



Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire Sample Bequest Language

Following is a suggestion for language that you and your attorney may choose to use to make a gift to benefit the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire through your will or revocable/living trust.

1. General Unrestricted Bequest

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Bedford, NH 03110 (or its legal successor organization), [percentage of residue, sum, or description of property], the principal and income of which shall be used for such charitable purposes as the President & CEO and/or the Board of Directors may determine."

2. **Restricted** - to be used only for specific purposes, e.g., spay/neuter (*if you desire to restrict your gift, please discuss the restriction with the President & CEO or the Development Director first to ensure your wishes can be appropriately administered.*)

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Bedford, NH 03110 (or its legal successor organization), [percentage of residue, sum, or description of property], the principal and income of which shall be distributed by the President & CEO and/or the Board of Directors for related and relevant expenses associated with [name of program or purpose]."

3. **Bequest of Residue** - after all other bequests are made

"All [or a portion of] the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description (exclusive of personal effects and household goods) wherever situated and whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including any power of appointment, I give, devise, and bequeath to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Bedford, NH 03110 (or its legal successor organization), the principal and income of which shall be used for such charitable purposes as the President & CEO and/or the Board of Directors may determine."

4. **Contingent Bequest** - if other bequests cannot be completed

"In the case of a failure or lapse of any legacy or device herein such that the property so bequeathed or devised would pass by intestacy, I direct that in lieu thereof such property shall pass to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Bedford, NH 03110 (or its legal successor organization), the principal and income of which shall be used for such charitable purposes as the President & CEO and/or the Board of Directors may determine."

OR

"If [none of] the above person[s] survive[s] me, or if there is no one in existence who is a member of the class of persons designated in paragraph [], I give, devise and bequeath such property to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Bedford, NH 03110 (or its legal successor organization), the principal and income of which shall be used for such charitable purposes as the President & CEO and/or the Board of Directors may determine."

5. Addition to Endowment Fund

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Bedford, NH 03110 (or its legal successor organization), the sum of \$ _____ [or otherwise describe the gift] and direct that this bequest be added to the Endowment Fund of Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire."

These suggestions are not intended to be offered as legal advice, and you should always consult with your attorney and/or other qualified estate planning professional.