



A united front to educate and encourage people to affect positive change in the areas of mental illness, addiction, the environment, and animal welfare.

*If something happens to you, what will happen to your pets?
A Pet Directive insures your wishes for your pets will be honored.*

What is a Pet Directive?

A Pet Directive is a simple legal document that outlines the custody and care of your pets if you become unable, either short- or long-term, to care for your pets yourself. Through your Will and/or Trust you can provide and make provisions for your pets by designating assets and guardians for the care of your pets. If you have a Will or Trust, you should speak to your attorney about making provisions for your pets, if you have not already done so.

You can also provide for care and custody of your pets through our Colby's Army Pet Directive form.

Why Do I Need a Pet Directive?

By appointing a temporary or permanent guardian for your pets you provide your pets with security, familiarity, and quality of life. You also prevent difficulties between your heirs and loved ones about who will provide care for your pets.

Who Should Be My Pets' Guardian?

In choosing guardians for your pets, if possible, list people who are already involved with them. You may also consider no-kill pet adoption programs. When you think of potential guardians for your pets, take into consideration the person's age, health, exercise routines, other animals, shelter, and the proposed guardian's daily schedule.

It is important to discuss guardianship and receive permission from the potential guardian. Be sure to get the full legal name, address, phone number (with area code), and email address (if they have one) for each pet guardian.

Also, provide your pets' names and a complete description (sex, color, markings, weight, breed, microchip identification, license, and tattoo), contact information for your veterinarian, health problems, medication, special instructions including likes and dislikes, known commands, and daily routine. You can also describe your wishes for your pet's eventual passing. If you have a photo that you can attach, that's helpful, too.

What if There are Problems with My Chosen Guardian?

A Pet Directive can stipulate a Trustee, such as an attorney, to oversee your chosen pet guardian. If your Trustee observes that your pet is not being properly taken care of, then your Trustee has the obligation and authority to remove your pet and place your pet with an alternate guardian, whom you will have named. Or, it may be that your first choice of guardian predeceases you, or for other reasons may be unable to serve as pet guardian.



colby's army

PET DIRECTIVE FORM

Your Name _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pet's Name _____ Type of Pet (cat, dog, etc.) _____
 Age _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Weight _____
 Color _____ Special Markings _____
 Microchip: Yes No Microchip ID # _____ Tattoo: Yes No Tattoo # _____
 Local License # _____ Allergies _____ Medication _____
 Likes _____
 Dislikes _____
 Feed and Feed Schedule _____
 Daily Routine _____

I wish for my pet to eventually be (circle one) buried cremated.
 I wish my pet's remains to reside or be buried at _____

Veterinarian Name _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If I am unable to care for the above named pet, I hereby authorize and direct:

Name _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

as guardian to provide full care and custody until such time I am again able to assume care. I also authorize:

Name _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

as alternate guardian to provide full care and custody until such time I am again able to assume care, if my initial guardian is unable or unwilling to complete his or her duties hereunder.

I also designate \$ _____ to be paid to the guardian (circle one: monthly, quarterly, in total) for the care of my pet, either from my estate or my current accounts.

To oversee my guardian, I appoint as Trustee:

Name _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____
 Witness _____ Date _____
 Notary _____ Date _____