

Create your legacy of kindness

#GiveHope for them today and for the generations to come

Everyone should have a Will

A **Will** gives you the **power to choose** how your assets are used. They're not just for the wealthy – everyone should have one. They needn't be expensive or complicated, but legal advice will ensure your Will is clear and effective.

6 Good Reasons to have a Will

- 1.** A **will** reflects who and what is important to you – your loved ones, family, friends, causes and charities.
- 2.** It is the only way to ensure your possessions and assets go to the people and causes you care about most. If you don't make a Will, the law will dictate how your estate is distributed. This can sometimes result in important people being left out.
- 3.** Having a **will** also enables you to make important decisions such as appointing guardians of your children, and choosing your executors and trustees. You could also make your wishes for your funeral known within your Will.

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4. Making a **Will** represents an important opportunity to discuss and review your legal and financial affairs with qualified professionals.

5. A **Will** can help avoid a costly, lengthy and stressful legal process for relatives and loved ones. Settling an estate without a Will can be a complicated and drawn-out exercise.

6. Your **Will** should mirror important milestones throughout your life, such as buying property, relationships, marriage, children and retirement.

Let's admit it – making a Will doesn't exactly sound like fun. But despite the paperwork, it can actually be a life affirming process. You'll be laying out your legacy and choosing what you'd like to pass on to the next generation.

Your legacy of kindness

It's hard to say what it is about pets that leave such a lasting mark on us. Perhaps it's their remarkable ability to love unconditionally, to forgive to live life fully in the moment. Or perhaps it's simply the way they prance about on walks or stealthily take over your bed at night.

Whatever it is, your pets have left a unique imprint on your heart, helping to shape what matters to you most today. That may mean wanting to reach out and help the many homeless pets waiting to experience the same joy you share with your pets.

Your love of all animals, forged by those deep bonds, has already helped create a better life for many homeless pets. By making a gift to ROLDA through your *will*, *trust* or another *legacy plan*, you can create an **enduring gift** to #GiveHope to all the animals in need in the future.

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The advantages to mention ROLDA in your will

You **don't** have to **be rich** or **famous** to make a difference. You just **have to make a simple decision**. Whoever you are, whatever your situation is, you can help **create a better world** for animals in need by including ROLDA in your will.

These are some of the advantages to mention ROLDA in your will:

- You can make a gift that **costs you nothing**
- You can **change your beneficiaries** at any time
- You can **provide** for your loved ones but also **for a cause** that you care about
- Large or small, your donation will ensure that **your values live on!**

ROLDA pledges to put your gift to the best possible use to **protect the animals in need**.

Suggested language

Below is the correct wording for including ROLDA in your Will or in a Codicil (a simple addition to your existing Will):

Suggested wording for “**percentage bequest**”: I give, bequeath, and devise (state percentage amount) to Fundatia ROLDA In Memoriam Rolando Cepraga, registered as a non-profit entity, CUI 18416340, currently located at 16 Feroviarilor Street, Bl.C2, ap. 18 -800563 Galati, Romania, to be used to provide a second chance for homeless animals.

Suggested wording for “**residual bequest**”: I give, bequeath, and devise (all, or state percentage or shares) of the rest, residue, and remainder of property, both real and personal, wherever situated, which I may own or be entitled to at my death, to Fundatia ROLDA In Memoriam Rolando Cepraga, registered as a non-profit entity, CUI 18416340, currently located at 16 Feroviarilor Street, Bl.C2, ap. 18 - 800563 Galati, Romania, to be used to provide a second chance for homeless animals.

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Suggested wording for “**specific bequest**”: I give, bequeath, and devise (state amount or item) to Fundatia ROLDA In Memoriam Rolando Cepraga, registered as a non-profit entity, CUI 18416340, currently located at 16 Feroviarilor Street, Bl.C2, ap. 18 -800563 Galati, Romania, to be used to provide a second chance for homeless animals.

We realize that circumstances change and your gift to us in your will may no longer be possible at some future date. Your family and friends come first, and that’s why a gift in a will is suitable for so many people: You can change your mind at any time.

We want your legacy gift to do exactly what you intend it to do. Furthermore, we want you to get the maximum personal advantages as well. So, check with your legal and financial advisors to find out how this plan can benefit both the animals and your estate.

ROLDA Legacies Society

The **ROLDA Legacies Society** recognizes those who have chosen to turn their love for animals into a generous offering through their *will, trust, insurance policy or other legacy gift* that provides a future of kindness to animals.

All you need to do to join the ROLDA Legacies Society is share with us that you have made a gift to ROLDA in your will, trust or other legacy plan. Membership is voluntary and without obligation. Please let us know so we can celebrate your commitment and legacy of kindness.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Are there benefits to being in the ROLDA Legacies Society?

