



## ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR CATS HOW TO GUIDE

### ENSURING YOUR CAT'S FUTURE

Through our Lifetime Care Program the Blue Bell Foundation for Cats offers a unique option to ensure the long-term well being of your beloved cats if you are no longer able to care for them.

This How To Guide is designed to assist you and your estate attorney prepare the required legal documents (including funding provisions) in the event your cats need to be placed with Blue Bell.

### PLACEMENT IN EVENT OF INCAPACITY

It is important to plan for the care of your cats in case you become incapacitated. If you wish to place your cats with Blue Bell, you should add provisions to both your Durable Power of Attorney and Living Trust. Here are some sample provisions:

#### Durable Power of Attorney

With respect to any cats that I own when this Power is executed or that is acquired thereafter, I give my attorney in fact the power to take any actions he or she believes necessary to maintain my cats, including the power to house, or to arrange for the housing, support, and maintenance of my cats at a quality of care and accommodation comparable to that enjoyed in my residence. If I own a cat or cats, I further grant my attorney in fact the power and authority to deliver the cat or cats, to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS in Laguna Beach, California. My attorney in fact shall, at the time of delivering the cat or cats, pay to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS the then current fee for the lifetime care of each cat.

### Living Trust

In the event the settlor is, during his/her lifetime, unable to continue to care for his/her cat or cats or cannot have cats where he/she lives, the trustee is hereby authorized to deliver the cat or cats, to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS in Laguna Beach, California. The trustee shall, at the time of delivering the cat or cats, pay to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS the then current fee for the lifetime care of each cat.

### PLACEMENT IN EVENT OF DEATH

It is also important to plan for the care of your cats in the event of your death. If you wish to place your cats with Blue Bell, you should add provisions to your Will and Living Trust. Here are some sample provisions:

#### Will

If I have a cat or cats at the time of my death my executor is directed to deliver the cat or cats, as soon as possible after my death, to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS in Laguna Beach, California. My executor shall, at the time of delivering the cat or cats, pay to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS the then current fee for the lifetime care of each cat. The payment of said sums shall be made from any available assets of my estate.

#### Living Trust

Provided the settlor has a cat or cats at the time of his/her death, the trustee is directed to deliver the cat or cats, as soon as possible after the settlor's death, to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS in Laguna Beach, California. The trustee shall, at the time of delivering the cat or cats, pay to the BLUE BELL FOUNDATION FOR CATS the then current fee for the lifetime care of each cat.

- **The above sample provisions are only suggestions and you should consult with your estate-planning attorney to draft your power of attorney, will and trust so that they accurately express your wishes and reflect your individual situation.**
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