



Dogs for the
Disabled



Leaving a Legacy

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About Dogs for the Disabled

Dogs for the Disabled was started in 1986 by Frances Hay, who had become disabled at 16. Her own dog had helped her to overcome some of her physical problems, and gave her welcome friendship, companionship and independence. It was this special rapport that inspired Frances to realise a dog could help disabled people in many ways.

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Since 1986, hundreds of people have benefited from *Dogs for the Disabled's* pioneering work. The charity has continued its innovative progress with its 'Children's Project', the first scheme in the UK to train dogs to help young people with disabilities.

However, there are so many people that could still benefit from an assistance dog, with your help we can ensure they have a chance of freedom.



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How do legacies help?



Leaving *Dogs for the Disabled* money in your Will is a way of securing a brighter future for many disabled people of all ages.

Some people choose to leave a gift for a specific item, for example to purchase a puppy or to pay for the training of one of our dogs. Leaving money in your Will and letting us know will help us plan for the future and help disabled children and adults achieve independence.

Your money could help train dogs to:

- Open and close doors
- Help a person dress and undress
- Bark to raise the alarm in an emergency
- Retrieve dropped items such as keys, a bag or even crutches
- Retrieve named articles such as slippers, gloves or a remote control
- Switch lights on and off or pull an alarm cord
- Bring in the post
- Carry a shopping basket
- Press pedestrian crossing buttons
- Even empty the washing machine!

But most of all, by leaving a legacy to *Dogs for the Disabled*, you will be helping many more people to live an independent life.

The gift of independence is priceless, the cost of training is not.

Who benefits from your gift

Olivia's story...



Olivia is nine years old, she was born with Cerebral Palsy a disability that affects mobility making it difficult for Olivia to do things that most of us take for granted. Even simple tasks like picking up a pen are a challenge. Although Olivia tries hard to overcome her difficulties, sometimes life gets tough. Her assistance dog Leo has been trained to pick up a pen, open doors for her and even help take off her socks. More than that he's a friend when she feels alone and confidence boost when things are hard.

To help more children and adults like Olivia fill out the form in this brochure or call us on 08700 77 66 00.

Questions and Answers

Questions you may consider leaving a legacy to *Dogs for the Disabled*.

Is it simple to change my existing Will in *Dogs for the Disabled's* favour?

Yes, even if you already have a Will, you can still leave a legacy to *Dogs for the Disabled* by adding a codicil to your Will. A solicitor will be able to advise on this.

Do I have to tell *Dogs for the Disabled* of my wishes?

You do not have to let us know if you intend to make a legacy to *Dogs for the Disabled*. However, knowing about legacies to come gives us the confidence to plan for the future. Letting us know will not place you under any obligation, but simply helps to give us an indication of future support.

Are there any tax implications for leaving a legacy to charity?

Yes. Currently, charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. So if you are eligible to pay Inheritance Tax, money that might go to the Inland Revenue could go instead to helping *Dogs for the Disabled's* work.

Do I have to use a solicitor to draw up my Will?

You can buy and complete a 'Do it yourself' Will if your affairs are not complicated, but we strongly advise you use a solicitor instead. The cost of having your Will drawn up professionally will be considerably less than the costs to your loved ones if your wishes are misinterpreted.



Reply Form

This pledge is confidential and not legally binding.

Dogs for the Disabled receive no government funding and relies on donations and legacies to continue its work. To help us plan for our future it is useful to know if you plan to leave us a legacy in your Will.

In my Will I wish to leave a legacy to *Dogs for the Disabled* of:

- A residual part of my estate
- A sum of money
- An object or item of property
- A conditional bequest
- I would like to hear and understand more about the work of *Dogs for the Disabled* please contact me with further information.
- I would like to receive regular updates about the work of *Dogs for the Disabled*.
- I would like to receive a copy of the annual review

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Return this form to: **Dogs for the Disabled,
The Frances Hay Centre, Blacklocks Hill,
Banbury, Oxon, OX17 2BS.**