



LEAVE THE GIFT OF

LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

Edinburgh

**Dog
&
Cat**

Home



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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

Doreen Graham

It took me a long time to sort out my Will. Only after the sudden loss of a close friend did I realise I'd have to make sure my wishes would be carried out when I'm gone. I quickly found that once I'd taken care of the people I love, I was then able to look to how I could support the charities I'm passionate about.

The Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home has always been part of my life. As a wee girl, I'd board a bus with my mum before Christmas each year, and we'd take a box of treats and toys to the dogs and cats at the Home. Now, many decades later, I am honoured to be the Chair of the Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home and to work with the other trustees supporting the staff and ensuring the future of the Home is secure.

Making a gift in your Will is a simple but powerful way to keep your wishes alive and to keep the Home's dogs and cats happy and healthy.



I know first-hand just how special the people working at the Home are. Whether they are cuddling a frightened dog or cat or providing vet treatment, it's all made possible by people like you.

This guide tells you more about how to leave a gift in your Will to the Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home. Your generosity will help to ensure the Home continues to give dogs and cats a second chance at a good and happy life.

Thank you.

1865

Stray dogs started to become a problem in the capital. Publisher William Chambers and John Brown, a local doctor, advocate for a dog home in the city.

1883

We started working with the police and council to improve the lives of Edinburgh's stray dogs.

1884

We first opened our doors at Comely Bank Gardens in Stockbridge as 'The Home for Lost and Starving Dogs'.

1926

A new cattery was completed for £503 (around £30k in today's prices!) and we became 'The Edinburgh Home for Lost and Starving Dogs and Cats'.

1957

After a 20-year search, Portobello promenade in Seafield became the Home's permanent residence - and we're still here today!

A PAW THROUGH OUR HISTORY: WE'VE BEEN GOING & GOING & GOING SINCE 1883

An animal's love is unconditional and unlimited - at Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home, we've taken the same approach for almost 140 years. A lot has changed in that time, but one thing hasn't - we still believe there's goodness inside every pet and person.

2008

We went digital with the launch of our first website.

1989

Legendary comedian Ronnie Corbett opened a new kennel at the Home.

1958

We changed our name to 'the Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home' and introduced pet boarding services.

2019

Our first pet food bank was opened, offering food, blankets, leads, toys and more to those in need.

2021

We were one of the first charities in the UK to accept crypto donations, including the biggest in Scottish history from Pawthereum, an animal welfare project.

2022

We launched our new vision for the future of the Home, so we can keep going and going and going...



OUR PROMISE

1

Your Will is personal - we'll never pressure you to tell us what's in it or how you should plan your estate.

2

We understand that family and friends always come first.



3

If you choose to remember us in your Will, we will use your gift carefully and wisely. We'll only use it where it's needed most and where it will have the greatest benefit for the dogs and cats.

4

You can ask for your gift to be restricted to an area that is most important to you should you wish. For example, if you're more of a cat person, you might want your gift to benefit them directly.

5

You can change your mind at any time. All you have to do is speak to your solicitor and they'll be able to sort it for you.

BRINGING YOUR GENEROSITY HOME

Every donation helps the dogs and cats we care for, so thank you for thinking of us. It's only through sponsorships, your kind donations, and our own fundraising campaigns that we can keep our doors open.

The pets we love don't just need a roof over their heads - it costs a lot to love this much. Every animal needs food and bedding, but these are just the basics. We provide every pet in our care with the best medical treatment available, toys, and other enrichment. We think this is exactly how dogs and cats would treat us, if the shoe was on the other paw, so we consider it our duty to look after them as they deserve.

But it's about more than that.

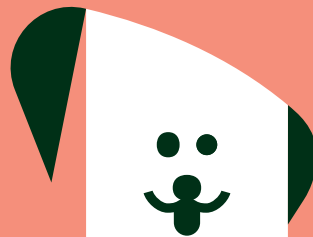
OUR MISSION

What is 'Love Without Limits'?

Sometimes the best thing for an animal is to stay exactly where they are. Part of our mission is to keep animals in loving homes whenever possible. Sometimes difficult circumstances lead to unfortunate situations where people can no longer afford to look after their dogs and cats, but still dearly love them. So rather than take them in and help them find a new home, we want to keep them where they're already loved.

That's why we've kicked off new incentives to end pet poverty. Our Pet Food Bank is for those who can't afford to feed their pet - and we provide food, bedding, and other essentials free of charge where it's needed.

We believe in protecting loving homes, finding loving homes if that's not possible, and running a loving home. The fact is that, in a perfect world, we wouldn't need to exist. Our goal is to support people and their pets in whatever way is best for them at the time. And to keep loving homes whole.



