

Thank you for joining us today!
Our webinar will begin shortly.



Planning for Your Pets



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Planning for Your Pet

- Goals
 - Provide practical information & resources
 - Give you peace of mind
 - Make a transition for you pets as smooth as possible

Planning for Your Pet

Information to help whether your pet is

Coming to Animal Humane New Mexico

Or going to someone you know

Planning for Your Pet

- Short-term
 - Pet Agent
 - Temporary role
 - Agrees to fulfill the role and your wishes
 - Secures and cares for your pet
 - Handles coordination/transport

Window Cling

**RESCUE
OUR PETS**

Dog(s) Cat(s)

Other: _____

Emergency Contact:

() -


If we cannot be reached, please take them here:

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Fridge Magnet

PET EMERGENCY INFORMATION			
<u>Pet Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>Color</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Pet Owner:	_____	Phone: ()	—
Emergency Contact:	_____	Phone: ()	—
Veterinarian:	_____	Phone: ()	—
Notes: <i>(Medication, Behavior, etc.)</i>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> If this box is checked, I have arranged for Animal Humane New Mexico to receive my pets in the event of my death. Contact 505.938.7877.	
_____	_____		

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Wallet Card

MY PETS ARE HOME ALONE

If you are reading this and I am incapacitated, please help my pet(s)! See reverse side for info. Thank you.

If this box is checked, I have arranged for Animal Humane New Mexico to receive my pets in the event of my death. Contact 505.938.7877.



EMERGENCY INFO

My name: _____

My address: _____

I have _____ dog(s). I have _____ cat(s).

I have _____ other types of pet(s) _____

Emergency contact: _____

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Protect your pet if something happens to you with a daily check-in call from iamfine

If only your pet could pick up a phone and call for help

We love our pets and know that they depend on us. Do you wonder what would happen to them if something happened to you?

With a daily checkin-call from iamfine you'll be reassured that your friends and family will be alerted if something happens to you.

We will call you every day at a time of your choosing to ensure you are ok.

If, for some reason you are unable to answer our daily call then we will alert a group of people that you have previously shared with us. They can be relatives, neighbors, a building supervisor, or even your vet.

We will let them know that we have tried to contact you, but were unsuccessful and that they should investigate.





Planning for Your Pet

- Long-term
 - Permanent Adopter or Animal Humane New Mexico
 - Pet Planning Profiles



Feline Pet Planning Profile

Animal Humane welcomes information you share with us so that we may provide the highest level of care, should your furry family member come into our care.

We offer this as a checklist to choose from when sharing information about your pet.

We will safely keep your pet's profile in our records prior to your travel, hospitalization or passing.

Basic Information

- ♥ Date of written statement
- ♥ Owner's name(s) & contact details (address, phone, email)
- ♥ Cat's name, age, gender, breed and microchip #

Your Cat's History

- ♥ How long has your pet lived with you?
- ♥ Where did you obtain your pet?
- ♥ Is your cat bonded with another pet? If yes, with whom?
- ♥ What other animal(s) has your cat lived with? Please describe type of animal, including age and gender.
- ♥ Have you let your veterinarian, personal representative, friend or family member know we are named as your cat's caretakers? If yes, please provide the name and phone number of the person you've shared this with.
- ♥ Has your pet been around children? If yes, please provide ages and circumstances.
- ♥ Has your pet ever bitten (broken skin)? If yes, please provide details.
- ♥ Has your pet ever fought with another animal? If yes, please provide details.

Your Cat's Health

- ♥ Do we have copies of your cat's medical records?
- ♥ Veterinarian's name, address and phone number.
- ♥ How does your cat behave during veterinary visits?
- ♥ Please list current medications and any allergies.
- ♥ Is your pet current on his/her vaccinations? If not, please explain.
- ♥ Does your pet have any medical concerns? If yes, please explain.
- ♥ Is your cat on a wet or dry food diet? Please provide name of food and favorite treats.

(Animal Humane New Mexico shares this with permission granted by this loving pet parent.)

Thank you so much for coordinating the care and adoption of my pets at the time of my death. I hope the following information helps to find the perfect new home/family for them to live with for the remainder of their lives.

If any of my pets are quite elderly and their quality of life is not that great at the time of my death, I would prefer that they be euthanized. If that is the case, their ashes should be given to my Executor.

