



# Leave a Legacy for Animals.

The Okanagan Humane Society helps rescue, rehabilitate, spay/neuter and re-home thousands of local animals each year. Consider leaving a legacy to help us continue this life-saving work.



## Meet Max

### Rescued from outdoor predators

Max came to the Okanagan Humane Society through our Rescue Program. He was found limping in a neighborhood in Vernon with a terrible open wound on his front paw, believed to be a bite from an animal. He was scratched up and in desperate need of medical care. After many days trying to capture this kitty, his rescuer finally was able to scoop him up and reached out to OHS for help.

Max was provided with medical care right away, and spent the next several weeks recovering from his injury. Healing took quite some time as his wound was infected, but thanks to his volunteer foster, Max got the time and care that he needed.

When he became well enough, Max was neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped, and put up for adoption. Now, Max is happily napping in the safe and loving home of his forever family, and we couldn't be happier for him!

**Leaving your Legacy to the Okanagan Humane Society's Rescue Program ensures that we can say "Yes!" when lost, abandoned or homeless animals need medical care and compassion to survive.**

## Meet Olive

### Saved by emergency surgery

Eight-year-old Olive came to the Okanagan Humane Society through our Pet Assistance program. Olive was experiencing swelling and pain, as well as uncontrollable and bloody urination due to bladder stones. Her owner was very sad to see her in this state, but, like many of our pet assistance applicants, wasn't able to afford the cost of this major surgery.

Desperate to save the life of her beloved pet, they reached out to OHS and made arrangements for surgery right away. What the vet found during the surgery was shocking - bladder stones the size of small rocks, which could have been fatal if left much longer.

Unfortunately due to current economic conditions, pet owners are having a much harder time affording proper veterinary care. Many will delay a precautionary visit to the vet out of fear that they will not be able to afford it. If not addressed urgently, bladder stones can grow and cause infections, organ failure, and become fatal without the costly surgery.

**Leaving your Legacy to the Okanagan Humane Society's Pet Assistance Program ensures that animals owned by people facing financial barriers don't have to suffer.**



# Leaving your legacy to the Okanagan Humane Society will ensure that animals in the Okanagan are helped and cared for, for generations to follow.

## Options for giving:

You may choose to leave an unrestricted gift to go to the highest priority needs of the Okanagan Humane Society or you may choose to designate your gift to one of the programs offered by the Okanagan Humane Society.

A gift in your Will may be a certain dollar amount or designated percentage of the residue of your estate. You can also bequeath a specific piece of property like a home, securities, or other financial assets. The tax benefits derived from these gifts are often quite substantial. You can also give ownership of a new or existing Life Insurance policy.

## Next steps:

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will, we recommend that you engage your financial legal advisor to help create your bequest to OHS. Together, you can make decisions regarding what you want your legacy to be, how much you can afford to give, and how your estate can have the best advantage of tax planning.

If you intend to leave a gift in your Will to the Okanagan Humane Society, the process is quite straightforward. It is simply a matter of preparing your Will and including a phrase about your intention.

## For more information

Contact Marni Adams, Fund Development Specialist, at 250-448-8554 Ext 4 or [fundraising@okanaganhumanesociety.com](mailto:fundraising@okanaganhumanesociety.com)

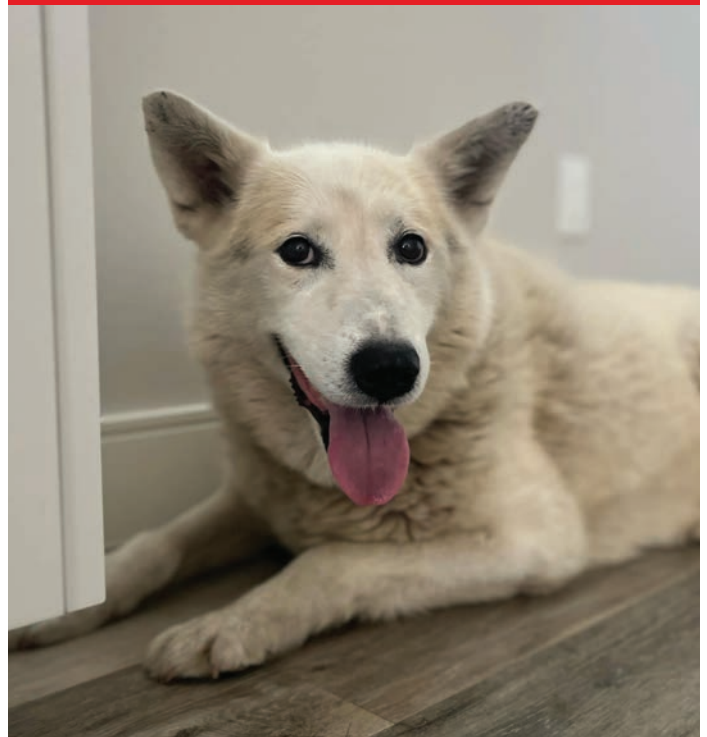
## Sample Phrases for Your Will

### Areas of Greatest Need:

"I give to the Okanagan Humane Society (Registered Charity #8888 17269 RR 0001) \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate (or the sum of \$\_\_) for purposes determined by the President and Board of Directors, for the areas of greatest need."

### Program-Specific:

"I give to the Okanagan Humane Society (Registered Charity #8888 17269 RR 0001) \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate (or the sum of \$\_\_) for [Program Name] (ex. Pet Assistance Program or Rescue Program)."





## Programs that Save Lives

### Rescue Program

OHS Volunteers work directly with the community and 40+ local veterinary partners to rescue and provide necessary medical care, including spay/neuter, for lost, abandoned and homeless animals.

### Pet Assistance Program

The Pet Assistance Program provides support for pets belonging to people facing significant financial barriers to ensure animals receive basic medical care when necessary to relieve pain and suffering.

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### Okanagan Humane Society

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### Adoption Program

Each year, hundreds of rescued and surrendered cats, kittens, dogs, puppies and small animals are cared for by volunteer fosters before being adopted to new, loving homes.

### Farm Cat Adoption Program

Semi-tame and feral cats that are not a fit as house cats will find safe and suitable farm homes through our Farm Cat Adoption Program.

