

ANIMALS AND LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document giving another person the right to undertake actions on your behalf, in your name and as if you have carried those actions out yourself.

Have you ever considered what might happen to any animals that you might own if you were to become mentally or physically incapable of looking after them yourself. Perhaps you should consider putting in place provisions which would ensure that your beloved pet gets the best care whatever may happen to you. Many people consider making a Lasting Power of Attorney. In particular therefore, perhaps consideration should be given as to whether one of the Attorneys to be appointed should be someone who would be capable and able to look after your pets.

If it is not possible to appoint a person as your Attorney who is able to look after both your affairs and your animal, you should at least ensure that your Attorneys are aware of any necessary arrangements to be made in respect of the care of your animal. In particular, you must convey to your Attorneys the anticipated cost involved and leave a Memorandum of Wishes with your personal papers. Make sure that your Attorneys are aware of where your animal's passport is (if applicable) and leave clear instructions as to how the cost of your animal is to be borne.

A Memorandum of Wishes placed with your Lasting Power of Attorney so that your Attorneys will be fully aware of all that is involved should be sufficient.

Contact Foster Harrington who can provide you with the appropriate advice to ensure that your animal gets the best care whatever may happen to you.

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