



# ANIMAL CARE TRUST ESSENTIALS



## PLAN WITH YOUR PET IN MIND

If something were to happen to you, who would care for your best furry friend? Pets are a part of your family, so it only makes sense to include them in your estate plan! Iowa allows you to make a trust specifically for your pet.



## CHOOSE A LOVING CAREGIVER

In the animal care trust (sometimes called a pet trust), designate a caregiver to attend to the daily needs of your pet. Choose a successor caregiver just in case. Choo



## GIVE GUIDANCE

Describe in detail your pet's standard of living and care. Include instructions for day-to-day needs as well as overall healthcare. Be as general or as specific as you would like. You can also provide instructions for the final disposition of your pet (for example, via burial or cremation).



## SET ASIDE FUNDS

In the trust you can choose to set aside monetary distributions, on the condition that it is used for your pet's needs. Specify how the funds should be distributed to the caregiver.



## GIVE TO THE CAREGIVER

In the trust you may provide for a stipend or reward for the caregiver fulfilling their role.



## CHANCE TO BENEFIT CHARITY

Designate a remainder beneficiary in the event the funds in the pet trust are not exhausted. Consider a charity whose mission includes helping animals.