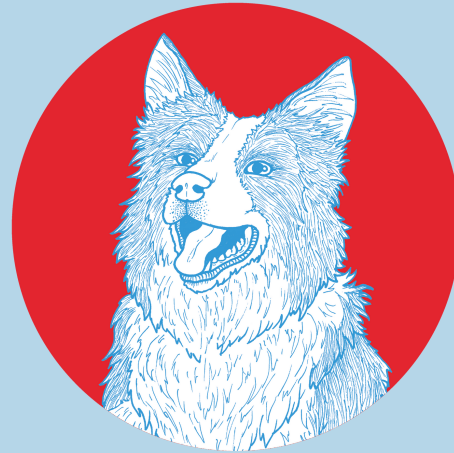
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# A message from Lucy

On behalf of our team, I would like to thank you for your consideration of leaving Maggie's Rescue a gift in your will.

We are truly grateful for your interest in sustaining our rescue work. You have our assurance that your commitment will assist in our future of rehoming, desexing, and community education.

Finding Forever Homes for over 1,700 companion animals to date, our no-kill rescue exists to reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned animals in the community. Our co-operative of dedicated foster carers and passionate animal advocates work tirelessly to provide these animals a loving home for rehabilitation in preparation for their new lives.

Thoughtful contributions like gifts in your will, grant us the opportunity to continue this work, cementing our vision and programs that impact these animals' lives for the better.

This booklet will help provide further information on who we are, our impact, vision, and gift options to help with your decision.

Thank you again for your consideration. Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact our team on (02) 8065 8078 or at [operationsmanager@maggiesrescue.org](mailto:operationsmanager@maggiesrescue.org).

**Lucy Hay**  
Operations Manager



# Who is Maggie's Rescue?

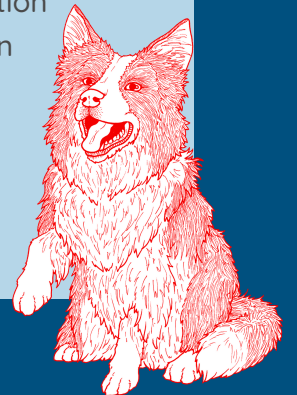
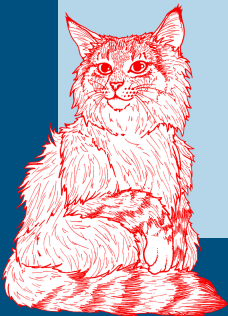
Maggie's Rescue exists to create a world where no animal is in need of rescue. Operating since 2011, we are a co-operative of volunteer foster carers and passionate animal advocates, working together to achieve our shared vision.

We have a no-kill philosophy, with a focus on finding animals their forever homes through our Foster to Adopt Program. This program is key to our organisation's success, as it rehabilitates animals in preparation for their new life.

#### **We focus on:**

- reducing the number of unwanted and abandoned animals through rehoming
- community education
- desexing initiatives, and
- liaising with other welfare organisations

We do this with a direct purpose, which is to work towards the introduction of new legislation to give greater protection to all animals. This also serves to provide further direction for other registered rescue organisations.



# Our impact

Our purpose is to improve the lives of companion animals - through education, advocacy, and rehoming.

**Our values are:**

- Compassion - we are empathetic, demonstrating kindness to all animals and humans.
- Integrity - we continually strive for best practices in the animals we care for, generating trust and respect in the community
- Collaboration - we are a co-operative that works with councils, vets, and welfare organisations to benefit companion animals
- Empowerment - we provide a voice for the voiceless

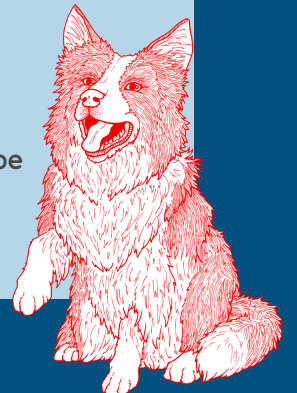
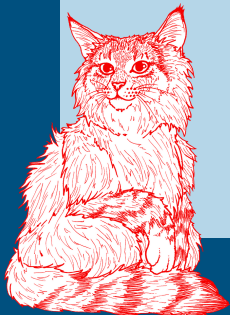
**Our objectives are:**

- To rescue and re-home unwanted companion animals
- To advocate for and assist in desexing companion animals
- To educate and promote animal welfare in the community

**In order to achieve this, we rely on general donations, but we also focus on 3 programs:**

- Kitten Season: Helps care for and find forever homes for mama cats and their kittens at our busiest time of year
- Building Better Behaviour: Helps dogs to become model canine citizens and find their forever homes
- Maggie's Mayday Money: Provides emergency care to rescues when and where they need it

We will welcome gift donations to any area of our organisation, however, due to ever-changing needs, your gift would be best directed to the "General Purposes" of Maggie's Rescue Cooperative to ensure it goes to where we need it most.



# Deciding to leave a gift in your will

Every gift you leave in your will, no matter how big or small, can create a legacy of protection for companion animals. A 'will' is a legally binding document that lets you say what you want to happen to your property after you are gone. Everyone over the age of 18 should have a valid will. If you do not have a will, you could lose the opportunity to give the people you care about the things you most value.

