



For more information on Our Companions Animal Rescue's Forever Home Society, please contact **Susan Linker at SusanL@OurCompanions.org or (860) 242-9999, ext. 301.**

*For specific information regarding your estate plan, we suggest you consult your financial advisor or attorney.*



## We are Connecticut's trusted Animal Rescue & Sanctuary.

Our Companions Animal Rescue is a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization that is committed to always do the right thing for animals.

Our Companions operates a cage-free animal Sanctuary on 47 acres in Ashford, CT. The Sanctuary, the only one of its kind in New England, provides a comforting, home-like environment for our community's most vulnerable animals, where they are given the time and the skilled guidance to recover and make progress toward eventually finding their perfect forever home.

In addition to providing this much-needed Sanctuary resource, we also provide many other rescue services at our Valerie Friedman Program Center in Manchester, CT. Many of our programs offered are "pet-retention services" that aim to keep pets and people together. These include dog and cat behavioral services, training classes, support services for feral cats, veterinary assistance, and public education.

Nearly one hundred percent of our funding is made possible by the generosity of the community. We hope you will consider joining our family of donors who make our work for the animals possible.



[ourcompanions.org](http://ourcompanions.org)

#### Mailing address:

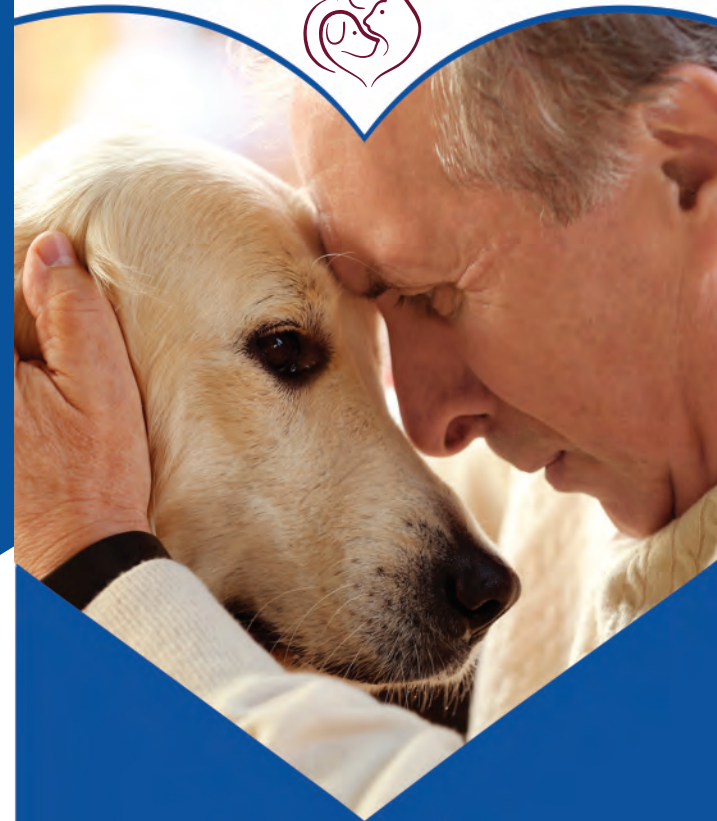
Our Companions Animal Rescue  
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#### Facility Locations:

<b>Our Companions Sanctuary</b> 46 Floeting Road Ashford, CT 06278	<b>Valerie Friedman Program Center</b> 34 Sanrico Drive Manchester, CT 06042
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## Forever Home Society Planned Giving



Including Our Companions Animal Rescue in your estate plans is a wonderful way of ensuring that we will always have the resources to fulfill our promise to do the right thing for animals for generations to come.

Through planned giving, you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of homeless animals for years to come.

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The Forever Home Society honors those who have included Our Companions in their estate plans through charitable bequests, beneficiary designations, trusts, or other provisions.



### Bequests

Through a provision in your will, you can gift Our Companions Animal Rescue a percentage of your estate or a specific amount. These gifts, known as bequests, are the simplest and most common planned giving vehicles. If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

The language to include Our Companions as a beneficiary of a charitable gift through your estate (will) is as follows: "I give (x) dollars / (x) percent or the residue of my estate to Our Companions Domestic Animal Sanctuary (DBA Our Companions Animal Rescue) organizing and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and with a principal business address of P.O. Box 956, Manchester, CT 06045-0956. TAX-ID # 41-2047734"

### Beneficiary Designations

Bequests pass to your intended beneficiaries by the terms of your will. However, other assets, such as retirement plans (401Ks and IRAs, etc.) and life insurance, are not controlled by the terms of your will and can easily be designated to Our Companions Animal Rescue simply by filling out a "change of beneficiary form" provided by your plan's administrator. This designation can offer both income and estate tax benefits.

Furthermore, if you are 70 1/2 or older, you are allowed to make donations from your IRA to qualified charities like Our Companions Animal Rescue up to \$100,000 per year. In doing so, you can satisfy all or part of the required annual minimum distribution without having to count the gifts as income for federal or state tax purposes.

