



RSPCA Leicestershire Branch
Registered Charity No. 222621

WOODSIDE
ANIMAL CENTRE

Leave a Lasting Memory

Why adding a legacy to your will is important to us
and how to make it happen



Funding Woodside

Woodside animal centre is a self-funded branch of the RSPCA which costs over £20,000 per week to run. We receive funding from donations, fundraising, legacies and partial financial support from central RSPCA.

As we do not receive any government or lottery funding, we rely on your kind generosity to keep our centre open, running and to continue rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming animals across Leicestershire and Rutland. Not only do legacies help us cover more than half of our running costs, they allow us to invest in life changing facilities and fund the continuous maintenance of our centre.

“We took a very poorly stray cat to Woodside Animal Centre. The staff were fantastic. They nursed him back to health and cared for him when he needed four weeks of medication and regular veterinary care. They have found him a forever home and I really couldn’t ask for more.”



Why Woodside Animal Centre?

At Woodside we regularly have animals who desperately need emergency care. Many animals who come to Woodside have been abandoned, mistreated or have been an illegal financial aid for their previous owners.

Poppy

Poppy came to Woodside with severe lacerations to her neck, burns on her back and was very fearful of humans due to abuse from her previous owners.

Whilst the RSPCA helped to fight Poppy's case in court, she stayed at Woodside to receive specialist treatment.

Poppy's health improved, her fur started to grow back and her fearful behaviour improved thanks to the loving work of our animal care team. The RSPCA won Poppy's case which meant she would never have to return to her abusive home. Thanks to Woodside, Poppy found her perfect forever family and was adopted. Without our specialist care, Poppy wouldn't be the healthy, loving dog she is today.



Fiona

2 Year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier Fiona was very under weight when she came into our care and had thick scar tissue on her ears caused by multiple untreated infections.

Fiona's scar tissue continued to grow and the risk of more infections was inevitable. As a result, the decision was made to remove her ear canals. After expert care at Woodside, Fiona recovered well with support from our animal care team and is now a healthy weight.

Fiona's cruelty case ended and she was able to live in a foster home after almost one year in kennels. Once Fiona was ready to find her forever home, she was adopted by a loving family straight out of foster, meaning she didn't have to return to kennel life.



Injured Cats

Betty was brought to Woodside after being found stuck under the wheel of a van which had driven across the city. It is unknown how long the van had been driving but Betty was in a critical condition and needed urgent medical care. After receiving treatment from a local vets, Betty was brought to Woodside where she continued receiving medical treatment. With lots of rest and care at Woodside, Betty recovered well from her injuries.

Cases like this happen quite often, especially during the Winter when Cats look to cars for warmth. It's really important that we continue to be here for animals that desperately need our help.



Abandoned Cats

Cats are becoming commonly abandoned at roadsides in taped up boxes. Whilst we do everything we can to educate safe rehoming and the importance of neutering, we still receive Cats in desperate need of our help. These pictures show a nursing mother with her two litters of kittens, all were dumped in a box, left to fend for themselves before being brought to safety at Woodside.

Luckily for this case, all kittens were nursed back to health and even mum found a loving forever home. Unfortunately, it isn't always a happy ending, especially during the Summer when these boxes get extremely hot and kitten season is at its highest.





Without Legacies, Woodside Animal Centre simply wouldn't be here.

In Caring Hands



Creating a will poses many personal questions. You need to decide what matters to you most and who you can trust to uphold your wishes after you're gone. You will have many questions to ask yourself, all of which you'll think about in your own time, on your own terms and with your family and loved ones in mind.

Family Can Still Come First:

You don't have to choose between looking after your loved ones and protecting vulnerable animals, in your will you can do both. You can take care of your family & friends and then leave a gift for Woodside Animal Centre. Any legacy, no matter the size, makes a huge impact on our centre and the animals we care for.

Your Will, Your Wishes:

Making a will is easy to put off but it's the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out. Leaving a legacy in your will removes stress and pressure that these decisions place on loved ones.

Good Financial Sense:

Leaving a gift in your will to a charity can reduce the amount your estate pays in inheritance tax. Meaning you can make an even bigger difference to the lives of vulnerable animals.

Types of Gifts

If you want it to go to a specific animal or project let us know, otherwise it will go towards the general costs of the centre.

A Residuary Gift:

This is where you set aside a portion of all your remaining estate after funeral expenses, debts and other gifts in the will have been paid. Many people choose to leave this kind of gift as it ensures your loved ones are taken care of first.

A Pecuniary Gift:

This is a gift of a specified sum of money. All gifts make a real difference to the animals in our care but it's worth remembering that the eventual value of this type of gift is likely to be impacted by inflation.

A Specific Gift:

This is a gift of a specific named item. For example, it could be a property, a car, jewellery or a work of art.

