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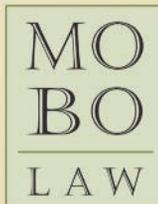
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# Estate Planning for Your Family Includes Planning for Your Pets



If you're like us and your pets are family members, you've probably thought about who will care for them if something happens to you.

But did you know that you can take your planning to the next step by setting up a pet trust provision in your trust?

**Inside this brochure you can learn more about making sure your furred, finned or feathered friends will be cared for the rest of their lives.**

## **What would happen to your pets if you became incapacitated or passed away?**

Heartbreakingly, thousands of companion animals are surrendered to shelters each year after their caregivers pass away or become too ill to care for them and there wasn't a plan in place for their continued care.

We love our pets like family and it's important to ensure their safety and well-being in the tragic instance that we may not be able to care for them for their entire life.

## **Did you know that you can establish a pet trust as part of your estate plan and it is legally binding and enforceable by California law?**

As part of a pet trust, you can designate a friend or trusted advisor to oversee that the trust's funds are properly used to care for your pet(s). In addition, only you know the intricacies of the daily life of your pet(s) and who among your family or friends could provide them with the type of home they're accustomed to. A pet trust is a powerful and meaningful way to ensure your pets' well-being.

### **How Does It Work:**

Your attorney will guide you through the process to help you set up your estate plan, which will include your pet trust. By setting up a pet trust, you will be able to decide who will take care of your pet if you are not able to do so yourself.

You do this by appointing a caregiver and a trustee. The trustee will monitor the caregiver to ensure that he or she provides the proper care for your pet,

including making decisions regarding veterinary care, diet, living environment and the end of your pet's life. As part of your trust, you will have the option of setting funds aside specifically to care for your pet(s). Your trustee will manage the funds and provide them to the caregiver when needed. The caretaker will keep your pet(s) in his or her custody and will handle their day to day needs.

The trust will be in effect throughout the lifetime of your pet. After death, the remainder of the pet trust funds can be disbursed at your direction to other beneficiaries as well.

## **Give yourself peace of mind by setting up your pet trust today.**

