



Brother Wolf  
ANIMAL RESCUE



*Lifetime Care Program*

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At Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, we know how special the bond is between you and your pets. We know that you worry about them and do everything you can to make sure they are well taken care of and experience the best things in life. We understand that they are family to you and that you want to keep them safe, happy, and healthy, even in the case of your absence.

Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program offers you peace of mind in knowing that in the case of your death, we will facilitate your animals finding a home that will love them just as much as you do.

Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program is a mutual partnership in which Brother Wolf promises to take in your animals when you can no longer care for them and, in turn, you as the donor promise to leave a legacy gift to Brother Wolf in your Will. This special legacy gift provides for your surviving animals' care and helps other animals who rely on Brother Wolf's lifesaving programs.

You shouldn't have to fear what will happen to your pets when you pass away. By enrolling in Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program, you can feel confident that your pets will be well cared for if a time comes when you are no longer in their lives. Together we will put plans in place to make sure your companion is treated with the same love and compassion that you have shown them.

Brother Wolf is continually faced with hundreds of homeless animals in need of our assistance. In recognition of donors who make charitable bequests, or provide irrevocable trust to Brother Wolf, we waive any waiting period and take your animals into the care of a loving foster home right away. This way your pets are cared for at once with no delay.

We know how we would want our own pets to be treated should something happen to us. We've put those principles to work to give your pet the best life. Our team will work to find a loving, permanent home for your pet, one that is as similar as possible to the home your pet has enjoyed with you.

**Together we can plan a future full of love and joy for your pets.**



*This information should not be considered legal advice. This information packet is only intended to help you and your attorney understand the type of arrangement you are considering. You should consult with an attorney for legal advice.*

## Checklist for Enrolling Your Pets in Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program

**Review the contents of this packet** completely and reach out to Brother Wolf with any questions you may have.

**Discuss your intentions with your legal counsel** and prepare legal documents accordingly.



**Send copies of legal documents to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue.** It is important for us to have legal documents on file verifying that you wish to transfer ownership of your pets to Brother Wolf.



Complete a **Lifetime Care Program Enrollment Form**. Complete a **Pet Information Form** for each pet who will be part of this program. Send these documents to Brother Wolf. Brother Wolf will then reply with a letter confirming your enrollment into the program.

Lifetime  
Care  
Program  
Enrollment



Pet  
Information  
Form  
for each pet

**Inform the executor of your estate, family members and/or friends** that you wish to have your pet cared for by Brother Wolf upon your passing and provide them with Brother Wolf's contact information so that the transfer of your pet can be accomplished quickly when the time comes.

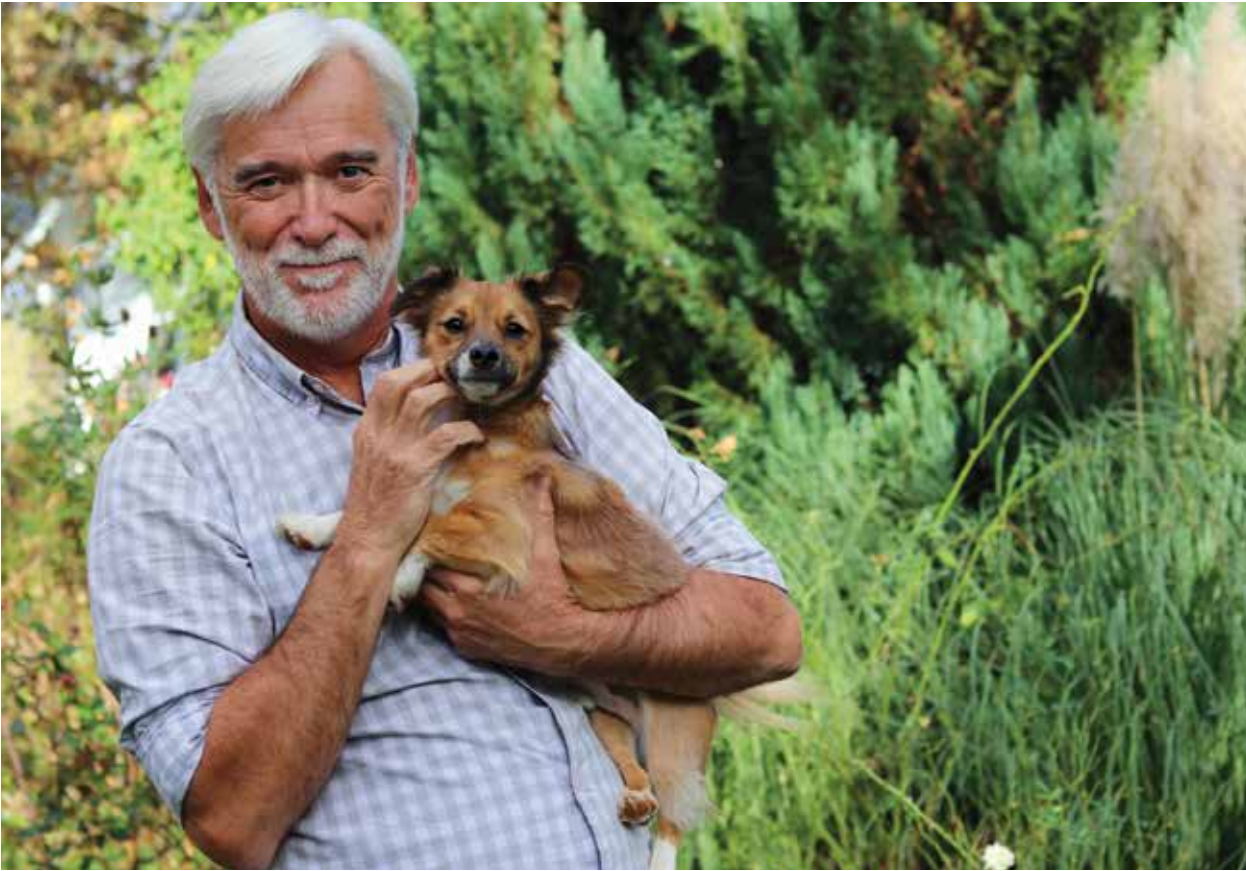
**Compile medical records for your pets** and put them in an easily accessible place in your home where your executor could easily find them and provide them to Brother Wolf. Keep these records updated as your pets age.

