Patricia Jo Binder and Dorothy Rosenthal Berman: A Family Legacy for Animal Welfare

When Patricia Jo Binder developed her estate plans, she knew she wanted to leave a legacy to the ASPCA in honor of her mother’s commitment to animal welfare. When her mother, Dorothy Rosenthal Berman, passed away in 2009, Patricia established a charitable remainder trust with beneficiaries including the ASPCA and other organizations.

Dorothy supported the ASPCA throughout her life, and her children knew that she would have wanted their inheritance to support the causes and organizations that were most meaningful to her. By including a legacy to the ASPCA in her estate, Patricia ensured that the ASPCA’s important work could continue and honor her mother’s dedication to animal welfare.

Patricia passed away in 2016, and her generous bequest to the ASPCA ensured that she and her mother’s legacies will continue to ensure cruelty victims and other at-risk animals receive the protection and care they deserve.

Estate Planning and Family Values

Like the Berman/Binder family, including a charity like the ASPCA in your estate plans can help unite family members around a cause like animal welfare that is important to everyone. Including a gift to an organization is a great way to reflect your family’s values and ensure that their work can continue in the future.

In uncertain times, speaking with family members about estate planning can also provide peace of mind. To learn more about supporting animals at the ASPCA through your family’s estate plans, visit aspca.org/plannedgifts or contact the ASPCA Planned Giving team.

Make Pet Adoption Your First Option® and urge all those you know to do the same.
The ASPCA’s COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Initiative has awarded $2 million in grant funding to more than 50 animal welfare organizations whose programs, operations or fundraising capabilities have been severely hindered in the past few months. The grant funding is made possible in part by The Alex and Elisabeth Lewyt Charitable Trust, which donated $500,000 to support the ASPCA’s pandemic response efforts.

**Drifter’s Hearts of Hope**  
*Franktown, Colorado*

The ASPCA provided a $25,000 grant to Drifter’s Hearts of Hope to fund their COVID-19 Equine Assistance Program which helps horses, like Big Sky, get the care and rehabilitation they need. Big Sky, who was very underweight, is now recovering on a healthy nutrition program.

**Cat Town**  
*Oakland, California*

Our $35,000 grant has enabled Cat Town to continue giving second chances to homeless cats, and offset expenses associated with their closure due to stay-at-home mandates.

**Kentucky Humane Society (KHS)**  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Emergency funding totaling $50,000 allowed KHS to support animals in need. Matilda was blind in her right eye and her left eye suffered a painful abnormality. Veterinarians removed her right eye and repaired her left. Now, she has a loving family to call her own.

Are You a Federal Employee or Retiree?

Federal employees and retirees can participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and commit to helping to give animals a fresh start! Visit the CFC giving portal today at cfcgiving.opm.gov and designate your contribution to the ASPCA, CFC ID #11645. The campaign closes January 15, 2021, so don’t wait to help animals in need!