

Who we are:

The Niagara County SPCA is a non-profit organization that has been serving the Niagara Frontier since 1894. Our mission is to prevent cruelty to all animals through public education on their humane treatment and to provide love, care, shelter and advocacy for companion animals in our community. We are committed to a no-kill philosophy, embracing the practices of rehabilitating, fostering and rehoming companion animals in need and to preventing their overpopulation through community outreach.

Who we help:

Annually, we help almost 2,400 homeless animals, placing more than 90% of them into loving, forever homes. As part of our No-kill mission, we assist low-income residents and community cat caretakers of Niagara County by providing low-cost onsite sterilizations for more than 1,500 animals annually. We have vaccinated more than 450 dogs against the deadly parvovirus in impoverished areas of Niagara County. With budget cuts limiting field trip opportunities for schools, we offer humane education, volunteer opportunities and tours of our facility to children.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:**Gifts in your will**

There are many advantages to creating a will. It ensures your personal wishes and goals will be carried out. Through the assistance of an attorney, a will is easy to execute and will reduce or eliminate gift and estate taxes. Estate planning allows you to achieve financial protection for your loved ones while maintaining control over the distribution of your assets.

A charitable bequest in your will to the Niagara County SPCA may be made in the following ways:

A Specific Bequest designates exactly what and/or how much you would like left for the Niagara County SPCA. This may include cash, securities or real estate property. You can also designate a percentage of your estate to the Niagara County SPCA.

A Residual Bequest directs to the Niagara County SPCA a portion of the balance of your estate after expenses and all other bequests have been paid.

A Contingent Bequest names the Niagara County SPCA as a contingent beneficiary of your will should the primary beneficiary not survive.

It just takes a simple designation in your will, and it will not affect your cash flow during your lifetime. It's easy to revoke if your situation changes.

Name the Niagara County SPCA as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy

Life insurance is an asset that can be donated and provide you with tax benefits. You can transfer ownership of your life insurance policy to the Niagara County SPCA and receive an income tax deduction based on the cash surrender value of the policy at the time of transfer.

You can also name the Niagara County SPCA as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy. For such a gift, your estate will be entitled to an estate deduction based on the value of the proceeds paid to the Niagara County SPCA.

List the Niagara County SPCA as a recipient for your IRA or other retirement plans

The Niagara County SPCA may be named as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your retirement plan such as an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or another qualified retirement savings plan. This is a simple way to ensure you have enough financial assets during your lifetime, but still allows you to maintain your charitable intent.

When you donate retirement assets, your estate will be entitled to an estate tax deduction based on the value of the assets donated to the Niagara County SPCA.

Bequeath U.S. savings bonds, stocks or mutual funds to the Niagara County SPCA

An outright gift of appreciated securities, stocks, bonds or mutual funds is another way to donate to the Niagara County SPCA while taking advantage of significant tax benefits.

How to join:

We would be honored to speak to you further about any of these opportunities and enlist your support in our **Shelter Angel Planned Giving Program**. Every gift is needed, deeply appreciated and welcomed in any amount. Your non-binding signature on a confidential “Letter of Intent for your Legacy Gift” is all that is required to become a member of the **Shelter Angel Planned Giving Program**.

Benefits of membership:

- You will be recognized on Niagara County SPCA publications and the website. (We know many people prefer to keep their gifts confidential, and we respect your wishes if you prefer to remain anonymous.)
- You will also be recognized at events hosted by the Niagara County SPCA.
- You will receive complimentary tickets for future events and complimentary registrations for Hounds & Heroes Hound Hike held each June.
- You will be invited to personal tours of the facility.
- You will be the recipient of future mailings from the shelter.

If you have already named the Niagara County SPCA as a beneficiary of your planned gift, thank you! Please notify us so we can welcome you into the **Shelter Angel Planned Giving Program** and personally express our gratitude.

Legal Title:

The Niagara County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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