MaxFund “Peace of Mind” Pet Guardianship Program

Each year, pet dogs and cats are taken to shelters by family members of owners of all ages who have either gone into nursing homes or have died leaving no provisions for their beloved companions. So, in addition to making countless decisions regarding their loved one’s estate, these families also have to decide what to do with their loved one’s dog or cat. Too often these animals end up in overcrowded, underfunded shelters where they face an unknown fate.

To avoid this situation, MaxFund No-Kill Animal Shelter offers its "Peace of Mind" Pet Guardianship Program. By enrolling your pet(s) in this plan, you’ll have peace of mind knowing that your beloved pet will be well cared for. Your enrollment will also spare your loved ones from the process of re-homing your pet, which can be painful and overwhelming.

Benefits of our Peace of Mind pet guardianship program include:

- Encouraging you to write a detailed bio and care instructions which will be passed onto the pet's future guardian.
- Providing each animal with a tag directing loved ones that the animal is to be cared for by MaxFund in the event of an emergency.
- MaxFund dispatching a volunteer or staff member to pick up your pet from where it is currently housed.
- MaxFund providing medical care, vaccines, microchipping, etc., as needed while your pet is in their care.
- MaxFund housing your pet in its shelter, in a foster home, in our cat retirement home, or at our future dog retirement community until a forever home can be found.

All we ask is that you include a gift to MaxFund in your will. In return, we will do our best to ensure that your beloved pet finds a new home.

How To Enroll:

- **Step 1**: Have an attorney draw up a will or trust for you.
  - Include in it a statement such as "At the time of my death, I transfer my pet(s)' ownership to MaxFund No-Kill Animal Shelter's "Peace of Mind Pet Guardianship Program."
  - Tax ID #84-1116882
  - 720 West 10th Avenue
  - Denver CO 80204
  - 720-266-6081

- **Step 2**: Include a gift in your will or trust to help MaxFund sustain care for your pet(s) once it is entrusted to us. Provide MaxFund with a copy of those pertinent pages. The gift can be in the form of cash, stocks/bonds, real estate, IRA beneficiary or life insurance beneficiary.

- **Step 3**: Let someone close to you whom you trust, other than your attorney, know your wishes and provide that person with MaxFund's contact information.

- **Step 4**: Complete the enrollment form, pet profile and care forms, and medical release forms. Keep a copy with your will or trust and inform your executor or trustee of your decision. Remember to keep MaxFund informed of any changes.

- **Step 5**: Post in a predominate place in your home a notice that in the event of an emergency the animal(s) is to go MaxFund.

**NOTE**: Please note that this program is for cats and dogs only. The program is limited to 4-four animals per family. More may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

REMEMBER: Your pets are depending upon you to provide care for them after you are gone.