Suggested Wording For Your Will:

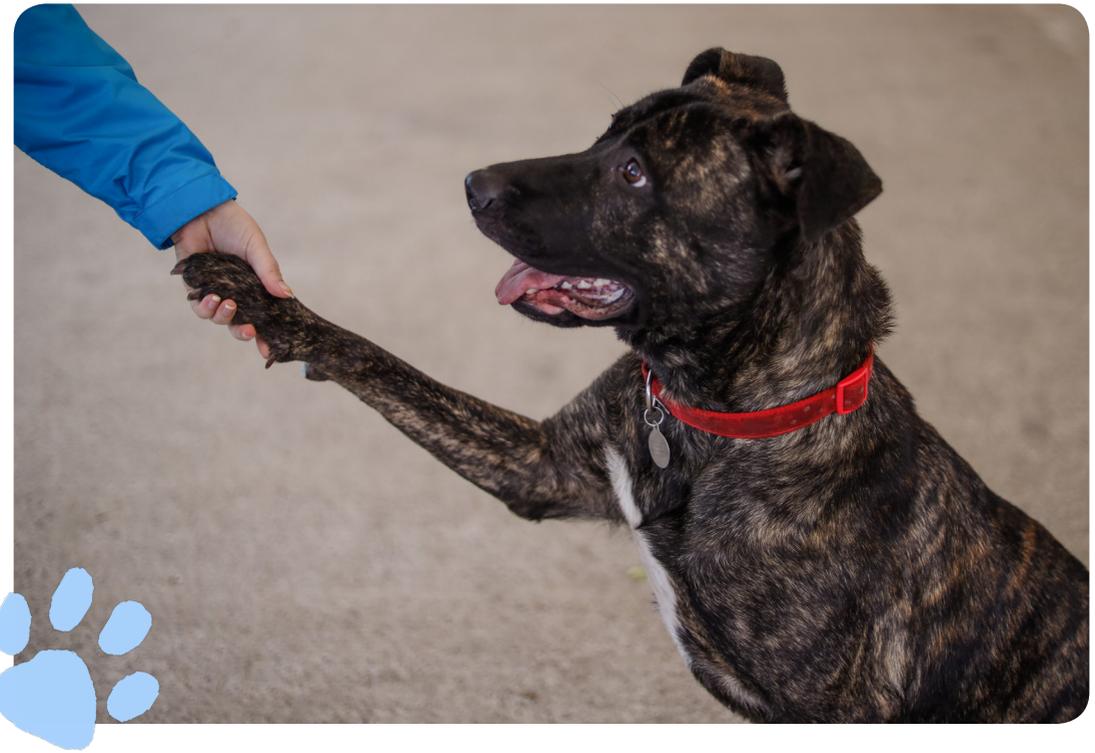
In order for your gift to come directly to Woodside Animal Centre, you will need to include the following wording in your will:

“I give the sum of £ (or specify percentage of estate) to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Leicestershire Branch (Woodside Animal Centre), registered charity no. 222621, and I declare that the receipt of the honorary treasurer or other proper officer of the said Branch shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.”



Our partnership with Bluelight Wills

If you haven't yet set up your will, you may consider using Bluelight Wills and Legal Services.



Woodside Animal Centre have partnered up with Bluelight Wills to enable you to support us even more. When you set up a will with Bluelight, they will donate 15% of the cost price to Woodside, at no extra cost to you.

Our aim is to deliver accessible legal advice and support without the jargon, headache and with no hidden costs.

We also believe that you should be able to arrange to talk to a Solicitor at a time and place to suit you... our home visitation service is particularly popular with our clients.

Plus we'll make sure everything is explained in clear, simple terms.

- Bluelight Wills

Lasting Power of Attorney

“We all know how important it is to plan for the future. Having a lasting power of attorney in place should be as common and natural as making a will.”

- Jack Straw, former Lord Chancellor and Secretary of state for justice.

A lasting power of attorney (LPA) lets you appoint people you trust to look after your affairs if you become unable to do so yourself.

There are two types of LPA:

- A property and financial affairs LPA gives your attorney the authority to deal with buying and selling your property, your bills, bank accounts and investments.

- A health and welfare LPA covers decisions about health and care and even deciding where someone is to live. This can only be used if someone is incapable of dealing with such matters themselves.

Contact Blue Light Wills

If you would like to set up a will with Blue Light Wills and support Woodside Animal Centre even further, please contact Blue Light:

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“Very caring, knowledgeable and dedicated hard working team who always put the care of the animals first.”

Thank You

By adding a legacy in your will, your gift will help us keep our promise to animals across Leicestershire & Rutland. Every animal deserves a loving home and thanks to you we can continue to achieve this.

Once you've had time to reflect and discuss your decision with loved ones, we're here to go through your wishes. Letting us know in advance helps us plan for the future and allows us to understand the intentions for your gift.

To speak to a member of the team or to find out more, contact:

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Visit our website using the following link:

<https://www.rspcaleicester.org.uk/gifts-in-wills/>

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“Our vision is a world where all animals are treated with compassion and respect.” - Woodside Animal Centre