**If you add new pets to your family, if your pets pass away, or if something drastic changes with one of your pets** (i.e. new daily medication), **please reach out to Brother Wolf to let us know**. This allows us to keep your pet information up-to-date so that we can best serve your pet's needs.



**Take care knowing that if something happens to you, your pets will be in safe hands and loved.**

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## Lifetime Care Program – Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program?**

Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program ensures that your animals have a safe, loving place to land in the case of your death. Through this mutual partnership, Brother Wolf promises to take in your animals with no wait time and, in turn, you as the donor promise to leave a legacy gift to Brother Wolf in your Will. This special legacy gift (bequest) provides for your surviving animals' care and helps other animals who rely on Brother Wolf's lifesaving programs. This program is suitable for dogs, cats, and some small animals (rabbits, hamsters, etc.).

### **Will Brother Wolf take in my pets if I am no longer able to care for them, prior to my death?**

Brother Wolf promises to take your surviving companion animals into our care at the time of your death or if you become incapacitated and unable to care for them (i.e. if a person is hospitalized or moving into a supportive care facility and will no longer be able to care for their pets for the remainder of their life).

### **Is Brother Wolf able to take in my pets on a temporary basis?**

If you are registered in the Lifetime Care Program, Brother Wolf is able to assist with temporary care of your pets if you are hospitalized for a period of 30 days or less. In this instance, we would care for your pets in our Adoption Center or in a foster home until they could be returned to you. If your hospital stay exceeds 30 days and/or if it becomes clear prior to 30 days of hospitalization that you will not be able to take your animals back into your care, Brother Wolf will take on ownership of your pets and will find them loving homes.

**How will Brother Wolf be notified that my pet needs immediate care after I have passed?**

We encourage you to inform your executor, family and friends of your intentions for your animals' care so that we can be quickly notified when the time comes. Please provide them with this email address [plannedgiving@bwar.org](mailto:plannedgiving@bwar.org) and cell phone number (828) 767-2060.

This is also why registering as a participant in this program is so important. Enrollment documents remain on file at Brother Wolf and include information about your pets and their specific needs. These enrollment documents, along with a copy of your Will, allow us to legally transfer ownership of your pets into our care. Brother Wolf is ready to respond immediately upon receiving the news that your pets need to come into our care.

**How can I keep Brother Wolf updated about my pets and their needs?**

We want to have up-to-date information about the pets in your household and their specific needs so that we can best care for them. Therefore, as any changes take place in your household concerning your pet (new pets, death of a pet, new lifelong medication, new behaviors, etc.) please reach out to [plannedgiving@bwar.org](mailto:plannedgiving@bwar.org) so that we can update your file.

**How will Brother Wolf care for my pets?**

Animals who are enrolled in Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program will be accepted into our care right away. They will be examined by our medical team and will be placed into one of Brother Wolf's caring foster homes. Foster homes offer a less stressful environment for your pets who are used to living in a home. Our team will then start working to find a permanent home for your pet, one that is as similar as possible to the home your pet has enjoyed with you. Brother Wolf staff and foster homes are committed to giving each animal in our care the loving, individualized care they deserve.

**Can my pets live out their lives in a foster home instead of being adopted out?**

In some cases animals may live out the rest of their life in a Brother Wolf foster home instead of being adopted out. This typically only occurs if your animal has such extensive medical needs that they are not able to be adopted out. In these cases, medically challenged animals enter our hospice program and live in a caring foster home for the remainder of their lives.

If your animal is able to be placed into a loving adoptive home this is the best outcome for them. This is why we strive to place Lifetime Care Program animals into adoptive homes.

