

Our Promise to You

Your decision to include the Oakville & Milton Humane Society (OMHS) in your will is deeply personal and rooted in your lifelong compassion for domestic, wildlife and farm animals. By doing so, you are helping us maintain our mission to care for animals in need for years to come.

While we encourage you to share your gift plans with us, we respect your privacy and will always treat your contribution with the upmost sensitivity. Should you choose to inform us of your intentions, we will keep you updated on our progress and the impact your support has on the lives of the animals we serve, both now and in the future.

Your gift will be transformative, giving vulnerable animals a second chance; changing their lives in ways only compassionate people like you can make possible. The difference you'll make in their world is immeasurable.

On behalf of the animals both present and those yet to come, thank you for your generosity and for being their voice in the world.



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Your Gift by Will

Thank you for considering a gift to us in your will

Your legacy has the power to change the lives of animals deserving a second chance at a loving and peaceful life. Vulnerable animals depend on our care every day of the year, and we are committed to caring, rescuing and rehabilitating those who cannot speak for themselves.

To ensure the gift you choose aligns with your financial goals, tax considerations and personal circumstances, we recommend consulting with independent legal and financial advisors. This will help you make the most of your generous contribution.

Leave a meaningful legacy for future generations

In your will, you can designate either a percentage (residual bequest) or a dollar amount (specific bequest) of your estate to OMHS.

Residual bequest sample wording:

“I give to the Oakville & Milton Humane Society, registered charity 11906 4350 RR0001, ____% of the residue of my estate in support of the animals.”

Specific bequest sample wording:

“I give to the Oakville & Milton Humane Society, registered charity 11906 4350 RR0001, the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) to be used in support of the animals.”



Your Gift of Publicly Traded Securities

Gift of Securities

Your gift of securities will make an immediate impact for the animals in our care. By donating publicly traded securities, you eliminate the capital gains tax you would have to pay if you sold the securities and then donated the proceeds. You will also receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation. You can give now, or as part of your estate and will planning process.

Your financial advisor can transfer your securities by completing the transfer form found at omhs.ca/legacy. Please let us know the transfer is in process so we can facilitate as well as express our gratitude for your gift.

Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund held at a community foundation or financial institution may be an attractive alternative as you can have your own “foundation” without the administrative burden or large investment of a private foundation. You can name your fund in honour of your family’s philanthropic interests and choose annually where your gift will be directed.



Other Ways to Give

Gift of Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance is a cost-effective way to make an even larger impact for the animals.

There are three ways you can support the animals through gifts of life insurance:

1. Give an existing policy you feel you no longer need, transferring ownership and beneficiary designation to OMHS.
2. Purchase a new life insurance policy where OMHS is named as the owner and beneficiary.
3. Designate OMHS as a beneficiary of an existing policy. If you prefer to retain ownership of your life insurance policy, you can have the proceeds directed to OMHS upon your passing.



Registered Investments

You can designate the Oakville & Milton Humane Society as a beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) or Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA). With these gift options, OMHS would receive the proceeds of your registered plan upon your passing.

As with traditional bequests, you retain full control over these accounts during your lifetime. This means you can easily update beneficiaries or adjust the amount or percentage you are leaving to OMHS by completing a simple form. Your gift remains flexible and can be modified at any time, giving you the freedom to ensure your wishes are met.

Property

Gifting property, jewelry or art can be a meaningful way to make a substantial gift to OMHS while offering you significant tax benefits. You can choose to give the property outright, place it in trust to retain the use during your lifetime, or include it in your will.