

*Making a
change to
your Will*



Suki's Story

Poor Suki suffered horrific injuries at the jaws of another dog, while out walking near her home in Sunderland. She was rushed to PDSA where vets carried out emergency surgery. Extensive wounds to Suki's side had damaged her spleen and caused her intestines to prolapse (come out of her body). Vets removed her damaged spleen, repaired her abdomen and also wired her injured jaw.

Suki had weeks of intensive treatment and nursing at Sunderland PDSA Pet Hospital, The Reay Hudson Centre, and her devoted owner Marjorie, brought her back daily to have the wounds treated. Suki is now on the mend. Marjorie said: 'A dog came out of nowhere and attacked Suki. Her injuries were so bad that there was talk of putting her to sleep. Thankfully, she responded so well to all of the treatment. PDSA has been absolutely marvellous. I can never thank them enough for ensuring that my Suki is still here today.'



How a gift in your Will helps pets to stay healthy and happy

Leaving a gift in your Will to PDSA is quite a simple thing to do. But it can have a big effect, making a real and lasting difference to many lives. We rely on gifts in Wills to continue our vital work. Such generosity helps us to go on being there for the millions of pets that need us.

Prevention

We help to prevent pets from getting ill, by providing free health checks and giving advice on things like vaccinations and worming.

Education

We help owners to understand what's best for their companion pets, offering information and guidance on all kinds of topics, from feeding to exercise.

Treatment

At our 51 PDSA Pet Hospitals and over 380 PDSA Pet Practices we treat pets when they're ill or injured, often saving lives. We provide this service free for pets whose owners can't afford vets' fees, perhaps because they've been made redundant or are elderly and living on a low income.

*Gifts in Wills fund
two-thirds of our
work treating sick
and injured pets*

To find out more about our work, visit pdsa.org.uk or call us on 0800 591248



Certainty

Is there somewhere I can record my Will?

Yes. PDSA has teamed up with the Certainty National Will Register to provide you with free Will registration if you include a gift to PDSA in your Will. The Certainty National Will Register is endorsed by the Law Society. Registration ensures that if your beneficiaries and executors are unaware that you have written a Will or forget where it's located, it can be easily found by conducting a Register Will Search.

All too often Wills are presumed never written or deemed lost so they are difficult to trace, often causing loved ones anguish at a difficult time.

The passage of time, house moves and even malicious destruction are key factors as to why a Will cannot be found when it is needed, so it makes sense to keep a copy safely stored by a third party.

Registering a Will with Certainty takes just seconds and there are no complicated procedures to follow. The only details you need are the name of the practice where your Will was made, the date it was signed and the witnesses' names.

How to register a Will

It's simple, quick and easy:

Log on to www.certainty.co.uk/PDSA and click on 'Register it here'.

Complete the 60-second registration form, filling in the name of the solicitor practice where it was made, the date it was signed and the witnesses' names.

Enter the redemption code 'PDSA 5000'.

Then submit.

Your Will is now registered.

Need help registering a Will?
Call the Certainty helpline on
0845 408 0404.



What is a 'codicil'?

When you want to make a small change to your Will you can simply use a 'codicil'. It's a legal document that's signed and witnessed in the same way as your Will is. So it's a way of making absolutely sure your wishes are carried out when you're no longer here.

There's no hard and fast rules about what kind of change a codicil can be used for. Here are some examples:

- Changing an Executor or adding a new one.
- Changing the person or persons you've chosen to inherit the remainder of your estate once all debts, liabilities and specific gifts have been taken care of, known as 'residuary beneficiaries'.
- Leaving a specific amount of money in your Will to a friend, relative or your favourite charity.
- Leaving one of your possessions (for example a piece of jewellery or a painting) as a gift to a friend, relative or your favourite charity.

Of course, you may want to make a bigger change to your Will. Perhaps your circumstances have changed or you've had a change of heart? In that case it's best to think about having a new Will drawn up rather than using a codicil.

