

Planning Your Estate...



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How to Make a Gift

It's easy. To make a gift to the Humane Society of Manatee County, you simply include a provision in your will specifying the type and/or amount you would like to give. Your gift can consist of almost anything—money, bank accounts, securities or real estate.

Although the provision can be a short paragraph, the language necessary to accomplish your wishes is extremely important and should be prepared by your attorney.

Most people commonly underestimate the value of what they own. They may not believe that they have an estate. However, if you own anything at all, you have an estate. This includes cash, real estate, all personal property, investments, retirement plan assets, life insurance and other forms of assets.

A well-drafted last will and testament allows you to ensure that the assets that you have accumulated over your lifetime are distributed according to your wishes. By remembering the Humane Society of Manatee County in your will, you can ensure the care and humane treatment of animals in perpetuity.

You may contact Valerie Bliss by calling 941-747-8808, x 310, to discuss your legacy.

Bequests

You can name the Humane Society of Manatee County as a beneficiary by creating a new will, adding a codicil to your present will or including the Humane Society of Manatee County in your revocable trust.

You also can name the Humane Society of Manatee County as either a direct beneficiary of a set amount of money, a specific asset (i.e., 100 shares of stock) or a percentage of your estate.

A legacy to the Humane Society of Manatee County may take different forms, including;

- An outright bequest of cash and/or securities
- A beneficiary designation of a life insurance policy, a bank

account or a retirement account

- A beneficiary of a living trust, or a testamentary trust

An individual may designate that a bequest be used for the general purposes of the Humane Society of Manatee County or to support a specific program. The following is a suggested form for such a bequest:

I give and bequeath to the Humane Society of Manatee County, a 501 (c)(3) corporation, Tax I.D. #59-1819652, 2515 14th Street West | Bradenton, Florida 34205, the sum of \$____, to be used for the accomplishment of its general purposes (or for a specific purpose, as indicated).

Memorials

At the time of your death, you can request that your obituary state: "In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to the Humane Society of Manatee County."

Give your family and friends a way to honor your memory while helping orphaned dogs and cats at the same time. 🐾

Humane Society of Manatee County is located at 2515 14th Street West in Bradenton and can be reached by calling 941-747-8808. The Adoption Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.humanemanatee.org online, or send an e-mail to info@humanesocietymanatee.org.

Open to the public, Humane Society of Manatee County Veterinary Clinic is located at 2415 14th Street West in Bradenton and can be reached by calling 941-747-8808, Option #1. The veterinary clinic is open by appointment Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information about the clinic, visit www.humanemanatee.org.



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