



## Wording in your Will for care of your pets

We recommend that you include the following wording in your Will, to ensure that your wishes are carried out when the time comes.

“I give and bequeath to the Animal Welfare League of Victoria (ABN 87 004 238 475), trading as the Lort Smith Animal Hospital for the use and purposes of the said

Hospital, the sum of (a specified sum or percentage of the value of the Estate) free of all duties and taxes payable at my death (if any), and the receipt of the Secretary/Treasurer or other Proper Officer of the said Hospital shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors after the payment of all my debts, funeral expenses and testamentary expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death. I express the wish that on my death the Lort Smith Animal Hospital should take responsibility for the ongoing care of up to three domestic pets that I may own at the time of my death or otherwise act in their best interests. This gift will not fail if I do not own any pets at the time of my death.”

## Terms & Conditions

- A maximum of three pets per household.
- All Pets registered on the program must be desexed and microchipped.
- Only the following pets can be registered:

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| Cats       | Guinea Pigs  | Rabbits   |
| Cage Birds | Rats or Mice | Tortoises |
| Dogs       | Ferrets      |           |

## Heart & Home Forms

### My Pets

I confirm that I have discussed the welfare of my pets with Lort Smith Animal Hospital and they have agreed to care for them and find them a suitable home.

### Owner

Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Executor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of animals on the program \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Heart & Home Forms

### Details of Pets (up to three)

#### Pet 1

Name

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Year of Birth/Age

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Species

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Breed

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Colour

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Sex

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Special Dietary  
Requirements

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Behavioural Prompts  
eg: frightened of loud  
noises, loves children

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Medical Conditions

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Medications

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#### Pet 2

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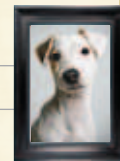
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### Current Veterinarian

Name

Address

Telephone



Lort Smith  
**heart&home**

we'll care for them as much as you do



**Lort Smith**  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL





Lort Smith  
**heart&home**  
program

Pets are often our greatest companions; they give us so much love and attention and ask for so little in return.

Here's a chance to do something for them, a chance to repay years of dedication and loyalty.

**Ensuring that your pet will always be looked after**

Despite the fact that pets are much-loved members of the family, very few of us have a plan in place to ensure they have a wonderful, caring home for life if we pass away.

Today, more and more caring owners are deciding to give something back to their pets by making plans for their future well-being.

Naturally, if you can no longer look after your pet, you could consider asking a trusted friend or relative to take care of them. In this way your pet will suffer the least emotional and physical disturbance. Should you choose this option, please discuss your wishes with your nominated friend or relative.

If this solution is not possible, Lort Smith's Heart & Home Program can provide you with peace of mind, knowing that we will care for your pets as much as you do.



A house is not a home without a pet. ~ Anonymous



## Enrol your pets today

If you are kind enough to leave us a gift in your Will, the next step is to enrol your beloved pets in the Heart and Home program. This will ensure that when the time comes, your pets will be adopted into a loving home with an owner who will provide them with comfort and security for the rest of their lives.

*Including a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to give something back to your pet, while at the same time enabling us to help literally thousands of animals in need of our care.*

## Loving home found

Doreen is 86 years old. She was given Michael, a cockatoo, by her husband, Jim, in 1959. Jim passed away many years ago and Michael is a treasured link. Doreen was extremely concerned about the future well-being of her beautiful, healthy companion Michael if anything happened to her. Cockatoos can live to over 100 years of age and because of Doreen's love and devotion, he has a wonderful, totally domestic life. Lort Smith carefully found and chose Mr Chris Bird, who works as a keeper at Gumbye Park, a native animal sanctuary. When the time comes, Chris and his family will take Michael into their home to live with them as a domestic pet. Whenever they come to Melbourne, they make a point of calling in to say hello to Doreen and Michael.



Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. ~ Anatole France

## What do I do now?

Complete the registration forms for each of your beloved pets. Provide us with as much information as you think is important about your pet's health, temperament, medical and general needs, so we can do our very best to match them with the most suitable owner.

## Please send back

- Heart and Home enrolment forms
- A photograph of your pet(s) or microchip details (where possible)
- A copy of your Will

## You will receive a Heart and Home Kit containing

- Key ring
- Fridge magnet
- Pet tags with Heart and Home's emergency number
- Two copies of Heart and Home forms authorising Lort Smith to care for your pets
  1. Keep a copy at home
  2. Give a copy to your Executor



We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals. ~ Immanuel Kant