Companion Legacy Program Application

The Companion Legacy Program is a service for Homeward Pet Adoption Center (HPAC) supporters who specify that their companion animal(s) is/are to be entrusted to Homeward Pet Adoption Center in the event of their incapacity or death. Upon acceptance of this application for your companion animal(s) in the Companion Legacy Program, you must then complete the following steps:

- Add a statement to your *Durable Power of Attorney* documents (if existing) stating your wish to transfer ownership of your enrolled companion animal(s) to Homeward Pet Adoption Center in the event of your permanent incapacity.
- Add a provision to your *Will* or *Revocable Living Trust* document(s) naming Homeward Pet Adoption Center as the beneficiary recipient of your enrolled companion animal(s) upon your death.
- Let the person(s) named to represent you in these documents know your pets are enrolled. Discuss arrangements to have your companion animal(s) transported to HPAC at the time of your passing or permanent incapacity. If requested, HPAC can pick up your animal(s) within a 50-mile radius of our shelter.
- Complete this application form and submit a copy of it to HPAC along with your one-time, tax-deductible gift of $1,000.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email: _____

Name of relative/friend familiar with pet(s): _____

Phone numbers for relative/friend: _____

Address for relative/friend: _____

Name and phone number of attorney: _____

Number and type of pet(s): _____

Name(s) of pet(s): _____

Please read and initial each of the following statements:

☐ I understand Homeward Pet Adoption Center only accepts dogs and cats and will not house any other species. If I have pets of other species that need to be cared for in the event of my death or incapacitation, I will make other arrangements for their care/placement.

☐ I understand Homeward Pet Adoption Center gives all adoptable dogs and cats as long as they need to find a new home regardless of age, available shelter space, or length of stay in our shelter. Animals who are suffering from terminal medical conditions or animals who present a public safety risk will not be eligible for our adoption program. If a pet's health or behavior becomes unacceptably poor HPAC may decide, at its sole discretion, that the most humane option is to euthanize the pet.

☐ I understand that many animals who come through the shelter are placed temporarily in foster care. Trained shelter staff will determine the best temporary placement for my pet(s).

☐ In the case of my permanent disability, I understand if I wish for the agent designated in my durable power of attorney to be able to surrender my pet(s) to Homeward Pet Adoption Center, I must specifically authorize my agent to make gifts of my pet(s) under my durable power of attorney and if my designated agent does so surrender my pet(s) to Homeward Pet Adoption Center, then Homeward Pet Adoption Center may accept my pet(s) in reliance upon my durable power of attorney without incurring any liability.

☐ I certify that I am the owner of the pet(s) listed within this enrollment form, and that I am legally entitled to relinquish ownership to Homeward Pet Adoption Center in the event of my permanent incapacity or death.

☐ I understand that if Homeward Pet Adoption Center receives my pet(s) in the event of my permanent incapacity; I am surrendering all of my rights to my pet(s) and neither I nor any member of my family shall have any right to recover my pet(s) unless adopted through the normal HPAC processes. HPAC shall have full ownership of my pet(s), and I expressly authorize HPAC to place my pet(s) as soon as an adopter is identified without prior notice to me, my agent, or any member of my family.

☐ I authorize my veterinarian to release all medical records relating to my pet(s) at the time of my permanent incapacity or death to Homeward Pet Adoption Center.

☐ I understand that Homeward Pet Adoption Center will make every effort to keep bonded pairs of pets together but cannot always guarantee pets will be adopted together. Pairs may be separated if trained staff determine it is in the best interest of either pet – if the behavior or medical needs of one pet affects the safety or wellbeing of the other.

If you are enrolling multiple pets in our Companion Legacy Program, please indicate your preferences:

☐ My pets are very bonded, and I prefer that they be adopted together if possible.

☐ My pets are not bonded and are fine to adopt individually.

☐ My pets get along well with each other, but I prefer they be adopted individually if it means they are adopted sooner.

By signing the Companion Legacy Program Application Form, you acknowledge and agree that the obligations of Homeward Pet Adoption Center are limited to providing the future potential services described above and that Homeward Pet Adoption Center makes no warranties or representations regarding those services, the physical condition of your pets, or specific outcomes after your incapacity or death, except that Homeward Pet Adoption Center will make good faith, best efforts to provide those services and place adoptable pets into appropriate, loving homes. You acknowledge that no good or services have been provided by Homeward Pet Adoption Center at this time in return for your contribution; and that any benefits to you are of an intangible and personal nature only. Your gift is therefore considered as a tax-deductible contribution. Please consult your financial advisor for additional information. Keep one copy with your legal documents and give one copy to your attorney or other advisor.

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Signature Date

Please mail or deliver completed application form and payment to:

Homeward Pet Adoption Center
Attn: Director of Development
13132 NE 177th Place
Woodinville, WA 98072

For family and friends faced with rehoming an animal enrolled in the Companion Legacy Program, please contact Homeward Pet Adoption Center at (425) 488-4444, so we can arrange an appointment to receive the pet(s).

Homeward Pet Adoption Center is one of the leading non-profit, no-kill animal shelters in Washington.

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