TRUE TAILS

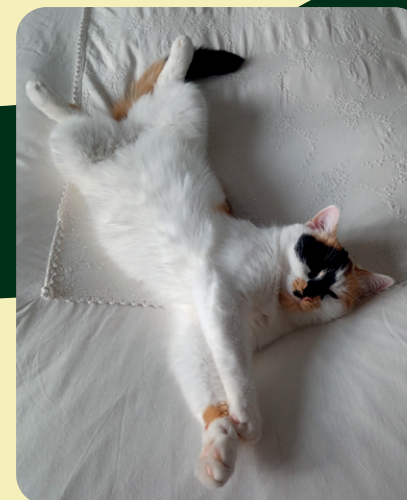
JACKI & DAVID'S STORY

Eight years ago, we were a happily married couple working around London and we knew nothing of the Home. I was 44, Partner of a firm of Chartered Accountants and looking to stay there all my working life. Jacki had just finished training as a nurse and had started a full-time job, not yet in receipt of her first payslip. Suddenly, I was in a bad car crash which caused a major stroke. This resulted in severe cognitive impairment and physical disability – so much so, I was never able to work again.

We looked at our lifestyle and knew we had to make some changes. We both liked the openness of Scotland and, in the past, had been keen travellers, so the ability to travel widely from home, if mainly by car, was fantastic. After a stint in the Scottish Borders, which unfortunately was too cold for the new me, we moved, eventually settling in North Berwick.



Jacki and David, Legacy Pledgers and Rehomers of Katie



We'd heard of Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home and decided to investigate it further. We were immediately impressed with the treatment of the animals, the willingness and friendliness of the staff and cleanliness of the home. One particular point we wish to mention is that the staff know the animals personally, even those that do not work directly in the cattery. This convinced us wholeheartedly and we have made Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home the beneficiary of our estate.



“The donation I can make is unlikely to be a sum that will be life changing for the Home, but if it could be life changing for a dog or a cat, wouldn't that be wonderful?”

- LISA, LEGACY DONOR

KARA'S STORY

In July last year, Kara's owner had to move. Unfortunately, the new flat meant Kara couldn't get out as often as she needed, and the 9-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier began to show signs of stress. Her owner made the difficult decision to bring her into our care.

Because of her breed and the skin condition she had when she came to us, it took Kara a while to find a home. Often, rehoming older dogs with skin conditions is harder and they require more care before they're ready for a new family.

Our amazing staff worked closely with Kara to not only treat the condition she had when she joined us, but to make her feel at home.

After six months in our care, Kara finally found her perfect match and was rehomed, ready to start her new adventure. While we were sad to see her go, we were happy knowing she was going to a loving family and that we had done all we could to make that happen.

MESSAGE FROM KARA'S NEW OWNER

“We've had Kara in our lives for a whole month. She's an awesome wee dog with a big personality and an even bigger appetite. When she's not hunting crisps at the bottom of the bag, she's playing happily with all her toys or sleeping between us on the couch. For a 9-year-old, she's definitely got puppy energy!”

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT

Leaving a generous gift of this kind can be easier than you'd think. Here are some simple steps you can take to make sure your donation goes where you want it to.

STEP 1: YOUR DONATION

There are several ways to help us keep the Home going and going and going. The first step is to decide which of the below options would best suit you and your own specific estate plans. We've included suggested wording on our website at www.edch.org.uk/legacy for your Will should you wish to share this with your solicitor.

Residuary

The remainder of your estate once other gifts and payments have been made.

Pecuniary

A fixed sum of money. The value of pecuniary legacies could decrease over time, as the cost of living increases.

Specific

A particular named item such as a property or other possession.



STEP 2: UPDATE YOUR ESTATE

Contact a solicitor to help you write or update your Will. Some solicitors provide free will writing and amendment services for charity. The cost will vary depending on the complexity of your circumstances and your solicitor.

