

Your Legacy, Their Future

IMPACTING LIVES FOR YEARS TO COME



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About Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control

At Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control (FWACC), our mission to serve our community in a humane, public safety capacity while working to keep pets with loving families by providing education opportunities and resources or facilitating re-homing or adoption when necessary.

As an all-service law enforcement and public safety department, we care for over 10,000 homeless and neglected animals that come in from this community each year, but we can't do it alone. **We need your help** to provide these vulnerable animals with the care and protection they deserve.

Legacy gifts make a lasting impact on the lives of countless animals, giving them a second chance at a happy, healthy life. Thank you for considering a donation to FWACC. Together, we can continue to be a lifeline for those who need us most.

For more information, please visit fwacc.org

Note: Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control does not provide legal, tax, or financial advice. The information provided in this booklet is general in nature and is presented solely as educational information to illustrate charitable giving options and arrangements. You are encouraged to consult your own professional advisors to make certain a specific gift under consideration is compatible with your financial and charitable goals.



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Legacy Gifts

Planning your legacy means thinking about the impact you can make even after you are gone...

Your Gift, Your Legacy

Be comforted knowing that by including Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control in your estate plans, you are saving animals lives through sheltering and adoption, veterinary care, emergency intakes and humane education. Your kindness to animals will continue to help make our community a better place to live. By planning a gift for the future, you are providing continued support of the life-saving work happening within these walls every day.

YOU are helping to change the life of every animal that comes into our care.

With effective planning, your gift could provide several financial and tax saving benefits to you. Be sure to speak with your professional advisor for the best options for your legacy gift.



Will or Trust

The terms **Will** and **Trust** are often used when talking about opportunities to leave a charitable gift as part of your legacy planning..

It is understandable that many people are unsure about the differences or benefits of using a will or trust in their legacy planning. Death is not a topic many people wish to discuss, and planning for what comes after can be just as difficult.

A **Will** goes into effect after someone passes on and concerns any property that is in *their* name only. A will must also go through **probate**, which means a court must oversee the administration of the will to ensure that it remains valid to the person's wishes.

A **Trust** can be used to distribute property at specific times, such as before passing, at passing, or after passing. This concerns only property that has been put into the name of the trust. A trust does not go through probate, which can save time and money.

We want your legacy gift to do what you intend it to do, and we want you to benefit from the many personal advantages. It is encouraged to consult with your legal and financial advisor to determine which plan, if any, can benefit both the animals and your estate.

Beneficiary of Retirement or Other Financial Account

Your pension, retirement plan, or other financial accounts can be a practical way to help Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control and can be beneficial at tax time.

Consider making Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control a beneficiary of your financial accounts. These can include:

- Retirement, IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) accounts
- Brokerage accounts
- CDs
- Money market, stocks, savings, checking, or other accounts that allow transfer on death (TOD) or payment on death (POD) designations

By filling out a simple beneficiary designation form, you could include Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control as a beneficiary of your account(s) - when adding a beneficiary, you can choose to designate a portion or all of the funds in a given account. Designations could also name FWACC as a secondary or contingent beneficiary. This means FWACC would become the primary beneficiary in the event that someone you're providing for can't claim their portion.

To name Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control as a beneficiary, please use the following information:

Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control
3020 Hillegas Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808
Tax Identification number: 35-6001029

Relationship: City ordinance protected organization





Life Insurance

An insurance policy is a common way to designate life-saving funds...

There are two ways that you can make a gift of life insurance to Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control:

- Donors may name Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control as a full, partial, or contingent beneficiary of any policy. (This includes employer-sponsored life insurance purchased at no cost to you.)
- Donors may designate proceeds of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed. FWACC would have the options of either holding or surrendering the policy to receive the current cash value. Policies can be fully vested or have ongoing premium payments.

You don't have a policy? Life insurance is an affordable option to consider, one which could allow you to make an extraordinary gift to animal well-being.

By naming Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control as owner of the policy, you may be eligible for tax savings. If you continue to make premium payments on a life insurance policy after donating it, those payments are tax deductible. (FWACC will not make premium payments to policies from its own funds.)

Speak with your insurance provider for more details, or consult with your legal or financial advisor to help you decide which option is best for you.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a win-win for both the donor and the benefitting nonprofit organization...

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a type of donation arrangement where an individual makes a sizable gift to a nonprofit organization, and in return, the organization agrees to provide the donor (or a designated beneficiary) with fixed, regular payments for life. After the donor or beneficiary passes away, the remainder of the gift goes to the designated charity.

FWACC benefits only after a donor or beneficiary pass away. Whatever remains of the original gift is then kept by the charity to support its mission.

When you establish a charitable gift annuity, the rates are fixed and based on donor age at the time of the gift. The payment you receive is determined by the rate and the gift amount. Donor may choose immediate payments or to defer payment for one or more years, resulting in even larger payments and income tax deduction. A significant portion of your annuity payment is typically tax-free.



- **Please note** There is a \$10,000 gift minimum with charitable gift annuities.**
- **This gift is reserved for beneficiaries aged 60 and older.**

Other gift options to consider include a charitable lead trust or charitable remainder. Be sure to speak with your financial or legal advisor about these options.



Designation of Funds

Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control programs

Angel Fund: Used for treatment of animals with advanced medical needs

Critter Care: Used for anything the shelter deems a necessary expense

Adoption Fund: Used for items such as toys, comfort items, training, and placement assistance for adoptable animals

Community Outreach: Used to provide education materials and event/programs materials within the community including programs for schools, and fundraising

Pet Retention: Used to assist families with necessities to care for pets in times of temporary difficulty. Assistance may include spay/neuter surgery, minor preventative care, behavioral resources and/or other needs.

Gifts provided to Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control with no specific designation will be applied to whichever fund is of highest need at the time of the gift, or split between funds.



Outright Gift

This option is quick and simple, and there are some really creative ways to give...

A popular way to give a gift to the animals of our community is through an outright gift. This option is quick and simple, and there are some really creative ways to give.

1. Cash Gifts - A direct donation of money by check, online transfer, or cash.

- Benefits: Simple and immediate, cash gifts provide the charity with unrestricted funds to use as needed. Cash gifts are often fully tax-deductible up to a certain limit based on adjusted gross income.

2. Securities - Donate stocks, cryptocurrency, bonds or mutual funds

- Benefits: By donating appreciated securities, you avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciation, and you can typically deduct the full market value of the securities.

3. Personal Property - Real estate, artwork, vehicles, jewelry, etc...

- Benefits: If the personal property is useful to the charity (e.g., donating a vehicle for transportation purposes), it can be fully tax-deductible at fair market value. If the charity sells the item, the deduction may be limited to the cost basis.

Be sure to talk to your financial or legal advisor if you have questions about donation of any of these options.

Your Legacy, Your Way

Thank you for your unwavering support and for considering a lasting legacy of kindness.

Your consideration of establishing a legacy gift to Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control reflects both your compassion and commitment to helping animals in need. By choosing to leave a legacy gift, you're ensuring that your love for animals will live on, providing safety, care, and second chances for generations to come.

A legacy gift is not just a donation; it's a lasting testament to your values and dedication. With support from friends like you, it becomes possible to give a voice to the voiceless, provide shelter for the abandoned, and ensure that vulnerable animals always have a place to turn. Whether through a bequest in your will, a gift of securities, or another planned giving option, your generosity will make a meaningful impact.

We encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions. Our team is happy to help guide you through the process and to ensure that your wishes are fulfilled in a way that aligns with your vision.

Together, we can continue creating a world where animals are treated with love, respect, and compassion—one legacy at a time.

Thank you 

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