
How can I add Eau Claire Humane Association to my will?

There are several ways you can name the ECCHA as a beneficiary in your will or trust. You may choose to give specific assets, a portion of your estate, or your residual estate after payment of other bequests.

You can state how you would like your gift to be used.

- State for a specific purpose or program.
- Designate “wherever the need is greatest” so the ECCHA can choose to use your gift to fulfill our mission.
- Direct gift to our general operating fund.
- Direct gift to our endowment fund.

Sample Bequest Language for Wills:

Residual estate (after other bequests or designations are named)-

“I give to the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc., located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the rest and residue of my estate to be used by the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. wherever the need is greatest.”

Portion of the estate-

“I give to the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc., located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, _____% of my estate to be used by the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. wherever the need is greatest.”

Specific amount-

“I give to the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc., located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the sum of \$_____ to be used by the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. wherever the need is greatest.”

Specific property-

“I give to the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc., located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, all of my right, title and interest in the following described real estate (*insert legal description of property*) to be used by the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. wherever the need is greatest.”

We would like to invite you to join several of our supporters who have already acted to ensure the future of our organization by becoming a member of the ECCHA Legacy Society, an exclusive

group of dedicated supporters who have made planned gifts which will help protect homeless and abused animals in our community for years to come.

As our organization moves forward, we will be planning a capital campaign to build a larger and more efficient facility to house the animals in our care. We are going to depend on the members of the Legacy Society to be the building blocks for this future expansion and growth. After a lifetime of compassion, making a planned gift through your will, trust, or a charitable gift annuity could make a lasting difference in the lives of animals in need. We look forward to working with you to design a gift that meets your charitable and financial goals. We want to help you dream about our future and yours.

As a member of the Legacy Society, you will receive special recognition (with your permission) in ECCHA publications and at ECCHA events. We will present you with a certificate of appreciation to remind you of the impact that your generosity will make on the lives of homeless animals in the Chippewa Valley. And you will be invited to take a personal, in-depth tour of our current animal sheltering facility to see how your gift will be used.

If you have already made plans to include ECCHA as a beneficiary, we encourage you to fill out our Bequest Notification form so that we can make you a member of the Legacy Society and appropriately thank you for your generosity.

If you would like more information about your planned giving options before you decide to commit to a gift, we encourage you to talk with your attorney or financial advisor. If you need assistance contacting a legal professional to help you or would like more information on becoming a member of the Legacy Society, please call our Executive Director at (715) 839-4747 ext 25. All inquiries will be kept strictly confidential and imply no obligation to make a gift.