How to complete your codicil

It's important to follow these simple steps to make sure your codicil is legally valid:

1. Complete the enclosed codicil form.
2. Sign each page in the presence of two witnesses,* who also both need to sign as shown on the sample. You can't ask relatives or people who are going to benefit from your Will to be witnesses because, that would invalidate the codicil.
3. Make sure the codicil is stored with, but not attached to, your current original Will.

** In Scotland you only need one witness over the age of 16.*

Making sure your codicil is legal

If you're using a codicil to make a change to your Will involving your residuary estate (i.e. what's left over after specific gifts have been made), there's one important thing to remember. When you add together any residuary gifts in your original Will and the codicil, they must come to a total of 100% – no more, no less.

For example, you can leave 50% of your residuary estate to one beneficiary and 50% to another. But you can't leave 60% to one beneficiary and 50% to another or 50% to one and 40% to the other.

If you're unsure about this or have any questions, please call our Legacy team on 0800 591248 or seek legal advice.

Suggested wording

If you would like to leave a gift to PDSA in a codicil to your Will, please insert into the new provisions area one of the following recommended forms of wording:

Wording to include part or all of your estate (residuary legacy)

I GIVE (percentage --%) of the residue of my estate after payment of funeral and testamentary expenses and debts to The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9PQ, Registered charity nos. 208217 and SC037585.

Wording to include a fixed sum of money (pecuniary legacy)

I GIVE absolutely and free of all tax the sum of (£ amount in words and numbers) to The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire, TF2 9PQ. Registered charity nos. 208217 and SC037585.

Codicil

I (INSERT NAME) Simon Peter Sample

of (INSERT ADDRESS) 123, Sample Street, Sampletown, Sampleshire AB12 3CD

DECLARE this to be the (FIRST/SECOND) First

Codicil to my Will dated (EXISTING WILL DATE) 1 March 2013

(NEW PROVISIONS INSERTED HERE)

I GIVE absolutely and free of all tax the sum of (AMOUNT IN WORDS AND NUMBERS) to The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9PQ. Registered charity nos. 208217 and SC037585.

In all other respects as from my said Will

WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this (DATE) 1st day of (MONTH) March

Two thousand and (YEAR) Fifteen

SIGNED by the said (YOUR NAME) S Sample

in our joint presence AND then by us in (HIS/~~HER~~) presence.

Witnessed by:

Signature (WITNESS 1) JBloggs

Name (WITNESS 1) JBloggs

Address (WITNESS 1) 31 Sample street

Sampletown, Sampleshire AB12 3CD

Occupation (WITNESS 1) Electrician

Signature (WITNESS 2) BBloggs

Name (WITNESS 2) BBloggs

Address (WITNESS 2) 14 Sample Street

Sampletown, Sampleshire EF4 5GH

Occupation (WITNESS 2) Nurse

Codicil

I

of

DECLARE this to be the

Codicil to my Will dated

In all other respects I confirm my said Will

IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this day of

Two thousand and

SIGNED by the said

in our joint presence AND then by us in presence.

Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Address

Occupation

Signature

Name

Address

Occupation

Your promise to PDSA

If you have decided to include a gift in your Will for PDSA, thank you.

Telling us about your gift by completing and returning this card enables us to acknowledge your kindness. Your promise to PDSA gives us the security to plan ahead – confident that we have your support after you've taken care of your friends and family. In return we promise to work tirelessly to achieve well-being for every pet throughout their life.

Please be assured that this promise card is not legally binding and any information you choose to disclose about your Will, or the gift you have included in it for PDSA, will be treated with the utmost respect and in the strictest confidence.

☐ I have made my Will and included a gift for PDSA.

My gift consists of:

☐ The whole of my estate

☐ A share of the residue of my estate %

☐ A cash gift (pecuniary gift) £

☐ Other items (please give details):

☐ I have made my Will and included a gift for PDSA, but I would prefer to keep the details of my promise private.

☐ I am interested in attending a PDSA legacy event in the future.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Daytime telephone no.

Signature

Date

Please insert the form into an envelope and return to
Freepost PDSA. No stamp required.

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Need more help?
Contact a member of our Legacy team on

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