



Members of Marin Humane's Legacy Society who make an annual gift of any amount qualify for our Guardians Program. This exclusive benefit allows members to register their beloved companion animals with Marin Humane to ensure expedited evaluation and rehoming if a guardian is no longer able to provide for their care. Through the Guardians Program, Marin Humane will provide care for your pets while we work to find a new loving home for them.

Guardians Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. I don't live in Marin. Will you pick up my pets from my home if something happens to me?

If you are a Marin County resident a Marin Humane Animal Services Officer can pick up your pets. If you do not live within Marin County, we ask that you please make arrangements with your executor, a friend, or a relative for your pets to be brought to our shelter in Novato.

2. To stay current in the Guardians Program how much do I need to donate annually?

There is no minimum amount as long as you make an annual donation. Please see our website for our various giving levels and their associated benefits at:
<https://www.marinhumane.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>

3. Can you care for my pets at my home until a permanent new home is found?

Unfortunately, we do not have the capability to care for your pets in your home. If your pets are healthy and adoptable, they will be made available for adoption quickly. If medical care is needed or if we need further behavioral evaluation, it's likely your pets may be placed in foster care for some period of time.

4. Do you guarantee that my animals will find a good home?

We guarantee that we will do everything possible to find your beloved companions a new forever home.

5. My pet requires medication, surgery, and grooming. If I give you money to cover those expenses for the rest of its life, will you give that money to the new guardian?

If your pet requires medical attention that will enable it to have a good quality of life, Marin Humane will provide for its medical care until we can rehome it. During the adoption process, we will provide details to prospective adopters about your pet's known medical and grooming needs. Our goal is to find a home where the new guardian is financially able to take care of all of a pet's present and future needs. If you are interested in providing funds toward the future care of your pet, it is possible to make those arrangements with your attorney. During the adoption process, we will share your trustee or attorney information with the adopter. Unfortunately, we are unable to administer pet maintenance funds on your behalf.

6. If I leave money to Marin Humane for the care of my pets, will you guarantee that they will not be euthanized?

Marin Humane is committed to the well-being of your pets and will make every effort to ensure that your healthy adoptable animals will find a new home. As with our own pets, we are committed to ensuring animals in our care do not suffer or pose a threat to the public. The only time we euthanize an animal is to ensure dangerous animals are not placed in our community or if they have serious medical issues that, even with treatment, prevent them from having a life free of burdensome pain and suffering.

7. My pet is enrolled in Marin Humane's Guardians Program. What if I add an additional companion animal to my family?

If you wish to enroll a new animal, we ask that you complete and submit an additional Guardians enrollment form for your new pet.

8. Can my multiple dogs, cats or small companion animals be housed together by species at your shelter and be adopted out together?

Yes, space permitting. If your pets need to be adopted together, please indicate this requirement when completing your enrollment forms. While we will honor this request, please be aware that finding a home for multiple animals to be placed together may take longer.