

THE WEST COLUMBIA GORGE HUMANE SOCIETY

Remembering us in your will...

The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society, located in Washougal, was founded in 1994, and is the only humane society in Clark County with a strict 'no-kill' policy. Our mission is to find loving homes for all homeless animals, promote spaying and neutering of all companion animals and to assist animal guardians to care for their pets.

We are a volunteer organization working to rescue, heal, shelter and re-home healthy companion animals into loving new families. To keep our sheltering hands working, we must rely on your generosity. No fancy trips, no paid vacations – 100% of all donations received go directly toward food, medicine and sheltering expenses for the animals, and to purchase humane educational materials to distribute in this community.

Your bequest to the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society will help to provide care, protection and maintenance for homeless, abandoned and unwanted animals. Our voice speaks for them and we thank you for your support.

How do I Create a Legacy in Support of My Animal Friends?

You can name the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society as a beneficiary in a variety of ways – directly as the recipient of specific assets or a portion of your estate or as a contingent beneficiary of assets designated for loved ones in the event that they do not survive you. A legacy to the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society may take different forms including: an outright bequest of cash,

securities, art, jewelry and other personal property; a devise of real estate; and a beneficiary designation of a living trust, a testamentary trust, a life insurance policy, a bank account, a pension account or a retirement account.

An individual may designate that a bequest be used for the general purposes of the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society, or to support a specific program such as adoptions and/or animal placement, humane education or veterinary care. The following is a suggested form for such a bequest:

“I give and bequeath to the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society, a not-for-profit corporation, with principal offices presently located at 2675 South Index Street, Washougal, Washington, 98671, the sum of \$ _____, to be used for the accomplishment of its general purposes”. (Or for a specific purpose, as indicated).

What Other Kinds of Gifts Can I Make?

Securities or unencumbered realty property may be given outright, entitling you to a deduction for the fair market value and relieving you of capital gains taxes.

Life insurance gifts may also be contributed. It may be possible for you to designate The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society as the beneficiary, or contingent beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy. Or, in some cases, if the policy has a cash surrender value, you may irrevocably transfer ownership of the policy to The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society.

We are continuously developing programs to meet the needs of our community. The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society is a not-for-profit organization established under the laws of the State of Washington. Since it maintains a tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, bequests

and other contributions to The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society qualify for certain charitable tax deductions in computing federal income, gift and estate taxes. The West Columbia Gorge's tax identification number is 91-1634652. You should consult your attorney regarding the state and federal tax advantages of charitable giving.

Should you wish additional information in connection with planned giving, please contact us at (360) 835-3464.

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