

# WHY CHOOSE THE SCOTTISH SPCA

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**We are Scotland's  
animal champions.**

The Scottish SPCA is Scotland's animal welfare charity, and we've been working to help prevent cruelty to animals since 1839.

We investigate abuse across Scotland, and we're proud to be at the forefront of preventing cruelty to animals. Our inspectors enforce the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, making us the only animal charity in the UK recognised as a reporting agency to the Crown Office. This means we are able to report people who are involved in more serious cases for prosecution.

We are committed to supporting the welfare of all animals - domestic, farm and wildlife – and are continually deepening our welfare expertise through our ground breaking work and research with partners.

Education is at the heart of what we do and we play a vital role in supporting and educating the public on animal welfare issues. Our free and interactive Prevention through Education programme for Scottish primary schools reaches over 245,000 children each year.

We work with people to encourage kindness to animals, aim to prevent cruelty through education and by championing improvements in animal welfare legislation, investigate abuse, rescue animals in distress and find animals new homes.

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*On the cover: actress  
Phyllis Logan is a supporter  
of the Scottish SPCA.*

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# INVESTIGATING CRUELTY

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**By leaving a gift  
in your Will,  
you can help us  
investigate cruelty,  
save animals  
from unnecessary  
misery and  
give them a  
second chance.**

Our frontline team of inspectors, animal rescue officers and our animal helpline lead efforts to ensure the welfare of animals across Scotland and they offer support and advice to members of the public every day.

We investigate thousands of cases every year involving terrible abuse and neglect of animals, and we do everything we can to ensure these animals are removed from harmful environments and get the medical attention they need, often this is from our very own vet clinics.

We're also able to provide valuable evidence that can help prosecute abusive owners and prevent such people from owning or harming animals in future.



# FINDING NEW HOMES FOR ANIMALS

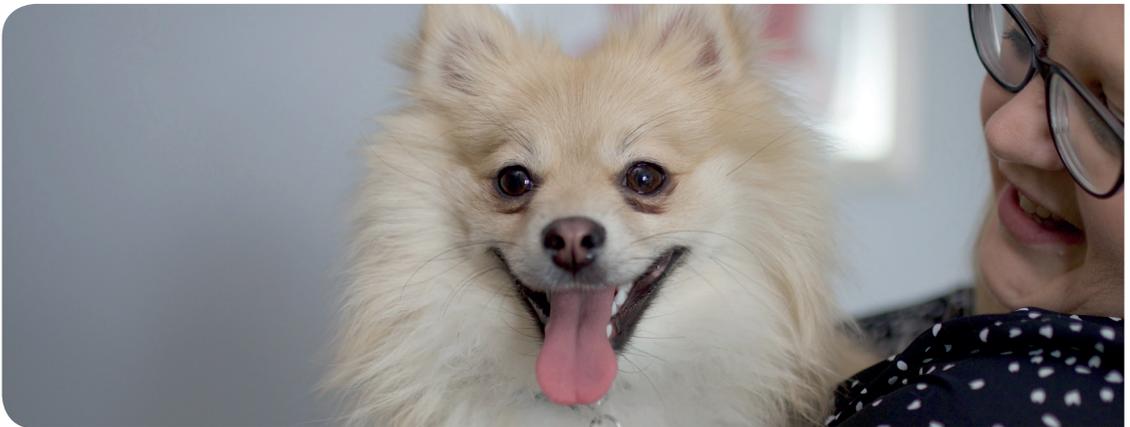
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**Every year, our rescue and rehoming centres across Scotland take in thousands of unwanted, neglected and abandoned animals.**

With nine animal rescue and rehoming centres across Scotland our dedicated teams work hard to give every animal who enters our care the love and attention they deserve. We're proud of the fact we never put a healthy animal to sleep and we always do our best to find all animals a forever home.

Our rehoming centres are filled with all kinds of animals – dogs, cats, rabbits, horses, birds, small animals such as hamsters, guinea pigs and ferrets, and even exotic species like snakes and lizards.

**A gift in your Will can help make sure we're always there when animals need our help.**



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# RESCUING WILDLIFE

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**We rescue and release thousands of animals to their natural habitats every year.**

Our dedicated wildlife team care for every kind of wild animal in Scotland, including garden birds, water fowl, birds of prey, seals, red squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, otters, pine martens and fox cubs.

Our National Wildlife Rescue Centre in Clackmannanshire has veterinary facilities, seal pools, aviaries, wild mammal enclosures, a stable block for deer casualties and can care for 1,000 oil-harmed birds at a time.

**We help every kind of wild animal in Scotland and are the only national animal welfare charity which rescues birds.**



# EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE

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**It costs us  
over £300,000  
to run our  
'prevention  
through  
education'  
programme.**

We believe prevention is key to breaking the link between animal cruelty and acts of violence towards humans. Our 'prevention through education' programme aims to reach all audiences, and ensure all ages understand that animals have emotions, and that we have a responsibility to care for them and co-exist together. We work in partnership with the University of Edinburgh to publish research which demonstrates the positive impact of the programme on young people.

In addition, our free Animal Guardians programme supports children who show negative behaviours towards animals. Referrals to the programme often come via social workers, teachers and other charities.

**We want to make a difference to every animal and every person across Scotland and we can only do this through the generous support we receive.**



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# WHAT TYPES OF GIFT CAN I LEAVE?

## **Residuary gift**

This is where you set aside a portion of your estate as a gift, but only after funeral expenses, debts and other gifts in the Will have been paid.

## **Pecuniary/fixed sum gift**

This is a fixed sum of money left to the Scottish SPCA. It's worth bearing in mind that the value of a pecuniary gift is likely to be reduced over time by inflation.

## **Specific gift**

This is the gift of a specific, named item. It may be a property or piece of land, a car, jewellery, a work of art, or something else of value.

## **Are the Scottish SPCA and the RSPCA the same organisation?**

No – the Scottish SPCA and the RSPCA are entirely different charities. The Scottish SPCA covers all of Scotland whilst the RSPCA works in England and Wales.

If you want to help animals in Scotland, please consider leaving a gift in your will to the Scottish SPCA.

*The Scottish SPCA operate across Scotland.  
The RSPCA operates across England and Wales.*



# HOW DO I LEAVE A GIFT?

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It's best to have your solicitor write your Will for you, to ensure you have all the right signatures and requirements in place.

We recommend that you consult a solicitor or a professional will-writer to ensure your wishes are carried out correctly and you've included all the requirements. Please see the enclosed guide to planning a Will before consulting your solicitor.

If you have already made a Will, you can still help the Scottish SPCA by adding what is known as a **codicil** to amend your existing Will. You will find a codicil form enclosed within this booklet.

Because no inheritance tax is payable on legacies to charities, leaving a gift in your Will is also a tax-efficient way of giving. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on how to reduce or limit any inheritance tax which may be levied on your estate.



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# WHO WILL LOOK AFTER YOUR PET?

We care for every kind of animal, including those who sadly find themselves without a home when their owners pass away.

If you have a pet you can sign up to our free **Forever Care** service. Through **Forever Care**, you'll have the peace of mind that we will do all we can to find your pet a loving home should they outlive you.

If you decide to rehome a pet through **Forever Care**, please ensure your next of kin are aware of your wishes for your pet

To sign up to **Forever Care**, simply complete and return the enclosed form using the envelope provided. You can also email [forever@scottishspca.org](mailto:forever@scottishspca.org) to sign up or for further information.



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