

## Why I left a gift in my will to the RSPCA New South Wales



"I started making regular donations to the RSPCA NSW in 2005.

Around April 2008, as a result of making inquiries regarding including a bequest clause in my Will to leave money to the RSPCA NSW, I met a wonderful RSPCA bequest officer.

Not only did she respond to the Will issues she also sent me the relevant brochures and responded promptly to my other inquiries raised on various occasions, often not related to legacy matters.

Through the RSPCA, I adopted a beautiful cat called Honey from the RSPCA Legacy House in March this year. Honey was only three years old when her owner passed away.

The Bequest Team were trying their best to find Honey a home as she was too young to stay at Legacy House indefinitely. I understand Honey stayed there for about a year before I adopted her. She is now with me and my other cat Ong Ong. They get along very well, eating together and sharing the same litter box. They are such a bundle of joy.

At a young age, I was taught to obey the "Right Livelihood" that one must avoid hurting men or animals and must give the latter their rights as beings. Even though I am not an animal activist, I strongly support animal welfare and "banning the live trade".

After watching the ABC's Four Corners "A bloody business", I came to realize how unprotected and vulnerable the cattle were. They must be barely 9 months old when shipped over to Indonesia; some of them faced horrendous deaths on arrival in some substandard slaughter house that does not adopt the recommended stunning practice.

I have made up my mind that I will do my best to enhance animal welfare. I feel that one of the ways is to make regular donations to RSPCA and animal welfare organisations to support their ongoing good work to speak for the voiceless.

In my mind I have no doubt that RSPCA NSW is a very prominent and trustworthy organisation who, not only promote animal welfare effectively and efficiently, but always strive to demand a much higher standard to protect all creatures, big and small."

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