My private veterinary contacts & records are on file with Animal Humane New Mexico.

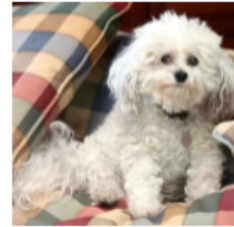
All do well at the vet.

DOGS – Abby, Teddy Bear and Bella

All three dogs are used to traveling in a car and do not need to be in a kennel. They will sit on your lap or in the back seat—very well behaved. They all use a doggy door and are completely house broken. None are finicky eaters. All will sit with you or by you when you are reading or watching TV. None have been around children much, but may do fine if the children are older and not rambunctious. All three dogs walk well on leashes—they prefer pull-out leashes so they can do their own thing—I walk all three at same time at least once a day for a mile to 2 miles. The dogs can be adopted independent of each other. All three dogs go to groomer at same time (Dawn at Doggie Den) and are well behaved, even though it is not their favorite thing to do. All the dogs sleep on my bed at night. I cook chicken soup with brown rice and vegetables or ground beef and barley & veggies for the dogs and rotate with “Blue” dog food. I mix “Blue” crumbles with all meals.

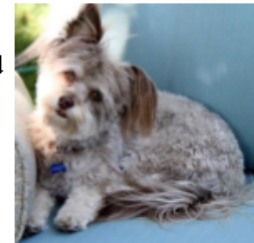
ABBY:

Abby is a 15 year old multi-poo who is in excellent health at this time. She was adopted from AH when she was two years old and has been with me ever since. She was Jack’s little girl and she loved to sit in his lap. She still takes a mile walk each day and loves to sniff in all the bushes. She does well off leash, but with her loss of hearing you have to watch her so she just doesn’t wander off—she gets in her own little world. She can hear you call her name if you use a very high pitch, loud voice. She doesn’t really play with toys any more, but will chase and romp with Teddy Bear if he pursues her. She’s a great dog, loves to give kisses and follows me everywhere in the house. Very social, will introduce herself to most folks visiting our home and has no problem sitting on laps and giving kisses. Can shake hands—more like a high five! Abby does not have teeth, but it doesn’t interfere with eating. She also had surgery on a rear leg (see medical records) but has no issues now that it is repaired.



TEDDY BEAR:

Teddy is a rat terrier/schnauzer cross. He was born at Animal Humane and I fostered him and two of his six siblings. Needless to say, I couldn’t give him up and he is now 5 years old. He is in excellent health and is just the best! He loves to run and if taken to a park and is off leash he will run like crazy. I’d say he is a sprinter—goes fast for short distances. He thinks he is “big stuff” but is really my little “wuss”. Walks a mile or more every day and likes to meet and greet every dog we meet—even the big scary ones! He isn’t very interested in toys and could care less about balls. He just wants to be with you. He likes to get the newspaper every morning with me (off leash). Very social – likes to greet everyone who comes to the door. Likes to be a “guard” when folks play basketball—bounces and barks and chases as ball is dribbled and then loses interest once ball is thrown! Loves to chase birds and bunnies and chippies—thinks it’s a great game. Teddy knows a few tricks like hand shakes, down and roll over—he has been to beginning agility class. Be careful, Teddy Bear will attempt to get on dinner table if chairs are not pushed in. Have lost a few breakfasts and dinners because I forgot to push in chair! If you howl like a dog, Teddy Bear will join right in and sing his heart out!



