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## **Planned Giving in Your Estate Plan**

MEOW Now is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that operates solely on donations by donors who are committed to reducing the free-roaming cat population in Pinellas County. There are many ways you can contribute and make a difference. Aside from a one-time or monthly contribution, including MEOW Now in your estate planning documents is a generous way to help support and further our goals.

A Last Will and Testament ("Will") and Revocable Trust ("Trust") both operate upon death and allow you to direct how your assets are distributed. In addition to devises to family and friends, including a charitable devise in your Will or Trust is an excellent way to make a lasting difference to a charity.

By making a testamentary charitable devise in your Will or Trust, you not only benefit MEOW Now's future aspirations, you may also benefit your estate by making a tax-deductible charitable donation at death. Your testamentary charitable devise will automatically enroll your name in our Nine Lives Legacy Society. Click the link to learn more about how the Nine Lives Legacy Society is furthering our mission in Pinellas County. Talk to an attorney or certified public accountant about how a charitable testamentary devise can benefit your estate.

## Language to be Included in Your Documents

When constructing your estate plan, discuss with an attorney about including a testamentary charitable devise. If you would like to include MEOW Now in your estate plan, sample language to include in your Will or Trust should read "I devise \_\_\_\_\_ (dollar amount or a percent of your estate or trust assets) to MEOW Now, or its successors, currently located at 6822 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N., #195, St. Petersburg, FL 33710."

You can also make a charitable donation of assets such as a retirement plan or life insurance policy by listing MEOW Now as a primary or contingent beneficiary on a beneficiary designation form. Again, talk to your attorney about how to best devise your assets and make the best charitable contribution possible for your estate.

Thank you for your continued support of MEOW Now!