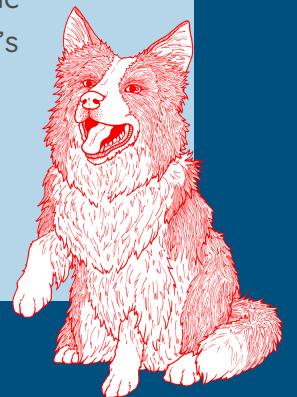
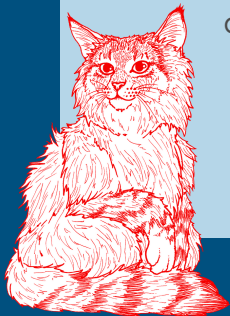
When creating or updating your will, provide for your family and friends first and then reflect on whether you can also include a gift to Maggie's Rescue.

This is a personal decision for you to make, but we recommend letting your loved ones know that you're planning to leave a gift to Maggie's Rescue.

## **Personal requirements:**

Make a note of your funeral arrangements, whether you would like to be buried or cremated, and any other specific requests. If you would prefer donations to your favourite charities rather than floral tributes at your own funeral, it's a good idea to state the preference in your will so your executor can ensure your wishes are carried out.

Please note that Maggie's Rescue recommends seeking legal counsel when preparing or updating your will, as this document isn't intended as legal advice.



# Seek professional help

## **Choose your executor:**

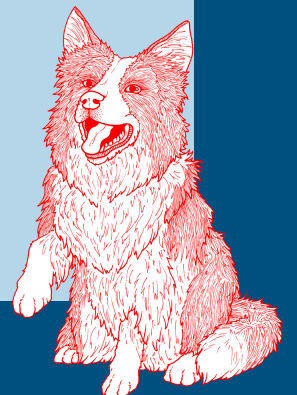
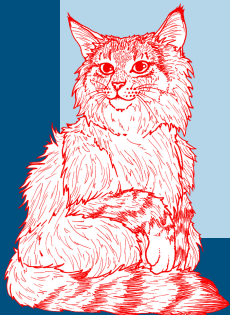
You should select between one and four people who will be able and willing to ensure your wishes within your will are carried out. You can choose your bank, solicitor, friends, or relatives. In the absence of a suitable executor, Maggie's Rescue cannot act as an executor for your estate and we would recommend you get in touch with your local Public Trustee who will be able to help.

## **Get the help of a professional:**

Your will is an important legal document and a solicitor or public trustee can help you ensure that your paperwork is in order, worded correctly, and presented in the right way. In order to make this as easy as possible, we have included suggested wording on the next page, which you can take to your solicitor for guidance. The cost of seeing a solicitor varies depending on whom you see, however it is a small price to pay for the reassurance that your wishes will be carried out.

## **Make your will:**

Your will must be in writing (handwritten, printed, or typed) and include specific wording. It must be signed and dated on every page. Your signature must be witnessed by two people who are not named as beneficiaries of your estate. They both need to sign their own name on every page of your will. Your solicitor will be able to assist you.





# What kind of gift to leave

There are three main ways to make a gift to Maggie's Rescue in your will:

- **A residual bequest:**

You can make a gift of the residue (or remainder), or a percentage of the residue of your estate once specific gifts and expenses have been taken care of.

- **A specified amount**

You can make a specific bequest by simply stating the dollar amount in your will that you wish to leave to Maggie's Rescue.

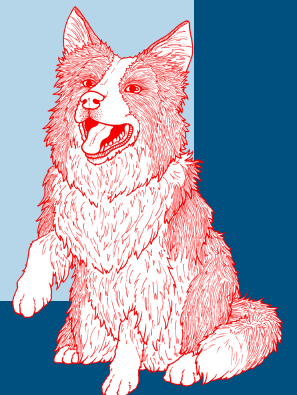
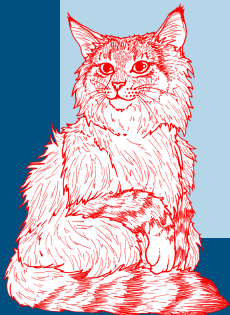
- **An asset**

You may wish to make a gift of a specific asset, for example, real estate, shares, or bonds.

**Suggested wording:**

"I bequeath to Maggie's Rescue (ABN 81 412 716 367) for the purpose of improving the lives of companion animals [a specified sum], or [specified items], or [the residue of my estate] free of all duties and the receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for the executor(s)."

It is not compulsory to use this exact wording, however,  
it will minimise any misunderstandings and ensure your wishes are carried out.



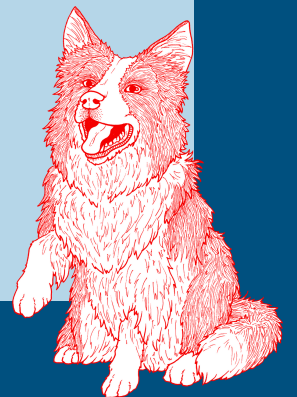
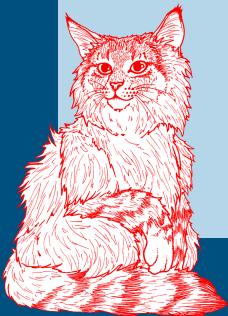


# Keep it safe

Store your will in a safe place and let your executor know where it's stored. You can lodge it with a bank in a 'Safe Custody' envelope, or with a solicitor or trustee company. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself. You may want to send a copy to major beneficiaries, family members, and your executor.

## **Tell the people who care:**

Share the news of your decision with close family, as well as the location of where your will is kept. Wherever you choose to store your will, it's vital to tell those people who matter most to you where to find it.



# Our thank you!

We once again thank you for your interest in supporting our work, as part of your legacy.

Notifying us of your generous commitment will allow us to stay in touch and keep you updated on our work.

You can send your request via email to [bequests@maggiesrescue.org](mailto:bequests@maggiesrescue.org) or by post:

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