



# Loved for Life Program

**Important Legal Disclaimer: This is sample language for illustrative purposes. You must consult with an attorney specializing in estate planning to ensure this language is legally valid and executed correctly according to your state's laws.**

## **Example Estate Planning Provision**

### **PET CARE AND BEQUEST TO HEARTLAND ANIMAL SHELTER**

**Primary and Alternate Pet Guardian:** I give and bequeath any and all companion animals (cats and dogs) that I own at the time of my death to Heartland Animal Shelter (586 Palwaukee Dr, Wheeling, Illinois 60090) as the alternate caregiver and guardian of my said companion animals, pursuant to the terms of the Loved for Life Program agreement entered into with the Shelter.

**Contingent Bequest for Pet Care:** I give and bequeath the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each companion animal (cat or dog) accepted into the care of Heartland Animal Shelter under the terms of this provision and their Loved for Life Program.

This sum shall be used by the Heartland Animal Shelter for the care, maintenance, and ultimate placement of the animal(s). This bequest is contingent upon the Shelter formally accepting the care and guardianship of the animal(s). Any funds remaining after the death or placement of my animal(s) shall be used by the Heartland Animal Shelter for its general charitable purposes.

**Conditions and Release of Liability:** I direct that my Executor shall transfer my companion animals and the designated funds to the Heartland Animal Shelter as soon as reasonably possible. My Executor shall be released from any liability or responsibility for my companion animals once they are transferred to the custody of the Shelter or the primary designated caregiver.