Pet/Name	Breed	#	Item	Notes
Dog/Buster	Terrier, Jack Russell	1	Gender / Color	Male / White with black areas (patch on right face and spots on ears).
		2	Birthday	07.21.2007
		3	Microchip ID	XXXXXXXXXX
		4	Neutered /Shots	Yes/ Up tp date
		5	Dry food	Purina Dog Chow, Complete Adult. Keep dish filled as needed.
		6	Water	Dish adequate for the day. Refresh twice a day.
		7	Treat	Pup-Peroni, lean beef flavor. Give sparingly (not good for teeth).
		8	Dinner	Purina ProPlan Savor (4 types) for dinner (1/4 can).
		9	Environmental needs	Doggy door (potty trained), enclosed backyard (grass), toys, and dog bed (maybe). I leave him home alone for a few hours only.
		10	Activities	Looks forward to walk around the park each day (blue harness and leash). Loves drives but this is not a regular event. Has a chair in the front window to look outside (transparent guard over blinds). Gets overly excited with other dogs -- I do not let him interact (maybe I should).
		11	Veterinary	Dr. Name, Animal Clinic, (505) xxx-xxxx Address
		12	Habits	Likes to sleep on owner's bed. Follows owner around house. Is OK with home visitors, people in park, and veterinarian (quick moves startle him). Loves to be petted and have chest rubbed.
		13	New home concerns	Buster needs a couple that can provide transitional consistency (5-12). Responsible caregivers (no young children).
		14	Miscellaneous	I've cared for Buster since 2012. My parents did before that. He has lived at the same home since a puppy. He was bought from a licensed breeder. He is a lone dog. Hehas never bitten anyone.





Frequently Asked Questions

- If Animal Humane is taking my pet, do they have to go to the shelter?
- Can you come pick up my pet?
- Will you keep bonded pets together?
- Do I have to include a gift in my will to Animal Humane New Mexico?



Questions

- Is pet health insurance worth it?
- If we have more than 1 pet, can we refer to them collectively as "pets" or do we have to refer to them by name?
- How do I leave enough money for my pets, 2 dogs and 2 horses?



Pet Trusts

- Provide the most control.
- Legally enforceable.
- Describe in detail what kind of care is required.
- Usually set up by an estate professional.
- Require a separate administrator/trustee from the pet owner.
- Require regular inspections of your pet(s) by the trustee.
- Designate a remainder beneficiary



How to State in Your Will

- I leave my Heeler mix Buster and \$x,xxx to John Smith, with the hope the money will be used for Buster's care. If John Smith does not survive me, I leave Buster and \$x,xxx to Jenny Brown, with the hope the money will be used for Buster's care.
- I leave my Heeler mix Buster to Animal Humane New Mexico and the sum of \$x,xxx for the general purposes of said non-profit.
- I leave any pets I may have at the time of my passing to _____.

Estimating Life-time Pet Expenses

Today's Date: June 10, 2022

Pet Type: Dog

Pet Name: Wheatley

Current Age: 7 years

Est Life Expectancy: 14 years

Medical Conditions: None

Item	Annual Cost
Food: Science Diet Adult 1 – 6, Chicken & Barley Dry	<u>\$600</u>
Treats	<u>\$1,200</u>
Toys	<u>\$200</u>
Flea & Tick Prevention	<u>\$272</u>
Veterinary Care Vaccines/Wellness	<u>\$250</u>
Veterinary Care Emergency	<u>\$500</u>
Bedding/Crate/Carrier	<u>\$50</u>
Pet sitting/Boarding (3 1-week trips per year)	<u>\$630</u>
Day Care (2 times per week)	<u>\$3,168</u>
Professional Grooming	<u>\$1,000</u>
Training (1 6-week course per year)	<u>\$250</u>
Cremation/Burial	<u>\$35</u>
Other_____	<u>\$_____</u>
Other_____	<u>\$_____</u>
Total	<u>\$8,155</u>
X estimate <u>7</u> years remaining	= <u>\$57,085</u>

Legacy Giving



Estate and planned gifts propel our progress and allow us to continue providing progressive, life-saving programs that meet current and emerging needs of vulnerable dogs & cats throughout New Mexico. Please keep our vision alive by making an estate gift for the future benefit of pets in need.

Our legal name & address:

Animal Humane Association of New Mexico, Inc.

615 Virginia St SE

Albuquerque, NM 87108-4297

Our 501(c)3 EIN#: 85-0207652



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~60% percent of adults do not have a will or other estate plan

- Top reasons:
 - Overwhelming, don't have time
 - Don't know how
 - Assume it's expensive
 - Don't want to work with an attorney
 - Don't see the need
 - Don't have enough assets

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Animal Humane New Mexico is pleased to offer you this free planning tool to provide peace of mind for you, and, when you include a gift to Animal Humane, a future filled with love for New Mexico's homeless cats and dogs. Thank you.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT



Estate planning options

What is your marital status?



Single	Married	Domestic Partnership
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What is the approximate value of your assets? (Please include all real estate, financial accounts, and personal items.)