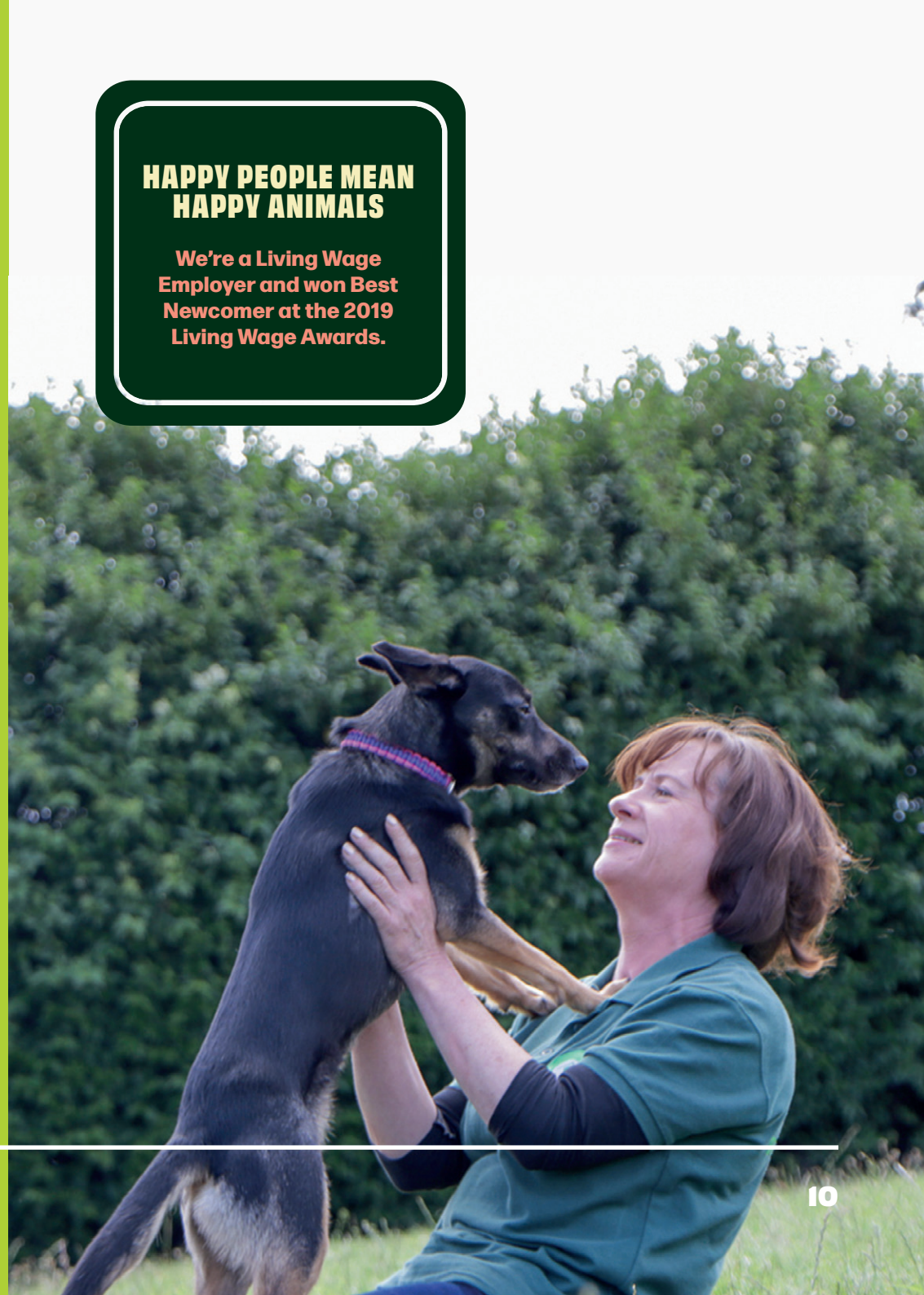
You can search for a solicitor near you by using the Law Society Directory, a professional body for solicitors.

- Find a Solicitor via Law Society of Scotland (**lawscot.org.uk**)
- Find a Solicitor via Law Society (**solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk**)
- For England and Wales, you can visit The Law Society directly at **www.lawsociety.org.uk**

Please visit our website **www.edch.org.uk/legacy** to find out more.

HAPPY PEOPLE MEAN HAPPY ANIMALS

We're a Living Wage
Employer and won Best
Newcomer at the 2019
Living Wage Awards.





STEP 3: OUR DETAILS

If you wish to leave a gift in your Will to Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home, you will need to include the following details:

Our name: **Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home**

Our address: **26 Seafield Road East, Edinburgh EH15 1EH**

Our registered charity number: **SC006914**

STEP 4: YOUR EXECUTORS

Appoint the executors of your Will. Deciding who is responsible for carrying out your wishes is really important and can play a big part in the legacy you leave.

STEP 5: KEEP US IN THE LOOP

There's no obligation but, should you wish to, you can let us know if you have included the Home in your Will by filling out the pledge form included with this booklet or contacting the team directly on 0131 669 5331.

DID YOU KNOW

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of our work is funded
by gifts left in Wills?

THANK YOU

Whatever you decide to do with your Will, we thank you for reading our story and finding out a little more about what we do here. Whether good people like you donate, volunteer, rehome a pet, or just spread the word, we're grateful to everyone for spending their valuable time and money helping us care for dogs and cats.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We're here to answer any questions you have. Gifts in Wills help us keep our Home running, and your support is vital to that. If you have any questions about leaving a legacy, please contact our fundraising team – you can find contact details below. You can also use the form enclosed with this guide and return via post or email, if you prefer.

For further information including a short video, please go to www.edch.org.uk/legacy

CALL THE TEAM ON:

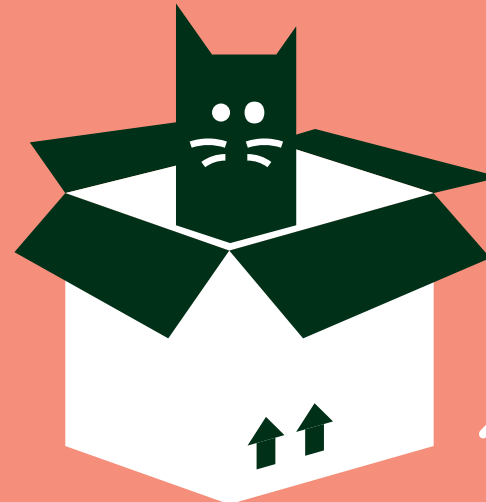
0131 669 5331

EMAIL:

fundraising@edch.org.uk

WRITE TO:

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Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home,
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Edinburgh
EH15 1EH



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You can get regular updates on the Home through our newsletters? Check our website for more information.



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