



Sample Language for Your Will

In the following examples, please replace words in parentheses with the appropriate names, locations, and dates.

NOTE: We strongly urge you to consult an attorney when developing a will and other estate plans. In some cases, self-written or "homemade" wills and estate plans may not ultimately be considered valid. In addition, charitable legatees need to be properly described in the will to avoid confusion later.

Last Will and Testament of (JANE DOE)

I, (JANE DOE), of (Your Town, Your State), do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

FIRST: I direct all of my lawful debts and funeral expenses shall be paid.

SECOND: All the rest, remainder, and residue of my property, both real and personal, I give, devise, and bequeath absolutely to Lewis Clark Animal Shelter (tax identification number 82-xxxxxxx), a non profit corporation organized under Idaho law now maintaining its office at 6 Shelter Road Lewiston, Idaho

THIRD: I hereby appoint (JOHN DOE), now residing at (John's full address) as the Executor of this will. In the event that (JOHN DOE) pre-deceases me or is unable or unwilling to serve as my Executor, I appoint the (_____).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this (date) of (month), (year), in the presence of the witness attesting the same at my request.

For purpose of identification, I have signed in the margin of the preceding page(s) of this my Last Will and Testament, which consists of (number) typewritten pages.

(seal or signature.)

(JANE DOE)

ATTESTATION

The foregoing instrument was on the day and month of the date thereof, signed, sealed, published and declared by (JANE DOE), the above-named testatrix, and as for (her/his) Last Will and testament, in the presence of us, who at the same time, at (his/her) request, in (his/her) presence and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as witness thereto, all on the date last above written.

NAME AND ADDRESS

(JOHN SMITH) printed signature

(ANN JONES) printed signature

(JOE BROWN) printed signature

If you wish to give only a portion of your estate to Lewis Clark Animal Shelter, replace the language under "SECOND" with the appropriate section below:

Percentage Bequest

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lewis Clark Animal Shelter, Inc (tax identification number 82-xxxxxx), a charitable corporation organized under Idaho law now maintaining its office at 6 Shelter Road Lewiston, Idaho 83501, ____% of the rest and residue of my estate."

Residuary Bequest

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lewis Clark Animal Shelter, Inc (tax identification number 82-xxxxxx), a charitable corporation organized under Idaho law now maintaining its office at 6 Shelter Road Lewiston, Idaho 83501, the rest and residue of my estate."

Contingent Bequest

"In the event that (name or names; i.e., spouse, children, sibling, heirs) shall not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, within ____ days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give, devise and bequeath those beneficiaries' shares of my estate to to Lewis Clark Animal Shelter, Inc (tax identification number 82-xxxxxx), a charitable corporation organized under Idaho law now maintaining its office at 6 Shelter Road Lewiston, Idaho 83501.

For more information about leaving Lewis Clark Animal Shelter in your will, please contact the Executive Director at (208) 746-1623.