Less than \$200k	\$200K-500K	\$500K-\$1M	\$1M-\$2M
\$2M-\$5M	\$5M-\$10M	More than \$10M	

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT



Pet Care and Pet Caretakers

Do you have any pets you would like to provide for in your will? ?

Yes

No

Please enter a name and description (eg: Felix the black cat), and species for each pet:

Snoopy

Dog



Delete

Garfield

Cat



Delete

Click to add another

How much money would you like to provide for your pets' needs (food, veterinary costs, etc)? (Optional) ?

\$5,000

In order of preference, who should be responsible for taking care of your pets if you pass away? ?

Animal Humane New Mexico

Other



Delete

Click to add another

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT



Summary of gifts to nonprofits

GIFT DESCRIPTION	BENEFICIARY	
10% of residual estate	Animal Humane New Mexico	Edit Delete

Want to leave another gift?

Suggestions | Local **Health** Humanitarian Environment Civil Rights Animal

- American Diabetes Association
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- American Heart Association
- Breast Cancer Research Foundation
- charity: water
- Childhood Leukemia Foundation
- Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Partnership to End Addiction (formerly Partnership for Drug-Free Kids/Center on Addiction)
- Better Health for Women and Girls – Population Services International (PSI)
- The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
- Susan G. Komen: Ending Breast Cancer Forever

Type a charity name

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT



Funeral Wishes

Here you can choose to include wishes for your funeral and final resting place. The wishes you enter will provide instructions to your funeral executor, but please note that they will not be legally binding. It is recommended that you keep these instructions separate from your estate planning documents, as these instructions usually need to be acted upon quickly prior to asset distribution.

Stephanie Miller's Funeral Wishes

FUNERAL WISHES

FINAL RESTING PLACE

EXECUTORS

PREFERRED CHARITY

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Last Will and Testament of Stephanie Miller

I, Stephanie Miller, of Albuquerque, NM, declare this to be my Will, and I revoke all Wills and Codicils previously made by me.

Article I: Declarations

- A. **Marital Status** - As of the date of this Will, I am unmarried
- B. **Children** - As of the date of this Will, I have no living children.

Article II: Executor Provisions

- A. **Executor** - I nominate my friend Jane Smith to serve as Executor of my estate and to carry out the instructions in this Will. If Jane Smith is unable or unwilling to serve or continue to serve, I nominate my friend John Smigh to be the Executor of my estate and to carry out the instructions in this Will.
- B. **Bond** - No bond or other security shall be required of my Executor in any jurisdiction.
- C. **Executor Powers** - I grant to my Executor the following powers:
 - 1. The power to exercise all powers of an absolute owner of property;
 - 2. The power to retain, sell at public or private sale, exchange, grant options on, invest and reinvest, and otherwise deal with real or personal property;
 - 3. The power to borrow money and pledge any property to secure loans;
 - 4. The power to divide and distribute property in cash or in kind;
 - 5. The power to compromise and release claims with or without consideration;
 - 6. The power to pay my legally enforceable debts, funeral expenses, expenses of last illness, and all expenses in connection with the administration of my estate and the trusts created by my Will;
 - 7. The power to employ attorneys, accountants and other persons for services or advice;
 - 8. Except as otherwise provided herein, the power to make, in my Executor's discretion, any distribution required or permitted to be made to any beneficiary under this Will in any of the following ways when such beneficiary is a minor: (i) to the guardian or conservator of such beneficiary's person or property; (ii) by utilizing the same, directly and without the interposition of any guardian or conservator, for the health, support, maintenance or education of such beneficiary; (iii) to a person or financial institution serving as custodian for such beneficiary under a Uniform Gifts



You're almost done! Follow these instructions to make your will legally valid.

Read

- Read your will carefully, and make sure you understand everything.
- If there's anything you feel like you don't understand, please speak with a lawyer.

Sign

- Find three witnesses and a notary. Your witnesses must be at least 18, mentally competent, and someone other than the notary. Neither witness, nor their spouses, should receive any gifts in your will.
- You and your witnesses must sign and date your will in the same session.
- While in the presence of your witnesses and notary, verbally acknowledge that this is your Last Will and Testament. For example, you could say: "This is my Last Will and Testament that I am signing and it represents my wishes for the distribution of my property at the time of my death." Then:
 - Sign your name on each page of the will using the signature lines provided. On the last page, also fill in the date where indicated.
 - Then have your witnesses sign and date where indicated.
- Finally, ask the notary to complete the notarial acknowledgement.

