



# WHAT COULD YOUR LEGACY BE?



Ensuring, via education programmes, that more and more animals are respected and valued within Romania?

Building up a center where 2.000 animals will be helped each year, serving an area half the size of Switzerland?

Giving poor communities the chance to care for their pets with dignity?

## FOR THOSE WHO:

- ➔ **never let down** their best friends
- ➔ wish to pass their values down to the **next generation**
- ➔ **invest in animal welfare**
- ➔ want to help us **rescue homeless dogs and fight against animal abuse and cruelty**
- ➔ **believe** a pet is a family member
- ➔ wish to **transform the future**
- ➔ take action to **change the world** and make it a better place for animals



# Create your legacy of kindness

#GiveHope for them today and for the generations to come

## 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.

## A FUTURE FULL OF KINDNESS

With a simple planning now, your acts of kindness today will continue to make a difference for generations to come. By making a planned gift, you'll continue helping to create sweeping changes in the way Romania and its neighbour countries e.g. Ukraine treat homeless and abused animals. Planned gifts offer you the opportunity to combine your charitable interest in ROLDA with estate planning options that often feature favorable financial and tax benefits.



## These types of gifts may also allow you the opportunity to:

- ➔ Generate income now and into the future
- ➔ Reduce taxes
- ➔ Avoid capital gains taxes
- ➔ Preserve wealth for your family
- ➔ Honor a family member, friend or favorite pet by making a tribute gift

# Popular gifts options

## Will or trust

By preparing your will or revocable trust now, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing that you have taken care of the people you love and the causes that are important to you.

Providing for the future of animals who need your help takes just a simple provision in your will or revocable trust.

### It's a very flexible plan:

- 1 Give a set dollar amount or a specific asset such as land or stock; donate a percentage of your estate; or donate the remainder of your estate.
- 2 You can name a specific purpose or leave it to us to use your gift where it can do the most good.
- 3 Put your gift to work immediately or, if you prefer, designate it to our endowment fund.

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.

For your convenience, we have provided some suggested language below that you could use in your will or trust. **Please feel free to adapt this language with your attorney to fit your individual situation.** We have also included this language on a tear-out form in this booklet that you may give directly to your attorney.

## Suggested language

*"I give to Romanian League in Defense of Animals, a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt charitable organization, currently located at: PO Box 4674 Crofton MD 21114, USA (the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_) (all or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my residual estate) to be used for its general purposes."*

**Romanian League in Defense of Animals** is a charitable organization currently located in MD,USA and exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax Identification Number: **32-0176929**

## **Beneficiary of retirement or other financial account**

One of the most flexible and inexpensive ways you can make a difference for the animals is by designating ROLDA as a beneficiary of your financial accounts

### **These can include:**

- 1** Retirement, IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) accounts
- 2** Brokerage accounts
- 3** CDs
- 4** Money market, savings, checking or other accounts that allow transfer on death (TOD) or payment on death (POD) designations

Many people are surprised to learn that their pension, retirement plan or other financial accounts can be a practical way to help ROLDA and even beneficial at tax time. You have a variety of options. Through a simple beneficiary designation form, you can add ROLDA as a beneficiary of 5, 10, 50 or even 100 percent – any amount you choose. Another approach is to name ROLDA as secondary or contingent beneficiary in case someone you're providing for can't claim his or her portion.

**To name ROLDA on your beneficiary designation form, please use the following address: Romanian League in Defense of Animals (ROLDA USA), PO Box 4674 Crofton MD 21114, USA. Tax identification number: 32-0176929. Relationship: 501(c)3 Not For Profit Organization**

## **Life insurance**

**There are two ways that you can make a gift of life insurance to ROLDA.**

- 1** You may name ROLDA as a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of any policy.
- 2** The second option is to donate outright a life insurance policy that is no longer needed. ROLDA would have the option of either holding or surrendering the policy to receive the current cash value. You may donate a policy that is paid up or one with ongoing premium payments.

You might even consider a new life insurance policy. With payments that are low (and perhaps even automatic), you can create a gift capable of doing much greater good in the future.

When you name ROLDA as owner of the policy, you may be eligible for tax savings. If you continue to make premium payments on a policy after donating it to ROLDA, those payments are tax deductible. Please note that ROLDA will not make premium payments from its own funds.

Ask your insurance provider for more details or consult your legal or financial advisor to help you decide which option is best for you.



