



Transforming a lifelong love for animals into a lifetime income

*Cindy and her feline
companion, Jake*

Animals have always been a part of Cindy Stewart's household, from her childhood in upstate New York to the present in Virginia, where she and her husband share a townhouse with two rescue cats.

She began volunteering at a local municipal animal shelter, an experience that made her acutely aware of the high numbers of homeless animals and the daily challenges of providing safe havens for them while they wait for adoption.

After retiring in 2003 from federal service, Cindy looked for meaningful volunteer work and researched The HSUS. She first volunteered in the HSUS government affairs office and litigation unit. "I came to appreciate the successful efforts The HSUS made to promote animal welfare and combat cruelty at the state and federal level," she says. More recently, Cindy has been particularly interested in the HSUS Pets for Life initiative that seeks to help pets and their owners in underserved areas to promote improved animal health and welfare.

In 2006, she decided to fund a charitable gift annuity with stock inherited from her parents to honor their memory. "Having gotten to know The HSUS up close, I knew the organization was a trustworthy and effective agent in helping animals and alleviating their suffering."

A charitable gift annuity allows you to make a donation now and in return receive an income for life based upon your age. Part of your donation is tax-deductible, and some of your income could be tax-free.

Donor Age vs. Gift Annuity Rate

65.....	4.7%	75.....	5.8%
70.....	5.1%	80.....	6.8%

If you would like to learn more about charitable gift annuities or receive a customized illustration on how to create your own humane retirement plan, please contact Ann Kolakowski at 301-548-7782 or akolakowski@humanesociety.org.

Charitable gift annuity rates are determined by age and set by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Please note that The HSUS does not offer gift annuities for residents of Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii, North Dakota or Wisconsin. The minimum donation is \$10,000.

We encourage you to consult your financial adviser to determine if a charitable gift annuity complements your financial objectives.

The Windy City's Pied Piper for Cats

In the fall of 2102, The Humane Society of the United States launched its Pets for Life program in Atlanta, Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Block by block in underserved communities across the United States, Pets for Life is making a game-changing difference for animals and the people who love them.

Every year, the program helps thousands of pets and their owners by providing free services like vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, training classes, pet supplies, food and one-on-one pet advice. Through this door-to-door approach of building relationships in the community and connecting people to critical information and services, the Pets for Life program is consistently transforming the lives of the pets we meet. Only 9% of these pets were spayed or neutered when we met them, and now 87% are sterilized.

When our Pets for Life Chicago team first started their outreach efforts, they met Arthur Burrell. An Army veteran and lifelong animal lover, Arthur was known by everyone in his neighborhood as "the cat man." Despite having few resources of his own, Arthur was a one-man-show for cats. He devoted everything he had to helping the needy felines in his neighborhood.

Equipped with boundless energy and a huge heart for his feline friends, Arthur rescued 51 cats and kittens in just two years. The Pets for Life team provided medical care, and we helped find homes for some of the cats. In turn, Arthur introduced our team to other pet owners in the community and spread the word to other community cat caretakers about the critical work The HSUS was doing.

Sadly, Burrell passed away last fall. But his tremendous work on behalf of cats continues in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago through our Pets for Life program.



Arthur remains an inspirational hero to us all for showing how much of a difference one person can truly make.

To learn more about Pets for Life, visit humanesociety.org/petsforlife.

Your Legacy for Animals



Because of generous, forward-thinking friends like you, animals will have a strong and vocal advocate well into the future. Your personal legacy will help save the lives of all animals, help us to advocate on their behalf and sustain our agenda to drive transformational change. The Humane Society of the United States simply could not exist but for investments like the ones you make. To receive our suggested bequest language, please contact Steve Maughan at 800-808-7858 or smaughan@humanesociety.org.

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