

Planning for Your Incapacity, Unexpected Absence, or Emergencies

Protecting and Providing for Your Pets

Do this first: Create a support system.

- Call your relatives and close friends and ask them if they would be willing to be responsible for your pets if an emergency arises.
- Make friends with your closest neighbors because they will be the first to notice your absence. Let them know you have pets living with you and where to find their emergency information.
- Security: Give them a key to your condo. (Go to the Community Center. Fill out the “Key Form.”) Make it clear that they have your permission to enter and rescue your pets in an emergency.
- Financial Assistance: Call The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village 949-268-2246.
- Emotional Support: Call Social Services of Laguna Woods Village 949-597-4267.

Do this next: Leave current instructions.

Get a folder and place the cat's name on it. Add a picture.

- Place all available medical records and copies of blood tests in it. (Always ask your veterinarian for these—you paid for them and are entitled to copies. Ask them to email them to you—no charge.)
- Enclose a sheet of current instructions: current foods, medications, litter, microchip #, and your veterinarian's phone number.
- State the location of the carrier.

Enclose a sheet of future directives and your lawyer's phone #.

Leave the folder in an obvious place.

Finally, do this: Leave future directives.

Include a directive in your will or trust for the future care of your pets. A sample is provided here or see page 14 of our handbook.

- In the event of my death, please follow these directives:
- 1) If a family member or friend cannot take possession of any cats in my care, please entrust them to the care of The Laguna Woods Cat Club Foster and Adoption Program. lagunawoodscatclub.com. Contact: The Relinquishments Director.
- 2) Donate \$_____ for each cat to the above organization for their care until adopted.
- 3) In the event the LWCC no longer exists, contact: (Examples)
- The Bluebell Foundation, Laguna Beach 949-494-1586
- The National Cat Protection Society, Newport Beach 949-650-1232