



Pet Survivorship Program Guidelines

Many friends of Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic (FCCRSNC) and Animal House Rescue & Grooming who choose to make charitable contributions by bequest to the organizations also ask about the possibility of entrusting their cat(s) or dog(s) to the care of the organizations after their death.

While our first recommendation is that you identify a trusted and willing friend or family member to care for your pet after your death, we recognize that this alternative is not always available. Therefore, we have adopted the following guidelines to help pet owners as they prepare their wills and consider their charitable giving. *Please note: Our organizations will be merging in 2020 under FCCRSNC's tax ID number, thus FCCRSNC is the primary entity described in the policy below.*

POLICY

Because FCCRSNC is continually faced with an inexhaustible supply of homeless pets needing new homes through its adoption program, owners wishing to surrender their cats or dogs generally must wait a few months before space is available. *In recognition of donors who make charitable bequests or provide irrevocable trusts to FCCRSNC, we will waive the usual waiting period.*

For the benefit of all pets taken into the Adoptions Program, it is important that charitable bequest donors who wish to leave their pets to FCCRSNC follow a few essential guidelines:

1. The Adoptions Program is limited to cats and dogs. Cats will be adopted out through FCCRSNC. Dogs will be adopted out through Animal House Rescue & Grooming. (The organizations will be merging in 2020 under the tax ID# 20-4969731.)
2. Be sure that your cat or dog is current on all of its required vaccinations and that you have veterinary records kept with your other important documents.
3. FCCRSNC provides physical examinations, vaccinations and neutering/spaying for its adoptable animals, but to keep costs down for FCCRSNC and the adoptive family, you are urged to take care of these requirements before your pet comes to FCCRSNC.
4. For more expedient adoptions, animals should be in stable health with no chronic medical problems, and they should be of non-aggressive, good temperament.

It is our belief that pets belong in a loving home and not in a shelter. Therefore, all cats or dogs

bequeathed to FCCRSNC will be put up for adoption. Rest assured, FCCRSNC's Adoptions Program goes the extra distance to match an animal's temperament and requirements with an adoptive family's lifestyle. Animals who are taken from their own homes sometimes suffer from stress and anxiety. The staff and volunteers of FCCRSNC make every effort to alleviate these problems through personal attention, enrichment and socialization techniques.

In every instance, FCCRSNC considers what is best for the animals. For this reason, FCCRSNC will care for animals as long as they are physically healthy or until they are adopted. However, if the animal(s) start to significantly deteriorate and can no longer be made comfortable with an acceptable quality of life, euthanasia must be considered. This happens very rarely at FCCRSNC. Annually, more than 2,500 animals are placed through FCCRSNC's adoptions program, which represents a 99% placement rate. The decision to euthanize an animal at the shelter rests solely with the staff of FCCRSNC.

BEQUEST COMMITMENT

As a non-profit organization, FCCRSNC must continually seek donations to fund its current programs. Costs to shelter, feed, and provide medical care for the homeless animals in its care are substantial. *Therefore it is necessary that charitable bequest donors make the financial provision of \$10,000 per animal in order for FCCRSNC to accept their pets.* Please note that there is no money due upon signing up for this program. Funds will go to FCCRSNC at the time your estate is handled.

PROCEDURES

FCCRSNC's Adoptions Program is not one where animals are simply placed in the first available home. Every step is taken to ensure that each adoption is a permanent match. If you wish to bequeath your cat or dog to FCCRSNC, please take care to complete the following steps to ensure your pet's smooth and successful transition into a new situation.

1. Ask your attorney to state specifically in your will that you wish to entrust your cat(s) or dog(s) to Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic's adoption program.
2. Inform the executor of your estate, family members, and/or friends that you wish to have your pet cared for by FCCRSNC so that the transfer of your animal can be accomplished as soon as possible.
3. Complete the Relinquishment Questionnaire, available upon request by calling FCCRSNC's Development Department at (970) 305-5796, or by emailing PlannedGiving@fccrsnc.org. This form provides us with important information about your pet's medical history, lifestyle, preferences, and behavioral characteristics that will help staff find the best possible match with a new family.
4. Ask your attorney to incorporate into your will the following suggested language for making a

charitable contribution to FCCRSNC. Your gift may be unrestricted, or designated to the Adoptions Program, or any other program that interests you.

I give to Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, a non-profit 501(c)(3), Colorado corporation, currently headquartered at 2321 E. Mulberry St. #1, Fort Collins, CO, 80524, TIN 20-4969731, the sum of _____ dollars (or, if insurance policies, land or other property, please describe). This gift is unrestricted and may be designated at the discretion of the organization's leadership.

