



## PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL

*Have you considered what would happen to your pet in the event of your disability or death?*



## DO YOU HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE...

- To ensure that trusted people are immediately notified to take care of your beloved pet?
- To provide a source of funds for your pet's care?
- To inform future caregivers of your pet's likes, dislikes and routines—as well as your wishes regarding burial or cremation?

**WITHOUT  
A PLAN,  
YOU  
LEAVE TOO MUCH  
TO CHANCE.**



Make sure that the people who will care for your pets have sufficient resources and clear instructions to guarantee the best care possible.

**M**eg Rudansky, Esq. works closely with pet owners to help ensure their companion animals will continue to have the best lives possible—if their owners can't be there for them.



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## PET TRUSTS



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## WHY PLAN?

- Proper planning can offer pet care solutions, not only in the event of your death, but also if you should become incapacitated.
- Planning can reduce the anxiety that many pet owners experience when they envision their beloved pet living without them.



PROVIDING AN ORDERLY PLAN FOR YOUR PET IS THE RESPONSIBLE AND LOVING THING TO DO.



## WHAT IS A PET TRUST?

A **PET TRUST** is a **legal arrangement** providing care and maintenance in the event of the owner's disability or death.

With the **PET TRUST**, you can:

- Appoint a Caregiver and backup Caregivers to provide care for your pet.
- Appoint a Trustee to make sure that the Caregiver is doing their assigned job.
- Protect the money designated for your pets.
- Give directions for health care, exercise, diet, preferred veterinarian, and burial/cremation plans for your pet.
- Designate any funds remaining in the trust at the death of the pet to go to a charity or to a family member.



CONSULT WITH AN ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY ABOUT PROVIDING FOR YOUR PET.

## TRUSTS ARE SAFER THAN OUTRIGHT GIFTS TO A CAREGIVER.

- The money may not be protected from the caregiver's creditors, or in divorce proceedings.
- If the caregiver dies, the money set aside for your pet could go to that person's heirs or beneficiaries.