



# NEWCASTLE DOG & CAT SHELTER

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## BE REMEMBERED FUREVER

Leaving a gift in your Will can make a huge difference to the future of Newcastle Dog & Cat Shelter.

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Registered Charity No: 220506



## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...

The year is 1896 the North East is a different place, there are thousands of dogs every year that need help. William Lisle Blenkinsop Coulson after leaving the army, became a prominent figure in Newcastle upon Tyne, he was an avid lover of animals and wrote numerous works against animal cruelty. His hard work and determination would help thousands of animals in the North East find loving new homes and have a second chance at happiness after he founded Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter.

His legacy lives on in our hearts as we fight every day to save lives in the North East. **Colonel Blenkinsop's legacy lives on, so can yours!**



## WHERE ARE WE NOW...

Over the past 125 years we have worked hard to create high standards of welfare and temporary home for our animals, giving them all the help they need to settle into family life.

We've continued to improve our offering through the years and we have developed a behaviour team who work with animals struggling to socialise and live in a home environment.

You may be surprised to learn we care for many species not just dogs and cats. Our Benton shelter is also home to sanctuary animals. Equine, pigs, sheep and a goat to name a few. Over the past years we have re-homed birds, snakes, tortoises and ducks not to mention an array of small animals. The sad reality is we are here as we need to be, we are here for every dog, cat and rabbit that needs us and we hope to live on to help offer sanctuary to many more animals for many more years.

## LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL...

**By leaving a gift in your Will many more animals can be saved.**

Our shelters cost over £1.2 million a year to run, and we rely on donations from kind supporters like you. Leaving a gift in your Will to Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter means your legacy will continue to live on through the lives of the animals we care for.

**Be remembered forever** and protect the future of Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter - any gift, large or small, will make a huge difference to our shelter.

There is more information on the back of this leaflet about how to leave a gift in your Will. You can also visit our website [www.dogandcatshelter.com/legacy-info](http://www.dogandcatshelter.com/legacy-info) or call us on **0191 215 0435**.



## THE FUTURE...

It's not been easy, but thanks to the amazing gifts and donations our supporters have given and continue to give we are still here, looking after all those amazing animals waiting for their forever homes.

We dream of the day we can offer even more to the animals in our care, better accommodation, more enrichment and more outdoor play areas for our dogs and cats, rabbits and farm animals.

**Can you help us reach our dream and become a haven for our North East animals?**

A gift in your Will can make the future of Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter brighter. We're happy to talk through any questions you may have, please call us on **0191 215 0435**.

## Information about Wills

- Your Will lets you decide what happens to your money, property and possessions after your death.
- If you make a Will you can also make sure you don't pay more Inheritance Tax than you need to.
- You can write your Will yourself, but you should get legal advice, to make sure your Will is interpreted in the way you wanted.
- You need to get your Will formally witnessed and signed to make it legally valid.
- If you want to update your Will, you need to make an official alteration (called a codicil) or make a new Will.
- If you die without a Will, the law says who gets what.

## What should I include in my Will?

You should set out:

- Who you want to benefit from your Will
- Who should look after any children under 18
- Who is going to sort out your estate and carry out your wishes after your death (your executor)
- What happens if the people you want to benefit die before you.

**If you would like to leave a gift to Newcastle Dog & Cat Shelter, it is helpful to include our Registered Charity No: 220506**



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