-OR-

This gift is restricted for the Adoptions Program (or specify other program at FCCRSNC or Animal House).

It is FCCRSNC's policy to assess a 10% overhead recovery fee to all bequests made to FCCRSNC (this is charged against the actual bequest and is not an extra charge).

NOTE: If you wish to restrict the gift to a program or service, please do not be overly specific, as some programs change in response to current needs.

5. When your will and Relinquishment Questionnaire are complete, please notify FCCRSNC in writing of your plans. It will help FCCRSNC to better serve you if you include a copy of the Relinquishment Questionnaire with your letter. This will assure that FCCRSNC has current information about your cat on file when he/she comes to us. Please direct your correspondence to: Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, ATTN: Planned Giving, 2321 E. Mulberry St. #1, Fort Collins, CO 80524; or PlannedGiving@fccrsnc.org.

Please note that Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic and Animal House Rescue & Grooming will be merging in 2020 under tax ID# 20-4969731. If you have questions or would like additional information on charitable giving by bequest, or on FCCRSNC's Adoptions Program, please contact the Development Department at (970) 305-5796 or PlannedGiving@fccrsnc.org.

Thank you for thinking of Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic and Animal House Rescue & Grooming.



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CAT Relinquishment Questionnaire

The goal of Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is to place each cat and kitten into an adoptive home. The information you provide in this form will help us to match each kitty with an adopter. It will also help us to determine the needs your kitty will have while with Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic. *Please complete one form per cat being surrendered.*

Owner Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Mailing Address (if different from above): _____
 Best Contact Number(s): _____

Executor of Estate: _____
 Other Important Contacts: _____
 Bequest Amount to FCCRSNC* (optional information) _____

*Confidential

GENERAL HISTORY

Cat's Name: _____ DOB/Approximate Age: _____
 Cat's Breed/Coat Type: _____ Cat's Color: _____

Sex?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Spayed or neutered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Microchipped?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Declawed?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - all	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - front only
If yes, when was the declaw procedure?	<input type="checkbox"/> As a kitten	<input type="checkbox"/> As an adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure

How long have you had this cat? _____

Where did you acquire this cat?

<input type="checkbox"/> Found as a stray	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend / Relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet store
<input type="checkbox"/> Breeder	<input type="checkbox"/> Free-to-good-home ad	<input type="checkbox"/> Born in my home
<input type="checkbox"/> Another shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

MEDICAL HISTORY

Do you have a regular veterinarian? No Yes- Which vet _____

Has your cat had any of the following tests?

Feline Leukemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	Date & result: _____
F I V	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	Date & result: _____

Does your cat have any medical problems or injuries that would require special attention or a special diet? Yes No Unsure If yes, Explain: _____

DIETARY HABITS

What brand(s) of dry cat food does your cat eat? _____

Do they eat canned food? No Yes- What brand? _____

PERSONALITY PROFILE

Check all traits that best describe your cat's personality:

Activity level	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm
Interaction with family	<input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fearful
Interaction with strangers	<input type="checkbox"/> Affectionate	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Fearful
Interest in toys	<input type="checkbox"/> All the time	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not interested

Any other personality information: _____

LIFESTYLE & HOME LIFE

Where does your cat live? (please check all that apply)

In Home Office Outdoors In a barn In a garage

If indoor only, does your cat try to escape? Yes No

Has your cat had access to the outdoors? Yes No Unsure

Has your cat ever lived outdoors? Yes No Unsure

If yes, when? _____

For how long? _____

Why did your cat live outdoors? _____

Where/under what circumstances? _____

Does your cat get along with other cats? Yes No Unsure

If yes, what type: Littermate(s) Other kittens Other adults

If you are relinquishing more than one cat:

How long have these cats lived together? _____

How would you describe their relationship to each other? _____

Do you consider them to be bonded? Yes No Unsure

If yes, please explain why _____

Does your cat get along with dogs? Yes No Unsure
If yes, what type: Small Medium Large
What type of personality/temperament did the dog(s) have and how did they interact with your cat? _____

Does your cat get along with children? Yes No Unsure
What age(s) of children has your cat been around?
Infant/Toddler (0-3) Pre-School (3-5) School Aged (5-13)
Teens (13-18) None

Your cat seems most comfortable with:
Women Children Senior Citizens Other animals
Men Teenagers Loves everyone Other: _____

LITTER BOX HABITS

Does your cat have access to a litter box in the house?
No (Skip the rest of this section) Yes- How many? _____

Are there other animals in your home? Yes No
If other cats, how many cats share a litter box(s)? _____

Does your cat use the litter box consistently? Yes (Skip the rest of this section) No
Sometimes--If sometimes, how often does your cat make a mistake? _____

