



*Serving pets and people in the Greater Houston area since 1972.*

## Citizens for Animal Protection

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## Gift Impact

Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that receives no government funding, and relies solely on private donations and fundraising efforts.

Your contribution, large or small, will allow Citizens for Animal Protection to save homeless animals from needless suffering, and is one of the most satisfying investments you could ever make.

CAP has received numerous local and national awards including:

- The Humane Award of Excellence - PetsMart Charities
- Humane Education Achievement Award - Humane Society of the U.S.
- Exceptional Adoption Placement Program - New York ASPCA
- Best Non-Profit Organization in Houston - H Texas Magazine

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CITIZENS FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION

# Codicil Club

A Lasting Legacy  
of Caring for Animals



Join the CAP Codicil Club today and  
provide a tomorrow for homeless pets.

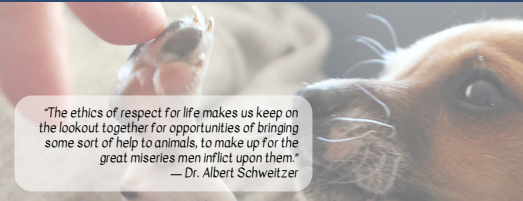
Our Mission: Caring for pets in need through sheltering,  
adoption, humane education, spay/neuter services, low-cost  
wellness and community outreach.

## HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CAP CODICIL CLUB?

If you want to continue to help defenseless animals beyond your lifetime, one of the easiest ways to accomplish this goal is to make a bequest to CAP in your Will.

The proper wording is "I give, devise and bequeath to Citizens for Animal Protection, Inc. the sum of \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate in support of its general purposes."

Please notify CAP in writing of your commitment and you will automatically be enrolled in the CAP Codicil Club. Any planned gift will also qualify you for the Codicil Club.



*"The ethics of respect for life makes us keep on the lookout together for opportunities of bringing some sort of help to animals, to make up for the great miseries men inflict upon them."  
— Dr. Albert Schweitzer*

## WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BEQUESTS AND OTHER GIFTS TO ENSURE THE FUTURE CARE OF HOMELESS ANIMALS?

**Direct bequest:** You can leave a specific sum of money to CAP in your Will or Trust as an unrestricted gift.

**Percentage of an estate or residual:** You may choose to leave a percentage of your estate in your Will or Trust after your beneficiaries, taxes and debts have been satisfied. Choosing this method allows you to plan for fluctuations in the value of your estate.

**Bequest of specific assets:** Retirement plans and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) are particularly good candidates because of the potential to avoid the income tax that is associated with these kinds of assets even after death.

**Appreciated stock or bonds:** By using securities to fund a planned gift arrangement, you can avoid capital gains tax, take a charitable tax deduction, and receive annual income for life. Securities left in your Will or in Trust to CAP may help reduce your estate taxes.

If you choose to make your intentions known, please contact Executive Director Emeritus Kappy Muenzer at 713-972-1896 or [kappycap@comcast.net](mailto:kappycap@comcast.net)



*"I expect to pass through this world but once... Any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now... For I shall not pass this way again."  
— Etienne de Grellet*

## WHAT BENEFITS ARE THERE IN MAKING A BEQUEST OR OTHER PLANNED GIFT AND BELONGING TO CAP'S CODICIL CLUB?

Making a bequest to CAP is a signal of your compassion for animals and your desire to care for them in perpetuity. You will gain immortality that would be difficult to achieve in any other way. In addition, your estate could receive an estate tax charitable deduction for the amount of your gift.

CAP hosts informative and fun events twice a year at the shelter for Codicil Club members. Each member receives an attractive codicil club pin recognizing his or her commitment.

**Named or memorial fund:** If you so choose, you can establish a fund in your name or the name of a beloved person or pet that supports a specific area of the shelter, such as those that house dogs or cats or a specific program, such as spay/neuter or adoption. A minimum gift of a \$10,000 is required to establish this fund.

**Life insurance policies:** You can purchase a life insurance policy denoting CAP as either the owner or the beneficiary.

**Life income plans:** You can make a gift to a Trust where CAP receives the income during your lifetime. The principal of the Trust then goes to your beneficiaries after your death. Or you can establish a Trust where you will receive the income for life and the remainder goes to CAP.

**Deeding a home:** You can deed your personal residence to CAP for your use during your lifetime with the home going to CAP after you are gone. This kind of arrangement can be very beneficial to your taxes in the year that you deed your home.

**Estate planning can be complex.** We recommend that you seek the assistance of an attorney, CPA or Certified Financial Planner to help plan your estate and/or devise your will.