



Ensuring Their Future

Becoming a **PAWS Legacy Society** member is one of the most gratifying acts a person can perform because you will be supporting a non-profit whose mission you trust. Your bequest will help to ensure that we will be here – saving animals – far into the future.

No matter the size, when you leave a future gift to PAWS in your will or estate plans, you are saving local pets from harm and suffering by providing much needed resources – **vital to our mission** – for years to come.

Legacy Society Member Benefits:

Legacy Pet Program

As a courtesy to members of the PAWS Legacy Society, we can assume ownership of pets that may outlive you or can no longer care for. Whether or not your pet(s) was adopted from us, and per your instructions, your pet(s) will be lovingly cared for by a foster family, until we find a new, loving home.

Annual Legacy Society Luncheon

Once a year members gather to celebrate their love for animals and socialize with other Legacy Society members! Along with enjoying delicious food, you will hear from a relevant guest speaker, an update on PAWS work and more!

An Act of Kindness

Leaving a future gift to PAWS means being part of a greater good. Making a difference in the lives of pets who are suffering and pet owners who need financial help means sharing your passion for animals, your kindness and generosity.

Steps to become a member of PAWS Legacy Society:

1. Complete the PAWS Legacy Society Enrollment application ([page 5](#)).
2. If you would like to enroll your pet in PAWS' Legacy Pet Program, **please contact Eunice Nicholson** with PAWS at eunice@pawshelpspets.org or 817.680.7675 to request our [pet profile](#), which includes specifics about your pet(s) including what they eat, their medical background, about their personality, what they like and do not like, etc.
3. Speak to your attorney about your wishes and include PAWS (Tax ID: 83-0326768) in your will and/or estate plans.
4. Have a friend or family member listed in your will as our main contact. This person should be willing and able to transport your pets to PAWS.
5. Return the completed ORIGINAL Legacy Society Enrollment page as well as a copy of your will or trust (or the relevant codicil of your will or trust). We will keep it on file with your enrollment information. This will help us ensure the resources left to us may be accessed easily should they be needed.
6. PAWS will send you confirmation that we have received your documents, and you are officially a member of Legacy Society. Please inform your friends and family that you have made these preparations.

Ways to Include PAWS in your Estate Plans

- A Bequest in your will of a specific dollar amount, percentage of your estate or residue (what remains after you have provided for your loved ones) of your estate.
- Name PAWS as a beneficiary of your IRA (if 70.5 years or older)
- Name a gift of appreciated stocks or securities to receive an immediate charitable deduction and eliminate long-term capital gains tax.
- Add PAWS as a payable-upon-death (POD) beneficiary to your checking account, savings account, or CDs.
- Name PAWS as a beneficiary of life insurance, your donor advised fund, a retirement, or other financial account.
- Real Estate.

Information for your Attorney

OUR LEGAL NAME:

PAWS: Providing Animal Welfare Services

PAWS is a charitable organization exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax identification number: 83-0326768

MAILING ADDRESS:

PAWS
PO Box 13033
Jackson, WY 83002

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Eunice Nicholson
Sr. Director of Philanthropy
307.734.2441 or eunice@pawshelpspets.org

SUGGESTED BEQUEST LANGUAGE:

“I, (name), of (city, state, zip), give, devise and bequest to PAWS – Providing Animal Welfare Services (written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property) for its unrestricted use and purpose.”

SUGGESTION PET BEQUEST LANGUAGE:

Pets that I have at the time of my death have been enrolled in the Legacy Pet Program at PAWS located at 320 East Broadway, Suite 2B, Jackson, WY 83001. (307) 734-2441. It is my wish for my pets to be taken by my personal representative to PAWS. It is my understanding that PAWS will assume ownership and care for my pet(s) through a foster family, in accordance with responsible and compassionate practices, with the intention of finding a new loving home.



Frequently Asked Questions about PAWS Legacy Pets Program

What if my pet is old or in poor health?

If you enroll your pets in the PAWS Legacy Pets Program, PAWS will accept your pets regardless of their physical condition. Although older and ailing animals are sometimes difficult to place in permanent homes, PAWS will provide foster care for your pets as long as needed.

What services will the PAWS Legacy Pets Program provide for my pets if I die or can no longer care for them?

PAWS will become your pets' legal guardian and will start caring for your pets as soon as we receive notice of your death or incapacitation. We will then place your pets up for adoption to suitable, loving home(s) consistent with the information in their Pet Profile. Enrollment in our Legacy Pets Program ensures that your pets will receive compassionate care for the rest of their lives.

Will my pet be adopted through the PAWS Legacy Pets Program?

PAWS will make every effort to find your pets new, permanent homes. We will post their pictures and life stories online, and bring them to our adoption events, if appropriate. Most of our pets find new homes with our help. We will have a lifetime commitment to your pets whether they are in foster homes or permanent homes.

Where will my pets live while they are awaiting a new home?

While we work to find a permanent home for your pets, they will live in a qualified foster home with a PAWS volunteer. Our foster volunteers are sensitive to the special needs of surviving pets and will provide love and attention as well as physical care.



Enrollment in Legacy Society

(Please print legibly)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: (_____) _____

Phone number: (_____) _____

Email address(es): _____

_____ I/We have included a charitable gift to **PAWS: Providing Animal Welfare Services** is in our will/estate.

_____ A copy of the appropriate document (will, trust, financial documents, or codicil) of our planned gift to PAWS, is included with this document.

_____ I/We have enrolled our dog / cat in PAWS Legacy Pet Program. A copy of our pet(s) profile is included with this application.

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail to:

EUNICE NICHOLSON

PAWS / PO Box 13033 / Jackson, WY 83002

Or drop off at the PAWS office:

PAWS, 320 East Broadway, Suite 2B, Jackson, WY 83001