Please describe the accidents:
Urinate outside of the box Urinate on clothing Urine marks in house
Defecates outside of the box Other: _____

If your cat goes outside of the box, do they most often go right beside the box? Yes No
Please describe _____

How often do you clean your cat's litter box? Daily Every few days Weekly
Rarely

What type of litter box is provided? Covered Uncovered Automatic scooping

What type of litter is used?
Scented Clumping Pine Pellets Crystals
Unscented Non-Clumping Newspaper Pellets Other: _____

When did litter box problems begin?
Recently Within 30 days Within the past year Ongoing issue

If you have multiple cats, have you witnessed this cat go outside of the box? Yes No

Can you think of an event (a move, new pet, change of litter box style or type of litter, new baby, traveling and not home much, etc.) that may have influenced/started the poor litter box habits?

Please describe what steps you have taken to attempt to correct this problem: _____

Has your cat been examined by a veterinarian for his/her litter box issues to rule out any medical problems contributing to the cat not using the litter box? Yes No

If yes, was a urine sample collected and examined by the vet? Yes No

If yes, what was the diagnosis/outcome? _____

Is there anything else a future owner should know about your cat? Fears, likes, dislikes?

*Please report significant changes regarding this information
to FCCRSNC's Development Department
at PlannedGiving@fccrsnc.org or (970) 305-5796.
You may attach additional information regarding your pet.*

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DOG Relinquishment Questionnaire

The goal of Animal House Rescue & Grooming is to place each dog and puppy into an adoptive home. The information you provide in this form will help us to match each pup with an adopter. It will also help us to determine the needs your dog will have while with Animal House Rescue & Grooming.

Please complete one form per dog being surrendered.

Owner Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Best Contact Number(s): _____

Executor of Estate: _____

Other Important Contacts: _____

Bequest Amount to Animal House* (optional information) _____

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GENERAL HISTORY

Dog's Name: _____ DOB/Approximate Age: _____

Dog's Breed: _____ Dog's Color: _____

Sex? Male Female Unsure

Spayed or neutered? Yes No Unsure

Microchipped? Yes No Unsure

How long have you had this dog? _____

Where did you acquire this dog?

- Found as a stray
- Friend / Relative
- Pet store
- Breeder
- Free-to-good-home ad
- Born in my home
- Another shelter
- Other: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Do you have a regular veterinarian? No Yes- Which vet _____

Veterinarian Phone: _____

Has your dog ever bitten anyone? No Yes If yes, Explain: _____

Does your dog have any medical problems or injuries that would require special attention or a special diet? Yes No Unsure If yes, Explain: _____

What brand(s) of dry dog food does your dog eat? _____
Do they eat canned food? No Yes- What brand? _____

BEHAVIORAL HISTORY

Does your dog have accidents in the house? No Yes
If yes, how often? Daily A few times a week A few times a month
If yes, does the dog: Urinate Defecate Both

Is your dog crate trained? No Yes
If yes, how long did your dog spend in the crate each day? _____

How long is your dog left alone, without people?
 Never 1-3 hours 4-8 hours 9-12 hours Over 12 hours

When alone, is your dog: Outside Free in the house Confined to a room Crated

When left alone, does your dog: Destroy household items Urinate Defecate
 Bark Cry Try to escape None

If your dog destroys household items check all that apply: Chews woodwork/walls
 Chews windows/doors Chews furniture Chews clothing/shoes Chews toys
 Other (please describe): _____

Does your dog have any dislikes or fears? _____

Does your dog have any bad habits? No Yes, please describe: _____

Has your dog ever shown aggression towards any people or animals? No Yes
If yes, please explain and be specific:

Does your dog know any commands? No Yes, please list: _____

Have you worked with a trainer for obedience training or to address any specific behaviors? No Yes

If yes, please list the trainer(s) used and the behaviors learned or addressed: _____

Have you done any training with your dog yourself? No Yes

If yes, what method(s) of training did you use? _____

How does your dog behave in the car? _____

What are your dog's favorite toys or games? _____

Does your dog get along with children? Yes No Unsure

What age(s) of children has your dog been around?

Infant/Toddler (0-3)

Pre-School (3-5)

School Aged (5-13)

Teens (13-18)

None

Would you recommend your dog live with children in the future? No Yes

Your dog seems most comfortable with:

Women

Children

Senior Citizens

Other animals

Men

Teenagers

Loves everyone

Other: _____

Has your dog lived with cats? No Yes

Would you recommend your dog live with cats in the future? No Yes

Has your dog lived with other dogs? No Yes

If so, describe the other dogs: _____

Would you recommend your dog live with dogs in the future? No Yes

Is there anything else a future owner should know about your dog?

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