

YOU ARE VITAL TO US

TODAY... AND TOMORROW

We've been here for animals in need since 1952 – and we hope to be here for many years to come. But we can't do it without you. From hand-feeding tiny kittens, to performing life-saving operations, your support is crucial.

THE CARING NEVER STOPS AT RAYSTEDE

Dogs, cats and many other animals are brought to Raystede on a daily basis. Whether they're sick, injured or weak with hunger – they all need individual loving care and the chance of a happy life.

YOU CAN HELP SECURE A FUTURE FOR THE ANIMALS AT RAYSTEDE

Currently it costs £8,000 a day to keep us running, but this is set to rise as the number of animals needing our support is increasing. Without gifts in Wills, we simply won't be able to care for all the animals that will need us in the years to come.

GIFTS IN WILLS ARE VITAL TO OUR DAILY WORK AND ALSO OUR LONG TERM FUTURE



DUKE

This loveable 8-year-old Bichon Frise was brought into Raystede by owners who couldn't afford his ongoing veterinary treatment for a skin condition. Poor Duke's skin was red raw, so our veterinary team started him on a course of antibiotics and creams, as well as giving him a soothing bath with a medicated shampoo. After several weeks of treatment, Duke's skin condition improved and he was given a new home by a lovely lady who dotes on him.

EVERY ANIMAL

IS VERY SPECIAL TO US

Across our 43 acre site we care for one of the most diverse ranges of species of any animal rescue centre in the UK. We look after dogs, cats, equines, rabbits and other small animals and we even help wildlife in need. With your support, we rescue, rehome and provide sanctuary to more than 2,000 animals every year.

A LOVING NEW HOME

We work hard to match dogs, cats and other animals that can be rehomed very closely with potential owners. As a result, our animal returns rate is extremely low.

A FOREVER HOME IN OUR SANCTUARY

It simply isn't possible to rehome every animal, so we give animals like horses, donkeys and alpacas a permanent home in our beautiful sanctuary. And this is supported by our promise never to put a healthy animal to sleep.

TILLY

After Tilly's friend passed away, she was left all alone in a barn in some really sad conditions. When she arrived at Raystede her general health was very poor and she also had laminitis and the equine form of diabetes. Today Tilly is under a strict diet and receives regular health checks from an equine vet, but she's loving life in our sanctuary with the other animals.



A gift in your Will could help us find a loving new home for an abandoned pet, or it could provide life-long sanctuary for an unwanted donkey, alpaca or pony.



GIFTS IN WILLS PAY FOR BIG THINGS...

Gifts in Wills help to fund cutting edge veterinary equipment, to make sure every injured or sick animal receives the very best care. They also help us to expand and update our animal care facilities, enabling us to open our doors to as many unwanted, abandoned or surrendered animals as possible.

...AND SMALL THINGS TOO

Every single gift we receive through supporters' Wills is needed. These special gifts help us meet the cost of everyday essentials like kitten milk, dog food, toys and treats.



MY GIFT TO THE ANIMALS

"I have included Raystede in my Will, so that when I have gone I will still be able to help its great work continue."

Morgan Williams, President, Raystede

Every gift in a Will, large or small, makes a difference to the animals at Raystede.

KEEPING YOUR WILL

UP TO DATE

An up-to-date, professionally written Will is very important. It's the only way to guarantee that the wishes you have for your loved ones are carried out. It's also important to review your Will from time to time, to ensure it reflects any changes to your family circumstances. Reviewing your Will could be the perfect opportunity to include a gift to Raystede – and it doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming.

WE ARE PART OF THE FREE WILLS NETWORK

This service allows you to have your Will written by a local solicitor, free of charge. If you want to add Raystede to an existing Will, the Codicil wording enclosed in the back of this guide will help you.

PEACE OF MIND FOR YOU

Do you worry who will care for your pet should they outlive you? If you register for our 'Lifetime of Love' scheme, we'll promise to care for your pet when you no longer can. Find out more overleaf.

REGGIE AND EBSEY

Sadly, Reggie and Ebsey came into our care after being abandoned by their previous owners. We were keen to keep this timid, yet loveable pair of cats together and were soon able to find them a quiet, adult only home where they are now getting all the love and attention they need.



LEAVING A GIFT TO RAYSTEDE

COULDN'T BE SIMPLER

- 1. Value your estate** – taking into account property, investments and any debts.
- 2. Think about your beneficiaries** – the family, friends and charities you want to remember in your Will.
- 3. Choose your executors** – the people responsible for ensuring that your wishes are followed.
- 4. Visit a solicitor** – to have your Will written. Don't forget we are part of the Free Wills Network, so you could have your Will professionally written or updated free of charge.
- 5. You can add Raystede** – to an existing Will by taking the Codicil form at the back of this booklet to your solicitor.
- 6. Keep your Will safe** – with your solicitor and keep a copy at home. Make sure a relative or friend knows where to find it.
- 7. Please let us know your intentions** – by completing the 'My very special gift' form at the back of this booklet so that we can say 'thank you' and keep you informed about our work.



SMALL ANIMALS

Every animal is special at Raystede. From parrots and tortoises, to rabbits and hamsters, we rescue, rehome or provide sanctuary for all kinds of small animals.

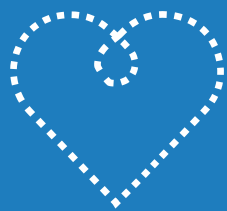
Our wildlife hospital cares for sick and injured animals, including fledglings and hedgehogs and many wild animals create a home in our sanctuary.

OUR PROMISE TO
CARE FOR YOUR PET
IF YOU NO LONGER CAN

You promised your pet a lifetime of love and happiness, but have you thought about what would happen should your pet outlive you? That's why we offer Lifetime of Love – our special promise to care for your pet when you no longer can.

**SECURING YOUR
PET'S FUTURE**

Our Lifetime of Love scheme is a free service giving you peace of mind that, should the worst happen, Raystede will be there to care for your beloved companion. We'll make sure they have everything they need, from nutritious food and a warm bed, to fun activities and lots of cuddles.



**LIFETIME
OF LOVE
RAYSTEDE**

**YOU CAN TRUST US TO FIND
YOUR PET A LOVING NEW HOME**

Nothing can replace the special bond you have with your pet, but we'll take great care to match your pet with a family that can give them the love they need. New owners are checked for suitability, and we always keep in touch to offer help and advice when needed.

IT'S EASY TO REGISTER

You can let us know that you'd like to register your pets with Lifetime of Love by ticking the box on the enclosed 'My very special gift' form and returning it to us. Then all you have to do is add a clause to your Will to say that you wish the care of your pets to be handed over to Raystede after your death.

Lifetime of Love is a free service, but any gift you choose to leave to Raystede in your Will could help us care for your pet if you no longer can.

REGISTER YOUR PETS TODAY
– and you really can promise them a lifetime of love.



THANK YOU

Through no fault of their own, animals of all shapes and sizes find themselves at Raystede. Some need expert medical care, others just need patience and love to overcome the neglect they've suffered. We're here to give every animal the very best care, for however long it takes.

We depend on the generosity of friends like you, so we do hope you'll consider this very special way of supporting us. It's a big decision, so take your time, and if we can be of any further help please get in touch.

You'll find all the forms and information you need to take the next step on the facing page. Every gift, large or small, will make such a difference.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A VERY SPECIAL GIFT TO THE ANIMALS AT RAYSTEDE

If you have any questions please call our Supporter Care Team confidentially on **01825 840747**
Alternatively, email Legacy@raystede.org