Keep Safe

- Keep your original, signed will in a safe and accessible place, such as a fireproof box in your home.
- Be careful not to remove any staples from your will, or allow pages to be ripped, as this may raise concerns in the probate court that your will had been altered.
- Notify your executor nominees of the location of your will, and make sure they have access.
- You can make and distribute copies of your signed will for reference to loved ones. However, if your original, signed will cannot be found upon your death, the probate court may raise questions as to whether you intentionally destroyed your original will, and may not accept a copy of your will as proof of your wishes.

Update

- It is a good idea to update your will when you marry, have children, divorce, move or go through other major life changes.

What's next?



Notify your nominees

Many attorneys recommend that testators notify the people they've nominated for important roles. This helps the nominees prepare and gives testators the chance to discuss their hopes and expectations.

[Notify nominees](#)



Keep planning ahead

With FreeWill, you can also create an advance healthcare directive (also known as a "healthcare proxy" or "living will") and a durable financial power of attorney via your account page.

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Prefer to see an attorney?

Download an abridged version of your documented wishes to review with an attorney. [View reasons you might want to use an attorney.](#)

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That's okay! Here's some helpful information

Below are common reasons why some people prefer to see an attorney:

- Your estate is especially large or above the estate and gift tax exemption threshold (federal, state, or local). In 2020, the U.S. federal estate tax exemption is \$11.58 million per individual, for example.
- You expect your wishes may be contested.
- You don't have access to witnesses.
- You own property outside of your home state.
- You run or own a business.
- You are physically incapable of signing the will.
- You are participating in medical treatments that increase the chances of your capacity being challenged.
- You have a child, spouse, beneficiary with a disability, or you have a disability.
- You are participating in medical treatments that increase the chances of your capacity being challenged.
- You want to set up a trust for minor children so that their inheritance is released to them gradually, even after they turn 18.
- You have children from multiple marriages.
- You have a premarital agreement that substantially changes your assets' position.
- You are in the process of a divorce.
- You have, or want to create, a living or testamentary trust.
- Your caregiver, doctor, or attorney is a beneficiary in your will.

I would like to see my will.

I would like to review my wishes with a lawyer.

Constant



Companions
Society



Beth Hodgson
Berkowitz
Mary
Brennan
Harriet W.
Italia
Donald F.
Ecker
S.
Herbert G.
Mehke
Helen E.
Gennett

Wileen J.
Clary
Florence A.
Callahan
Dorothy
Mary L.
Sauer
Gwen M.
Berken
Dawn M.
Hortner
Gladis
Alperman
Golden
Rymond
Loring Drex
Ora L.
E. Stiles
E. Dickson
Ann
Schuman
Wileen E.
Dinah
Sara B.
Stuyves
Betty
Bee-Keeler
L'Esprit
Della
Emily
Nolan

Small plaques with names and photos of pets, including names like "Dorothy", "Mary", and "John".

Large plaques with names and photos of pets, including names like "Dorothy", "Mary", and "John".

Small plaque with text: "I would always remember the following individuals who generously allowed us to take their dogs with us and working on our campus."

Mary Claire Bachechi			Orpheus E. Miller			
	Jane Cooper Hayes		George Clayton Pearl		Gustine Thompson Johnson	
Patsy Irene Bennett		William H. Barbara H. & Kuetter		Clarence Ruth & Buckley		Helen M. Goodwin
Robert P. & Eula E. Jorgenson			Kurt & Edith Kubie		James V. & Elsie F. Caughran	
	Cornilla Marie Loesch	Arthur W. Mullendore		Dolores Lancaster Schmid	Bernice Pearl Sanders	
Carole Herren		Lorraine Hankins	Patricia Sams		Cecelia C. Koser	

Animal Humane
celebrates the
following
individuals
who generously
honored us in their
estates.
Their legacy will
forever be alive
and working on
our campus



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Me
&

Our pets can't plan
their future,
but you can,
so thank you!