## Charitable gift annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a creative way to help you meet your financial and charitable goals. To set up a charitable gift annuity with ROLDA, you may donate cash or appreciated securities. In return, you receive an income tax deduction and a steady stream of income for life for you or someone you designate.

You may also save on capital gains taxes for gifts of appreciated securities.



When you establish a charitable gift annuity, you will not have to worry about a fluctuating stock market or an unpredictable economy because gift annuity rates are fixed based on age. The payment you receive is based on the rate and the gift amount. You may choose immediate payments or you may defer payment for one or more years, resulting in even larger payments and income tax deduction.

Additionally, a significant portion of your annuity payment is typically tax-free. After your lifetime, animals in need will get the full benefit of your generosity.

**Please note: There is a \$10,000 gift minimum. This gift is reserved for beneficiaries age 60 and older.**

You might wish to consider other gift options, such as a charitable remainder or charitable lead trust, as an alternative to a charitable gift annuity. Please talk to your financial or legal advisor to choose the best option.

## Outright gift

An outright gift is a popular way to share your generosity with the animals. It's simple and immediate, and you can find some really creative ways to help.

Donated shares of stock or mutual funds from publicly traded companies are a practical option and may provide additional tax benefits beyond what cash gifts provide



**1** If you don't use some or all of your required minimum distributions from your retirement accounts, talk to your financial advisor about a qualified charitable distribution, which may reduce the income tax consequences of retirement account distributions.

- ② You can also donate jewelry or other valuable collections. Keep in mind, however, that some donated gifts require more planning. For example, you must adhere to strict regulations if you are donating real estate, cars, boats, stocks that are privately held or restricted shares. Please contact us before donating these items, and check with your legal and financial advisors about restrictions and regulations that apply.

If you choose to make a gift of personal property to ROLDA, please contact us at 410-353-5505 or by email: [legacy@rolda.org](mailto:legacy@rolda.org)

## 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** 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.**

## 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 USA 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.

**What is ROLDA's address?** USA: PO Box 4674 Crofton MD 21114

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

Yes, please **complete the Confidential Bequest Form** 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 tax identification number:** 32-0176929

**How do I get in touch with ROLDA USA team?** You can reach our team by calling us at 410-353-5505 or emailing [legacy@rola.org](mailto:legacy@rola.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.



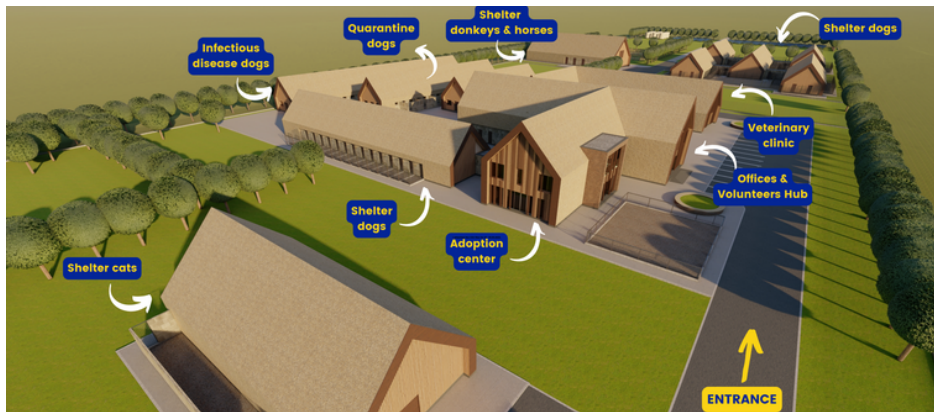


## ROLDA's long term projects are very ambitious

- Help animals during emergencies (natural disasters, e.g., earthquake in Syria, and man made disasters like war in Ukraine)
- .Become a hub that helps animals in Eastern Europe (ex communist block) by taking animals into the new PawzUp Center (please read about it below) or by distributing small grants to rescuers who save animals.

### Help us build the PawzUp Center which will include:

- ➔ A sanctuary for abandoned horses 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 to 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](mailto: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.**



# 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, hundreds of dogs and dozen of cats, enjoy the comfort of ROLDA sanctuaries as their home, for many the only home they ever had.

Since 1999, 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 thousands of dogs and cats 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 and since the war started, in Ukraine, too.

Note: ROLDA (Romanian League in Defense of Animals) 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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