


What is it?

A planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning.

By naming ECCHA in your will or estate, you have the capacity to foster and continue the values important to you.



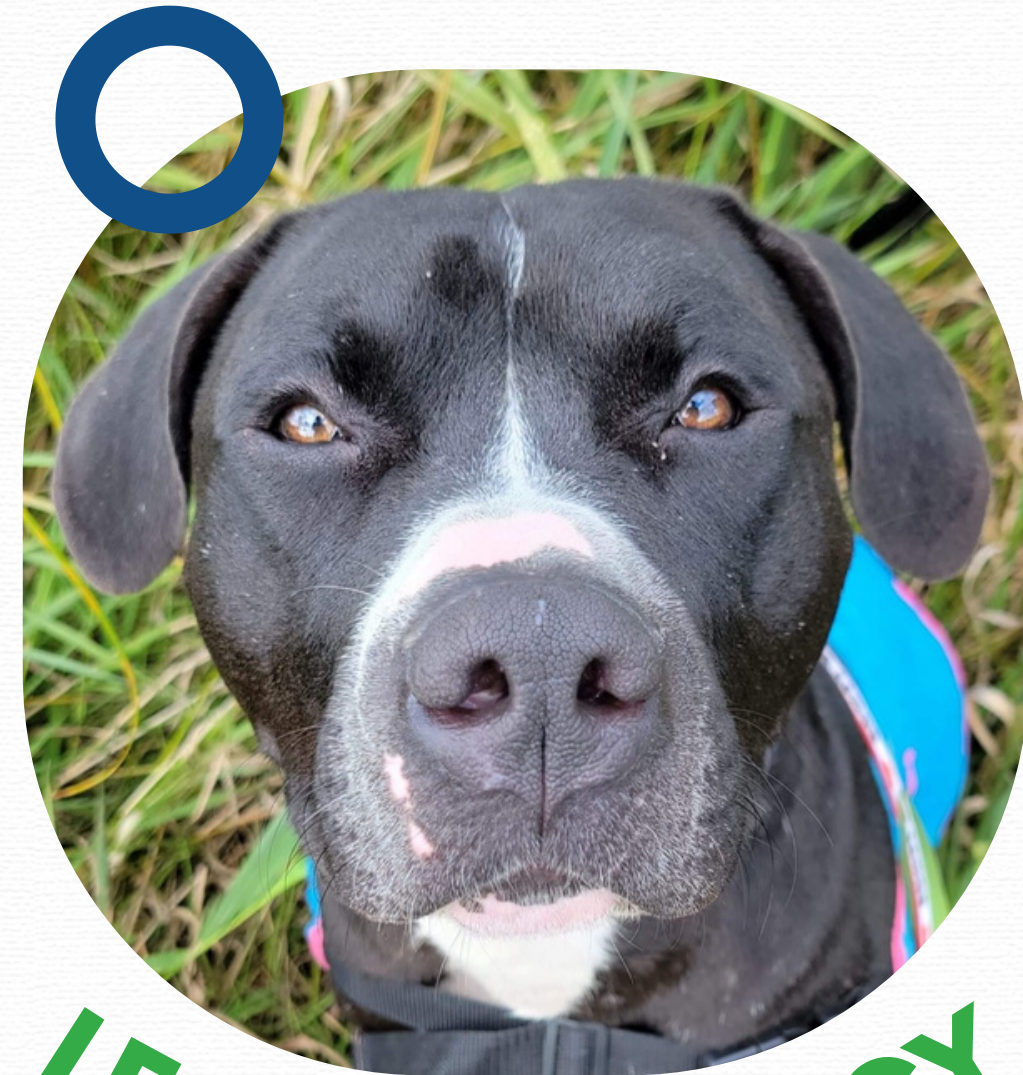
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LEAVE A LEGACY

**A Guide to Planned
Giving with ECCHA**

Frequently Asked Questions

"I don't have an "estate" – can I still leave a gift?"

- An "estate" refers to any property, money or personal belongings that you may have at the time of your death. Most people leave an estate when they pass, even though they may not be wealthy. Even an individual with a small estate can arrange to leave a charitable gift.

"What can I leave to ECCHA?"

- Many people set aside a certain dollar amount. Others leave a percentage of their estate or any assets left over after their family has been provided for. Some give something they own, such as a car or a home. Others leave a paid life insurance policy or other financial investments.

How do I ensure my gift goes to ECCHA?

- See the steps to plan your legacy on the next page. Without this planning your property and finances will be distributed according to state laws, regardless of your wishes.

What are the benefits of planned giving?

- Knowing your gift has a lasting impact.
- Estate gifts are not subject to taxes if left to a non-profit.
- Many tax incentives exist that can benefit you and your loved ones.

Steps to Plan Your Legacy

1. Contact A Professional

- Contact a professional such as an attorney to tell you about the benefits of planned gifts. If you do not have an advisor and need a referral, contact ECCHA.

2. Review Your Personal Planning

- Review your personal planning (will, estate plan, beneficiary designation, or asset title) to ensure that your wishes are accomplished.

3. Contact ECCHA

- Contact ECCHA to learn how your gift will help homeless animals and to notify us of your estate plan.

By leaving a legacy, you perpetuate your own values. Make a gift to help homeless animals for years to come!

If you are interested in planned giving or want more information, please contact our Executive Director at: director@eccha.org