The biggest benefit, of course, is that you’ll be helping animals in need for generations to come. But you’ll also receive newsletters and updates from us, and Legacies Society’s Friends get a 10 percent discount on ROLDA online store, along with free shipping.

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- I already put ROLDA in my will. Do I need to do anything else?

Yes, please complete a **complete the Confidential Bequest Form** (at the end of this document) so that we can have a written record of your generosity. It's a non-binding agreement strictly for our records and ensures that you will become a member of the ROLDA Legacies Society.

What is ROLDA's address? Romania/Rest of the World: 16 Feroviarilor Street, Bl.C2, ap. 18 -800563 Galati, Romania

What is ROLDA Reg. No.? CUI 18416340

How do I get in touch with ROLDA team in Romania? You can reach our team by calling us at 0040748903612 or emailing legacy@rolda.org

Your legacy in action

The legacy you create now will help ensure that the difference you've made for so many homeless pets today can continue on for the homeless pets of tomorrow.

That's especially true if you choose to designate your gift for **general use**.

Doing so means that hundreds of animals that rely on ROLDA for care or emergency aid (food, medicines) on any given day will **feel your generosity**. So will the hundreds of community pets saved from death in ROLDA private shelters every year, or through social programs (including sterilization, microchip), and the grateful families helped. And so many more will benefit from your gift as well.

You can choose to designate your gift for **specific use**. ROLDA relies on the public generosity to be able to continue its work, all the donations currently received go to rescue injured, neglected dogs, paying for their medical bills, food and sheltering and also helping the pets from the poor communities. Since ROLDA exists, the capital projects (building the shelters, buying rescue van and equipments, major repairs) were made with major donor gifts and legacies. When you donate for a building (capital) project, you can name it in memory of someone's or to honor a dear friend or family member.

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ROLDA's **medium term projects** include:

- Building a sanctuary for disabled, senior cats
- Equip the veterinary clinic to serve the small animals in need from rural community

ROLDA's **long term projects** are very ambitious:

Buying additional land to build the **PawzUp Center** which will include:

- A **sanctuary for horses** abandoned because they can't be used as working animals, in danger to become victims of the illegal trade meat;
- A **sanctuary for rescued donkeys**;
- An **indoor adoption center for dogs and cats** from where local community can adopt or where they can volunteer
- A **rehabilitation zone** for dogs that need help to trust people again
- A **therapy center** where kids with special problems, seniors from retirement homes will interact with our animals

Where we see ROLDA 10 years from now on? Considering that strays 'population is decreasing, assuming that improvised shelters will slowly disappear, in 10 years from now, Romania will need spotless animal facilities and with a source of funding like legacies, ROLDA can use the vast expertise accumulated and put at work our knowledge to serve the local community. Our valuable assets include: shelter design and management, disease control strategy, experienced team with knowledge about dogs behavior and caring for large animals.

Regardless of what gift option you choose to help animals in need, your donation can be used for whatever purpose you choose. This is your gift to the future, and we have the highest respect for your wishes. To ensure that we can comply with your wishes, please contact ROLDA team at legacy@rolda.org before executing legal documents containing a specific use for your gift.

Thank you for your extraordinary commitment to the animals. Thank you, too, for your kind and generous heart and spirit.

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The Legacy Wall

Every generous gift to homeless pets through ROLDA does more than fill a food bowl, provide warm bedding, bandage a leg or find a forever home. It helps to **shift our society** toward one that will **not accept the ongoing killing** and will **react against the abuses** committed toward voiceless, defend less animals. Your kindness today will help, save and give hope now and into the future.

In honor of such enduring commitments, ROLDA recognizes planned gifts received on the legacy memorial wall located near our shelter building.

ROLDA operates in one of the poorest regions of Romania, located in south east of the country. On any given day, about 700 dogs, a few cats and a donkey enjoy the comfort of ROLDA sanctuaries as their home, for many the only home they ever had.

For more than 15 years, homeless pets — many with special needs — who have run out of time and options have come here for love, healing and another chance to find a forever home. The work at the ROLDA sanctuaries allowed the message of kindness toward homeless pets to take root in local communities.

Even though caring people like you have helped us to make tremendous progress, more than 18,000 dogs wander on the streets, waiting to be catch and killed in filthy public shelters simply because they don't have safe places to call home.

ROLDA efforts are concentrated to help responsibly, efficiently and humanely the strays and abused animals in Romania.

Note: ROLDA does not provide legal, tax or financial advice. The information provided in this booklet is general in nature and is presented solely as educational information to illustrate charitable giving options and arrangements. You are encouraged to consult your own professional advisors to make certain a specific gift under consideration is compatible with your financial and charitable goals.

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