

A Loving Plan for Your Pet's Future

Your pet has been by your side every step of the way. Now is the time to make sure they are cared for, no matter what happens.

1. Identify a Trusted Caregiver

- **Who can care for your pet long-term?**

Do not assume that family will take your animal. Choose a family member, friend, or neighbor who can commit to your pet's care and make the plan known to this caregiver and your friends and family. If needed, contact a local animal rescue or shelter that can assist with rehoming.

- **Unsure who to choose?** Check out this organization for resources: 2nd Chance 4 Pets <https://2ndchance4pets.org>
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2. Create a Care Plan

- **Daily Routines:** Write down your pet's feeding schedule, exercise habits, medical needs, and any special routines they love.
- **Update Veterinary Care:** Keep your pet's vet records, medications, and any ongoing treatments up to date. Share this with the future caregiver and let your friends and family know what vet you use.
 - If your dog or cat (even your indoor cat) isn't current on veterinary care, they need to go in for an annual exam and vaccinations. We recommend full bloodwork for senior animals. There are great new treatments to help ease arthritis pain in dogs and cats. Animals that are current on veterinary care are easier to rehome when needed and you improve your animal's quality of life.
 - Can't afford veterinary care for your cat or dog?
 - We can help! Are you 60 and over with demonstrated financial need? We have a program to help cover the costs of routine veterinary care.
 - There are low cost veterinary clinics in the area, including C-SNIP Wellness Clinic – csnip.org/clinic
- **Favorite Things:** Include their favorite toys, blankets, or activities that bring them comfort.

3. Legal Arrangements

- **Include your pet in your will:** Ensure that your chosen caregiver is named and consider setting aside funds for their care.
 - There is a free will option here: 2ndchance4pets.org/freewill
- **Pet Trust:** You may establish a pet trust to provide financial support for your pet's ongoing needs.

4. Have a Conversation

Sit down with your loved ones and chosen caregivers. Talk about your pet's future care and make sure everyone is on the same page.

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