

Leaving Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust a gift in your Will

As you put together your final arrangements for a time when you are no longer here, we would like to thank you for considering Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust in the planning of your estate. By remembering our organisation, you will have the opportunity to give the ultimate gift of a life-time, and your generosity will directly help to transform the lives of adults and children affected by disabilities in the years to come.



There are several ways you can consider making a gift in your Will to Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust. For example:

- A fixed percentage of your estate
- A specific sum of money
- Your entire estate or the residue of your estate after distributions to other beneficiaries,
- A specific gift of value e.g. shares, property or paintings
- Alternatively, you may wish to establish a charitable trust or life insurance policy, naming Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust as your chosen beneficiary

We are often asked by potential bequestors for the full cost to produce one Assistance Dog for a client with a disability when making provisions in their Will. It costs \$75,000 to breed and train one Assistance Dog, then match and train this dog with the client and their specific disability. This includes regular follow-up visits as well as ongoing training for the working life of each dog, which averages around ten years.

Our goal for both the Investment Portfolio and annual operational costs will always be to increase the number of dogs we can graduate to meet the growing need for our service in New Zealand, through an increase in hands-on training/client service roles and resourcing.

There are two ways ADNZT may choose to use your gift, or you may decide to pick the option that best suits your intentions:

- In some cases we will use your gift for operational costs, ensuring the current dogs on our program receive the vital training and support they need to succeed.
- Alternatively, for larger gifts, or where stipulated, you may choose to contribute to our newly established Investment Portfolio. This is a separate portfolio (*established in 2022 from the estate of an esteemed donor*), managed on behalf of ADNZT by an independent investment manager. We intend to grow this portfolio over the years to provide much-needed future-proofing for the organisation. In the short term, interest will be reinvested until it can grow to sustain a portion of our program. In the long term, we hope to alleviate our reliance on often constricting grant funding and cash-dependent fundraising methods, and instead use the portfolio for specific projects and larger operational costs.

In recognition of your intent, we would love to offer naming rights of a future puppy in the development program that will honor your legacy. Please let Kendra know your chosen puppy name (or options) to record. We will endeavor to use the name before your gift is made if we have a suitable puppy so you can follow their journey as they begin their working life.

ADNZT relies on the generosity of donors like you to enrich the lives of countless Kiwis living with disabilities every day. Leaving a gift in your Will will ensure future generations will have access to these incredible animals, giving children, families, and adults living with disabilities much-needed independence, support, and access to incredible new opportunities in life.

We are a small organisation working hard to make every dollar count for those that need our service most. We would be incredibly proud to honour your legacy through the placement of tailor-trained Assistance Dogs with clients throughout Aotearoa.

To let us know about your intent to leave a gift, or to discuss further, please contact our Fundraising & Communications Manager, Kendra, for more information. We would love to stay in touch over the coming years to introduce you to our dogs and show you what a difference your support is already making for our clients.

With warmest regards and gratitude,

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