

### The Mission of the Elmbrook Humane Society

To promote the human-animal bond through adoption and education, to provide shelter to homeless animals, and to prevent animal cruelty and neglect.

The Elmbrook Humane Society is the only no-kill animal shelter in Waukesha County.



### Did you know that most people spend more time planning their next vacation than they do their will?

Learn how you can celebrate your love for animals and make a lasting commitment to the animals at Elmbrook Humane Society by creating a legacy giving plan.

As a local, not-for-profit charity, Elmbrook Humane Society exists solely because of the generosity of individuals and businesses in a community that cares.

To further discuss any ideas or plans for giving to EBHS, please contact us at 262-782-9261.

Our Federal Tax ID# is 39-6091712

Your donation makes a real difference.

### Heritage Society Membership

When you notify us that you have included Elmbrook Humane Society in your will or trust, you automatically become a member of our Heritage Society. As a member, you will enjoy special recognition, invitations to exclusive events, and unique communications that deepen our relationship with you.

You can keep up on the latest developments in our education and special needs departments, our adoption program, and our medical efforts.

You can better envision how your legacy will live on in our current, life-changing programs, and in our exciting plans for EBHS's future.

*For more information, please contact:*



*Friends for Life.*

[www.ebhs.org](http://www.ebhs.org)  
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*We believe that a friend is for life.*

## Why You Give

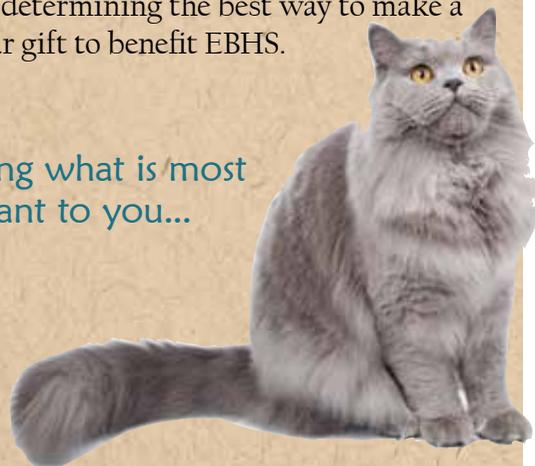
Like most people, you want to give to the causes you care about, but you struggle between giving today and planning for your own needs in the future. Today you share what you can with Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) because, as an animal lover, you know we do everything possible for the animals in our care.

You may plan to wait to share your estate and assets until you no longer need them, or you may have family members and others you want to provide for. Fortunately, there are many choices that allow you to share with EBHS, both tomorrow and today.

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We highly recommend you contact a financial planner, estate planning attorney, CPA, and/or tax advisor to decide which option is best for your particular financial situation. If you don't have your own professional advisor, we can assist you in contacting one who is like-minded in your love of animals and can help you determining the best way to make a particular gift to benefit EBHS.

Choosing what is most important to you...



You want to leave a legacy to make sure our objectives, which are so important to you, continue to be carried out. While you support our overall mission, it is likely there are one or two EBHS services which particularly touch you. Here are a few of our programs.

**Adoption Program:** By effectively matching an individual's or family's lifestyle with the perfect companion animal, we can ensure that animal is never again surrendered or abandoned and lives the rest of its life in a stable, loving home.

**Education Programs:** These programs teach care and compassion toward animals, and these children will grow into responsible pet owners with a deep commitment to their four-legged family members.

**No-Kill Commitment:** While many shelters choose not to use funding or resources on shy, sick, and injured animals, EBHS is committed to saving them and is actively involved in regional and national rescue. Given proper care over time, these special pets eventually find the perfect homes they deserve.

**Spay/Neuter Services:** No dog, cat, or rabbit leaves EBHS with the ability to produce offspring that could potentially end up in shelters in years to come. We also offer reduced cost spay/neuter vouchers to provide an affordable alternative to the residents of Waukesha County. For pit bulls we have Abbey's Fund, which provides free spay and neuter services to help reduce the high numbers of pit bulls in local shelters.

## Leaving a Legacy

**Operational Expenses:** By covering our ever-growing, day-to-day operational expenses, including kenneling, medical costs, staffing and utilities, you can ensure our organization continues to run efficiently, allowing us to do our important work every day.

**Endowment Fund:** By adding to our endowment, the earnings from your gift will live on forever, helping us continue our important mission of saving and enhancing lives for years to come.

We want you to have peace of mind knowing that the values that you hold so dear will live on. If you feel strongly about a particular program, we provide the freedom and flexibility to allow you to choose how and where to leave your legacy with EBHS. Or, like most donors, you may choose to have your gift allocated by need.



*Recommended clauses for making an unrestricted bequest:*

*"Elmbrook Humane Society is to receive..." (percent of your net residuary estate after payment of all debts and taxes)*

*"Elmbrook Humane Society is to receive the sum of..." (indicate specific amount).*

*"Elmbrook Humane Society is to receive my property at the following address..." (for real estate bequests).*

*"This bequest is unrestricted, and the board of directors may use the gift for the benefit of Elmbrook Humane Society in any manner it deems appropriate."*

## Giving in the Future

In most cases, donors give in their passing what they feel they're not able to part with while alive. You can do the same, simply by naming EBHS as a beneficiary in your:

- Will or trust
- Life insurance policy
- Retirement plan
- Real estate
- Charitable remainder trusts

In the case of your will or trust, you can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your total estate. For life insurance, retirement plans, or real estate, you can simply name Elmbrook Humane Society as owner and beneficiary or partial beneficiary. By donating your IRA or other retirement plan to EBHS, you avoid losing a large part of your savings to income taxes, which your other heirs might have to pay.

## Giving Today

Another option you may not have considered is to share some assets today. This way, you have the wonderful and unique opportunity to see first-hand the lives your gifts directly impact, while at the same time deepening your connection to EBHS. A few side benefits are that you may avoid capital gains taxes and enjoy a tax deduction for the charitable contribution. You can share your wealth this way, while enjoying the benefits above, by way of:

- Appreciated stock
- Appreciated real estate
- Charitable lead trusts

*Elmbrook Humane Society has been serving Waukesha County since 1964.*

