HOW TO WORD A BEQUEST TO THE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS

If you decide to bequeath money or property to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, you and your lawyer may find the following examples of language helpful:

1. An unrestricted bequest for general purposes:

   I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, for the benefit of the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Hospital for Animals {... dollars} {... percent} {all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate}.

2. A bequest for endowment:

   I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York for the benefit of the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Hospital for Animals {... Dollars} {... Percent} {all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate} to establish an endowment fund to be known as the {(name of) Fund}, the income from which shall be for the unrestricted use of the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

3. A restricted bequest for endowment:

   I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, for the benefit of the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Hospital for Animals {...... Dollars} {...... percent} {all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate} to establish an endowment fund to be known as the {(name of) Fund}, the income from which shall be used for support of (examples: patient assistance, equipment, particular service; salary support, etc.) at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. The income of this fund may be used each year, or if not, may be used in a subsequent year or added to the principal of the fund.

If a specific use is stated, as in number 3, the addition of the following language is important to make certain that the bequest remains productive:

   If, in the judgment of the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, changed circumstances should at some future time render the designated use of this fund no longer appropriate, then the Dean shall direct use of the fund to further the objects and purposes of the College of Veterinary Medicine, giving consideration to my special interest as evidenced by the purpose described above.
Establishing an endowed fund for a specific purpose (for example, a scholarship) requires a minimum dollar amount. Please contact the College of Veterinary Medicine Office of Alumni Affairs and Development to discuss details.

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