

Pledge Form

Thank you for considering the possibility of including Medical Detection Dogs in your Will. If you have decided to leave a legacy, we thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

Please be assured that completion of this Pledge Form is in no way legally binding and does not limit your freedom to change your Will in the future. Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used for any other purpose.

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to the address printed overleaf.

Title

Forename.....

Surname.....

Address

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Postcode

Telephone (day)

Telephone (eve)

Email

Date.....

Please tick as appropriate

- I am considering leaving a legacy to Medical Detection Dogs.
- I have left a gift to Medical Detection Dogs in my Will (please tick as appropriate):
- Residuary gift
- Pecuniary gift
- Specific gift (please state)

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In order for us to plan ahead, it would be very helpful if you felt able to give some approximate indication of the value of your gift. £.....

If you wish to discuss any aspect of leaving a bequest to Medical Detection Dogs please feel free to contact us:

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Your Legacy
our future



Dogs saving lives

Medical Alert Dogs are specialist trained dogs who alert their 'owners' prior to a medical emergency.

Our dogs are trained to assist individuals who manage complex health conditions. The dogs are taught to identify the odour changes that are associated with life threatening medical events.

For those living with a dangerous health condition having a Medical Alert Dog can make all the difference - a better quality of life, freedom, confidence and independence.

Our first study in 2004 showed that dogs can be trained to detect bladder cancer volatiles in urine. We are now carrying out a study into whether dogs can detect aggressive prostate cancer.

Clinicians and scientists are studying the data collected to help them in the development of a cost effective, non-invasive and early cancer detection screening system in the form of an 'electronic nose' which GPs will be able to use quickly and easily in their Surgeries.

We all know the earlier the detection of cancer the greater the chance of survival.

Leaving a gift to Medical Detection Dogs is a way of ensuring we have the potential to help many people of all ages with life threatening health conditions.

It will cost you nothing today but help us achieve our goals in the years to come - making a real difference and saving lives.

You will know how important it is to make a will, so that you can be sure your wishes are carried out. Whether you have already made a will or not please consider leaving a legacy to Medical Detection Dogs. As a registered charity we rely on our supporters for funding and leaving a gift in your Will is a chance to make a highly significant contribution to our work.

There are three kinds of legacy you can leave to Medical Detection Dogs

A residual legacy – this is a bequest of part of, or the remainder of your estate once your family and friends have been provided for.

A pecuniary legacy – this is simply a fixed sum of money decided by you.

A specific legacy – this is a gift of a particular item of value.

Does leaving a legacy affect any inheritance tax that might be due?

Gifts to charitable organisations are free from Inheritance Tax; so leaving a gift to us in your Will, not only helps us with our work, but normally reduces your Inheritance Tax liability as charity donations are deducted from the value of your estate prior to taxation.

How will Medical Detection Dogs use my legacy?

A gift to Medical Detection Dogs would be applied wherever the needs are greatest. This could include supporting our dogs through training, lifetime support for both dogs and clients, research projects, purchasing equipment or helping to fund a training centre.

How to make or update your Will

A Will is a legal document and it is advisable to instruct a solicitor to make your instructions legally binding. If you don't have a solicitor you can go to www.lawsociety.org.uk where you will find a list of recommended solicitors in your area. If you already have a will your solicitor can add Medical Detection Dogs to your will through a written instruction called a codicil.

Do I have enough assets?

Most people are surprised by how much their assets add up to. By making a Will you can be sure that the things you own go to the people you care about. It will also spare your family a great deal of uncertainty and anxiety.