



# ASPCA®

# Legacy Society

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

## You Safeguard Animals Impacted by Disasters

Following the heartbreaking destruction left in the wake of tornadoes in the Midwest, we mobilized our disaster response team at the urgent request of the Kentucky Humane Society to assist 470 animals in the region.

With many communities in crisis, ASPCA® teams worked around-the-clock to support transport efforts moving homeless animals out of the impacted areas—including a flight for more than 100 kittens and cats to East Coast shelters and rescues.

In addition to relocation, we assisted with emergency sheltering, providing medical and behavioral treatment for homeless animals before they were ready for adoption.

While we respond to emergency situations in real-time, we also advocate to ensure the safety of animals for when future disasters strike. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) finally implemented a rule requiring all animal facilities licensed under the Animal Welfare Act to have plans in place to protect animals in case of a disaster or emergency. We are relieved that commercial animal facilities will be required to have a plan for animals during a disaster and train employees to carry out that plan.

Whether it's sharing resources with local communities or using your voice to promote important legislation to help more animals in need—we sincerely appreciate you for being a friend to animals in crises.



## Prioritize Their Future with a Pet Planning Pack

**Sign up for our FREE Pet Planning Packet!** The packet includes a pet alert card, emergency information sheet and a pet portfolio to help you create the best plan for your pet. Once you receive your packet, get started on filling out all three items! Visit [aspc.org/petplanning](https://aspc.org/petplanning) to learn more and request your FREE Pet Planning Packet today.

**Make Pet Adoption Your First Option® and urge all those you know to do the same.**



## Easy Ways to Plan for the Future and Support Animals in Need

Up to 70% of Americans do not have an up-to-date estate plan, but the COVID-19 pandemic has increased interest in creating one—even among young adults. There's no better time to make a plan, and including the ASPCA® in your estate plans is a great way to support animals nationwide. It costs nothing now but will provide crucial support to animals in need in the future.

While it can be intimidating to start thinking about estate planning, there are many easy ways for individuals of all ages to make a plan for their assets without even needing a lawyer. A beneficiary designation on a retirement plan, bank or investment account, or life insurance policy allows you to easily include the ASPCA in your future charitable giving without having to consult an attorney.

Beneficiary designations are some of the easiest planned gifts to make. Your retirement plan administrator, Human Resources Department, or the financial institution that holds your account(s) can provide you with the necessary beneficiary designation form to complete. You still retain complete ownership of your accounts to spend during your later years and any leftover funds will go to the ASPCA.

You can even name multiple beneficiaries! The ASPCA can be a full or partial beneficiary of any portion of those assets. Another option is to name us as a contingent beneficiary to inherit those assets should your primary beneficiary not survive you.

For more information on how you can make a difference for animals in need, please contact the ASPCA's Office of Gift Planning. You can also find more information in the Planned Giving section of our website at [aspc.org/plannedgiving](https://www.aspc.org/plannedgiving).



## Tell Your Story

To honor the people who make our work possible, the ASPCA is gathering stories from our community. We would love to hear how your life has been impacted by a special animal or animals, and why our mission means so much to you. Please visit [legacy.aspc.org/tell-your-story](https://www.legacy.aspc.org/tell-your-story) to share your story with us.

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