ASPCA™

Legacy Society



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Animals Helping Animals

When a critically ill or injured animal arrives at the ASPCA® Animal Hospital, a blood transfusion can be the difference between life and death. But veterinary blood products are in short supply nationwide, making it difficult for hospitals to maintain the resources they need for emergencies.

That's where a special group of heroes steps in.

In 2024, the ASPCA Animal Hospital launched its Blood Donor Program, inviting the pets of ASPCA staff, volunteers and their friends and family to help fellow animals in need. These generous dogs and cats donate blood to help patients facing serious illness, traumatic injuries, surgery complications and other medical crises.

The impact has been extraordinary. Since the program began, 50 donor pets have helped make 106 blood transfusions possible for critically ill and injured animals. As the program continues to grow, these four-legged heroes are helping ensure blood is available when patients need it most, giving more animals a chance to heal and recover.



Meet the Heroes

The ASPCA's Blood Donor Program depends on extraordinary dogs and cats whose donations help make lifesaving transfusions possible. Here are three of the pets lending a paw.







Pepper (top) As the first animal to donate through the program, Pepper helped pave the way for other donor pets and helped saved many lives.

Pesto Basil (middle) Whether she's chasing toys or helping fellow felines, Pesto Basil is making a difference one donation at a time.

Maverick (bottom) A regular donor, Maverick is helping ensure blood is available for animals facing medical emergencies when every moment counts.

A Life Changed

Every blood donation has the power to save a life. Brie was found abandoned on the streets of New York, emaciated and suffering from multiple injuries. She was rushed to the ASPCA Animal Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, where she received the urgent care she needed to survive.

As part of her treatment, Brie required two blood transfusions made possible by donor pets. Thanks to those donations and the dedication of her medical team, she got the second chance she deserved. Today, Brie is healthy, safe and thriving with her loving adopter.



Make Pet Adoption Your First Option® and urge all those you know to do the same.

Charitable Gift Annuities:
Receive Payments for Life While Supporting Animals

Charitable gift annuities (CGAs) are a great way to support the ASPCA® and generate payments for yourself or someone you care about. A charitable gift annuity is a contractual agreement in which, in exchange for a minimum gift of $10,000, the ASPCA will make payments to you, another person, or two people (if both are age 60+) for life. Annuities are popular with donors looking to increase their retirement income, or, as an alternative to a charitable remainder trust. When an annuitant passes away, any remaining funds are a charitable gift to the ASPCA and support our lifesaving work.

In addition to receiving payments for life, you could also receive a number of tax benefits, including a charitable deduction for the year your gift was made; tax-free income on a portion of your annuity payments for life; and the partial elimination of capital gains tax if you use appreciated assets to fund the annuity. Plus, donors over age 70 ½ can make an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) in exchange for a CGA. If you are over the age of 73, this could potentially satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

The latest charitable gift annuity rates are listed below:

Annuitant Age	Single Life Annuity Rate*
60	5.2%
65	5.7%
70	6.3%
75	7.0%
80	8.1%
85	9.1%
90+	10.1%

To receive a personalized CGA proposal, please contact the ASPCA Planned Giving team at gift.planning@aspca.org or (212) 876-7700 ext. 4505.

Disclaimer: Based on current rates. Deductions and calculations will vary depending on your personal circumstances. Please seek the specific advice of your tax advisor, attorney, and/or financial planner to discuss the application of these topics to your individual situation. Please note the ASPCA is unable to offer charitable gift annuities in Alabama, Hawaii, Maine, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

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