If something were to happen to your pet's new family, Brother Wolf will always take your pet back into our care and begin searching at once for another family to be sure your pet is in a loving home for the rest of their life.

**Will my animals be placed into a new home together?**

We will make every effort to re-home your pets together. If your animals are socially independent, we may adopt them out separately in order to find them a loving home more quickly. Animals of different species will be adopted out separately as finding an adoptive home that is willing to take in separate species together is rarely seen and our priority is to find your animals a loving home.

**Would Brother Wolf ever euthanize my pet?**

Brother Wolf uses euthanasia as a compassionate, end-of-life decision when an animal is suffering from a severe medical or behavioral condition or is a danger to other animals or people and can therefore not be safely placed in a home. These are extremely rare situations. A panel of trained professionals are consulted on these extremely infrequent decisions.

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## Lifetime Care Program – Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

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### **Does Brother Wolf have to receive the funds from my Estate before they take ownership of my pets?**

No. Through this mutual agreement, Brother Wolf agrees to take on ownership of your surviving pets as soon as we receive notification of your passing. We trust that the Estate will pay out your bequest per your wishes. It is important to us that your animals are cared for right away. This is also why it's critical that Lifetime Care Program participants have completed and filed paperwork with Brother Wolf allowing us to assume legal ownership of your pets as quickly as possible.

### **Does the bequest need to be a certain amount?**

We request that donors in our Lifetime Care Program make a generous bequest of \$15,000 per pet. Lifetime Care Program participants care deeply about their animals and other animals in need. Therefore, most of our participants choose to leave more than this requested amount as a special legacy to animals in need who will benefit from this important gift.

### **How will the bequeathed funds be used?**

Your donation will be used to care for your surviving pets while they are in the care of Brother Wolf and will help other animals who rely on Brother Wolf's lifesaving programs. Brother Wolf relies on the generosity of caring people like you to help thousands of animals each year. We appreciate the legacy that you're leaving to animals in need through your bequest and we thank you for planning ahead to ensure the wellbeing of your four-legged family members. Thank you for being a friend to animals.

### **Should Brother Wolf be named as the executor of my estate?**

Lifetime Care Program participants should seek an outside party to be the executor of their estate, such as a trusted family member, friend, or attorney.

### **Does the bequest have to be cash assets or can it be material assets?**

We prefer that the bequest be cash assets. If the gift cannot be made until material assets, such as real estate, are sold, we would prefer that your Will notes that your estate's executor is to oversee the liquidation of material assets and that, upon liquidation, Brother Wolf is to receive a specific dollar amount as a donation.

### **Should my bequest be made for a specific pet?**

We recommend that a bequest is made that includes 'my surviving pets' rather than for a particular pet. This saves altering or updating a Will if you acquire another pet and ensures that all of your pets are cared for in the case of your death.

### **Can the gift be conditional on the basis that I have surviving pets?**

Brother Wolf relies on the generosity of caring people like you to support our lifesaving programs which impact thousands of animals in need each year. We therefore encourage Lifetime Care Program participants to leave their legacy gift to Brother Wolf whether or not they have surviving pets upon the time of their death.

### **Does Brother Wolf require a copy of my Will?**

For completeness of our files, we prefer to have a copy of the Will on file. This can help us to fulfill your intentions.

## How should I notate this partnership in my Will?

The following are examples of appropriate wording in bequests in conjunction with Brother Wolf's Lifetime Care Program.

### Example One:



"After payment of all my debts, funeral and burial expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death, I give to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue:

1. my surviving pets; and,
2. \_\_\_\_% of my Estate for the general purposes of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue; on condition that my surviving pets be cared for under Brother Wolf Animal Rescue's Lifetime Care Program or other relevant program. The gift under sub clause 2 will not fail if I do not own any pets at the time of my death. I declare that the receipt of the director, treasurer, or other authorized officer of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue will be sufficient discharge for my Executor."

### Example Two:



"After payment of all my debts, funeral and burial expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death, I give to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue:

1. my surviving pets; and,
2. the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue; on condition that my surviving pets be cared for under Brother Wolf Animal Rescue's Lifetime Care Program or other relevant program. The gift under sub clause 2 will not fail if I do not own any pets at the time of my death. I declare that the receipt of the director, treasurer, or other authorized officer of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue will be sufficient discharge for my Executor."

### Example Three:



"After payment of all my debts, funeral and burial expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death, I give to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue:

1. my surviving pets; and,
2. the remainder of my Estate for the general purposes of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue; on condition that my surviving pets be cared for under Brother Wolf Animal Rescue's Lifetime Care Program or other relevant program. The gift under sub clause 2 will not fail if I do not own any pets at the time of my death. I declare that the receipt of the director, treasurer, or other authorized officer of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue will be sufficient discharge for my Executor."

You may also wish to discuss other planned giving vehicles with your trusted counsel, such as a living trust, a life insurance policy or a retirement account. By consulting with your attorney and financial advisors, you can customize a charitable giving vehicle that fits your own specific situation.