



# Writing your Will

Writing a will is an opportunity to demonstrate your thoughtfulness for your loved ones after you are gone. It is also an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy to the animals in need at the Ottawa Humane Society.

Types of bequests you can include in your will:

- Percentage of the estate-residue
- A specific sum of money
- Stocks and bonds
- Property (this could be a house, car, jewellery or artwork)



Your will should be made in consultation with your lawyer and/or financial advisor. This ensures that the document is legally binding, properly expresses your wishes and maximizes the tax benefits to you and your estate.

## Sample statement to add to your will:

*I give to the Ottawa Humane Society, 245 West Hunt Club Rd, Ottawa, ON K2E 1A6, \_\_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate to be used for the greatest needs within the Society.*

*“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”*

— Mahatma Gandhi



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