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Beneficiary Designations

Including the Washington Animal Rescue League as a beneficiary of a financial, retirement, or insurance asset represents an act of considerable generosity well within the reach of many individuals and families.

Beneficiary Designations Require Only the Completion of a Simple Form

If you have a bank or other financial account, life insurance policy, or retirement plan (such as an IRA or a 401(k) account), you can change your beneficiary designations at any time at no cost. These assets make excellent gifts to leave to charity, as the funds go immediately to the recipient and bypass probate, the sometimes cumbersome, lengthy and expensive legal process of settling the estate of a deceased person.

You may want to consider when planning your estate that – from a tax standpoint – IRAs and qualified retirement plans are among the most expensive assets for your heirs to inherit and thus makes an excellent candidate for a charitable donation upon death. Many people plan to give to charity only through their wills, but a more proactive estate plan can have additional tax benefits. Contact us today so we can work with you and your advisors to help you make a more informed decision.

Join Our Legacy Society with Your Planned Gift

If you designate the Washington Animal Rescue League as a beneficiary of a financial, retirement, or insurance asset, you become a member of our legacy group: the 1914 Society. We use this name because the League was founded nearly 100 years ago in 1914. Imagine that—almost a century of helping animals in need! We intend to be here to help similar animals for yet another century—and beyond—and you are helping to make that possible.

Our hope is that you will let us know about your planned gift so we can thank and recognize you. You will receive these privileges of membership in the 1914 Society:

- Washington Animal Rescue League's annual report,
- Updates on League news through our *Animal Report* newsletter,
- Invitations to special events, including our annual 1914 Society reception, and
- Recognition of your planned gift in the League's publications (unless you prefer to remain anonymous).

Special Considerations

Please contact us about restricting your gift to the specific League program(s) of your choice.

Unrestricted contributions are preferred; however, we also welcome a conversation if funding a specific program is critical to you. We have many projects – both short-term and ongoing – at the Washington Animal Rescue League for which we seek support. We can tell you about all the available options today – and tomorrow, when a new generation of animals in need will look to us for aid.

Gifts to the Washington Animal Rescue League may be made in memory of any deceased person(s) or pet(s) or in honor of any living person(s) or pet(s).

Other Types of Planned Gifts that May Interest and Benefit You

If you are considering a beneficiary designation to benefit the Washington Animal Rescue League, be aware that other gift types – such as an outright donation of securities or real estate, a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, or a retained life estate arrangement involving a personal residence – may be suitable or preferable, taking into account your goals and needs.

A charitable gift annuity, for example, can be set up for you and/or someone else while you are alive. Or you can arrange through your will or through some other element of your estate plan to establish a testamentary charitable gift annuity that will result in tax-favored lifetime payments being made to one or two beneficiaries of your choice.

Of course, planning a revocable bequest for the Washington Animal Rescue League through your will or through some other element of your estate plan also is welcome.

Our development staff can help you plan the right gift in light of your assets, income, family, and other estate or financial obligations. You may be able to be a greater philanthropist than you realize. Would you consider making the gift of a lifetime to the Washington Animal Rescue League if we can show you how?

We Invite You to Contact Us

The Washington Animal Rescue League neither requests nor accepts government funding. We are a 501(c)(3) charity and our programs and endowment depend on your support. Our tax identification number is 53-0162440.

Direct your confidential inquiries and notifications about legacy gifts for the benefit of the Washington Animal Rescue League to:

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Information also available at warl.org/plannedgiving.

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You should consult your advisors before making your charitable giving decisions.