

HSHV

GUARDIAN CIRCLE & CONTINUING CARE

Frequently Asked Questions

1 What is the Guardian Circle?

The Guardian Circle is a special group of donors who have committed to leaving a legacy gift to HSHV in their estate plans.

2 What language should I include in my estate plans?

Here's a simple example:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Federal Tax Id Number 38-1474931, located at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor, MI (a) the sum of \$_____, or (b) _____% of my estate for the benefit of the Humane Society of Huron Valley and its general purposes."

For examples with/without a specific designation, [check out this PDF](#).

3 What if I need to make changes?

You can update your gift intent or Continuing Care profiles anytime. We reach out to our Guardian Circle members annually to check for any updates.

4 What is the Continuing Care program?

Continuing Care is a free benefit for Guardian Circle members that ensures their pets will be cared for if they pass away. Pets in this program are cared for at our shelter or in foster homes until we can find them a new forever family.

5 What pets are eligible for Continuing Care?

Continuing Care is available for all domesticated animal companions of Guardian Circle members (including those adopted after joining).

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6 How does Continuing Care work?

Guardian Circle members fill out detailed profiles for each pet, including food, favorite toys, quirky habits, and medical history. They also leave instructions for their estate executors or trustees designating who will bring their pets to HSHV upon their death. We recommend keeping the Declaration of Intent and Continuing Care enrollment forms with your estate documents.

While a Guardian Circle pet is in our care, we use their profile information to find the best adoption match. Profile information is also shared with the pet's new family, so they can give your pet the best transition and home environment possible.

7 How do I enroll my pets in Continuing Care?

Return your completed Declaration of Intent and Continuing Care enrollment forms (including a profile for each pet) to HSHV's Development office. We will confirm your enrollment in one to two weeks upon receipt.

HELPFUL INFORMATION WHEN INCLUDING HSHV IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS:

Legal Name: Humane Society of Huron Valley
Address: 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Tax ID Number: 38-1474931