

Estate Planning

You can support Maine Friends of Animal's work in a variety of ways, including through your estate. Planned gifts are a tremendous recognition of your commitment to full protection for all animals.

Bequests in your will

Bequests in your will are very easy to arrange. If you already have a will, you can ask your attorney to add a bequest codicil (a brief legal supplement that adds to or modifies your current will). This process is simple and less expensive than drafting a new will.

If you are drafting your first will, ask your attorney to include your bequest to Maine Friends of Animals in the will's body.

With a bequest, you may donate a specific sum of money, a percentage of your estate or an asset (such as real estate or stock) to Maine Friends of Animals. You may also allocate a percentage of "the rest, residue and remainder" of your estate to MFOA, after first providing for your family members and friends.

Please discuss your wishes with your attorney. She or he may use language like the sample below to construct your bequest:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$____ [or ____% of my estate, or the following described property e.g. stocks, savings bonds, etc., or % of my residuary estate] to Maine Friends of Animals or its successor, a nonprofit organization incorporated in Maine, and with a business address of XXXXXXXX."

If your attorney has any questions, he or she should contact us at (207) XXXXXXXX.

Other bequests

In addition to your will, any financial arrangement that allows you to name a death beneficiary can become a bequest to Maine Friends of Animals. These include, but may not be limited to:

- Life insurance policy
- Retirement savings plan (such as IRA, 401(k), 403(b), etc.)
- Many financial accounts (such as CDs, savings accounts)
- Revocable living trust

Please contact your attorney, financial advisor or account manager for instructions, information, and to learn about potential tax benefits of naming Maine Friends of Animals as a beneficiary.

When you make a bequest

If you decide to include Maine Friends of Animals in your estate planning, please be sure to let us know. We'd like the opportunity to thank you, and to let you know more about how your gift will sustain our work.

Gifts of Stock

Your broker can assist you in making a gift of stock to Maine Friends of Animals. If you have owned the stock for more than a year, and if it has appreciated in value, you may receive greater tax benefits than making a contribution in cash. In most cases, your charitable income tax deduction will be equal to the fair market value of the stock. You

may also avoid paying capital gains tax on any appreciation in value over the original value of the stock. Please consult your broker and tax professional for information specific to your portfolio and tax status.

Please contact XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX before making a gift of stock. She/he may be reached at XXXXXXor by phone, (207) XXXXXXXX ext. XXX.

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