

# THE HAMILTON BURLINGTON SPCA PET SURVIVORSHIP PROGRAM

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The Pet Survivorship Program is a compassionate initiative designed to ensure that your pet(s) will be cared for and placed in a loving home when you pass away. The program provides immediate care, medical attention, and placement for your pet(s) when you are no longer here to provide for them.

## KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- ▶ **Immediate Care and Placement:** When contacted, the HBSPCA will take immediate responsibility for your pet, ensuring they are not left unattended.
- ▶ **Social and Medical Care:** While awaiting their new home, your pet will receive necessary medical care and attention, including any required treatments and vaccinations. The HBSPCA will also take care of the pet's social and emotional needs.
- ▶ **Adoption Process:** We will screen potential adopters to ensure a perfect match between your pet and their new family. The goal is to place them in a home where they will thrive.
- ▶ **Follow-Up Visit:** After your pet is adopted, the HBSPCA will send a staff member to visit the new home in the first month, ensuring your pet is settling in well and their needs are being met.
- ▶ **No Euthanasia Policy:** The HBSPCA follows a strict policy of not euthanizing adoptable animals, meaning that your pet will receive care until they find a suitable new home, however long that takes.

## DONATION REQUIREMENT

To participate in the program, you must bequeath a gift to the HBSPCA to support your pet's care and the services provided through the program. The minimum gift is \$10,000 per pet. Any funds not used to care for your pet(s) directly will form a charitable donation and a receipt will be issued to your estate. This gift can be made in various ways:

- Through your Will, naming the HBSPCA as a beneficiary or making a specific bequest to the HBSPCA.
- By setting up a Charitable Remainder Trust.
- By designating the HBSPCA as the beneficiary of your Life Insurance Policy, RRSP, or RRIF.

This gift ensures that your pet will receive the care they need and that the HBSPCA can continue its mission to improve the lives of animals in the Hamilton/Burlington community.

## BEQUEST LANGUAGE FOR YOUR LEGAL ADVISOR

The following language can be used by your legal advisor to include the HBSPCA in your estate planning:

*"I give the Hamilton/Burlington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("HBSPCA"), 245 Dartnall Road, Hamilton, ON L8W 3V9 (the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ or [percentage] of the residue of my estate) which shall be no less than \$10,000 per pet."*

Charitable Registration Number: 12326 4715 RR0001 to be used in connection with the care of my pets in accordance with the Pet Survivorship Agreement I have signed with the HBSPCA.

If at the date of my death, I am still the owner of \_\_\_\_\_(name of pet), then I direct my trustees to deliver \_\_\_\_\_(name of pet) to the HBSPCA as soon as practical after my death to be cared for by the HBSPCA in accordance with the Pet Survivorship Agreement.

To register for the Pet Survivorship Care Program, please fill out the accompanying form and return it to us. No payment is required for registration.

**Thank you for thinking about the animals as you make your plans.**

Do contact the HBSPCA for more information on how to include the HBSPCA in your estate planning. We recommend that you speak to your legal advisor to assist you with how to include the HBSPCA in your will with the appropriate bequest language.

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Support Where It Matters: Contributions to the OSPCA do not directly benefit animals in Hamilton or Burlington. The HBSPCA is your local animal welfare organization, ensuring your donations are used right here to provide care, shelter, and medical attention to animals in need. Only by supporting the HBSPCA can you ensure that your generosity stays local, directly helping the animals in our community. To truly make a difference locally, support the HBSPCA.