

Codicil form: Making a change to your will

(England & Wales)

In the future, we'll still be as passionate about pets as we are today, and thousands of sick, injured and homeless pets will continue to rely on us.

BLUE FOR
CROSS PETS

Help us care and let your love of pets live on, by including Blue Cross in your Will. More than half of our income comes from legacies, so your gift will be absolutely invaluable.

It's easy to add Blue Cross to your Will

You can do this by adding a codicil now – following the example overleaf.

A codicil is a written amendment to someone's Will, saving the need to re-write the whole document. It should be signed, dated and witnessed with the same legal formalities as a Will.

How to complete your codicil form

So that your codicil is valid, please follow these steps:

- Step 1** look at the example overleaf to help you complete your codicil form.
- Step 2** sign each page in the presence of two witnesses*, who should both sign the form as shown too. Your witnesses can't be direct family members (including your spouse/civil partner) or those who stand to benefit from your Will or your codicil.
- Step 3** keep your codicil safe, storing it with your current original Will (but do not staple or attach it in any way).

We recommend that you seek the guidance of a solicitor when you make your Will or codicil, so that your intentions can be fully carried out.

Suggested wording

You can remember the Blue Cross with a specific cash sum (pecuniary legacy) or part of your estate (residuary legacy). And you can leave the gift for general use, or for use at a centre you specify.

*The law is different in Scotland where only one witness, over the age of 16, needs to sign the form.

Please choose the appropriate wording:

To leave a pecuniary legacy (specific cash sum)

I give to Blue Cross, registered charity number 224392 (England and Wales) and SC040154 (Scotland), of Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF the sum of [insert your amount in figures and words] and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Blue Cross.

OR

the benefit of its centre at [insert name and address of centre]. The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of Blue Cross shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.

To leave a residuary legacy (to include part of your estate)

I give to Blue Cross, registered charity number 224392 (England and Wales) and SC040154 (Scotland), of Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF [enter your percentage] per cent of my residuary estate and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Blue Cross.

OR

the benefit of its centre at [insert name and address of centre]. The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of Blue Cross shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.

A note about residuary gifts: this type of gift is a share of what remains in your estate after debts, legacies and administration expenses have been paid. They are extremely valuable to Blue Cross but they can be more complex when it comes to tax, for instance. So we suggest you take advice first.

If you need any information on making a Will, or amending your current one to include Blue Cross, please call our legacy team on 0300 777 1757 or visit www.bluecross.org.uk

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I: *(insert your name)* Catherine Jane Sample

of: *(insert your address)* 12 Any Street, Anytown, Anyshire AN1 2WN

HEREBY DECLARE this to be the: *(first/second)* First

Codicil to my Will which bears the date: *(existing Will date)* 1st January 2009

New provision: *(Insert here)*

I give to Blue Cross, registered charity number 224392 (England and Wales) and SC040154 (Scotland), of Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF the sum of Five hundred pounds (£500) and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Blue Cross.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this:

(date) 1st day of *(month)* January Two thousand and *(year)* Nine

SIGNED by the Testator/Testatrix:

in the presence of us both present at the same time who at the Testator/Testatrix request in *(his/her)* her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

(Signature of Testator/Testatrix) CJ Sample

Witnessed by:

Signature: *(witness 1)* A Smith

Name: *(witness 1)* A Smith

Address: *(witness 1)* 13 Sample Street,
Sampletown, Sampleshire AB1 2CD

Occupation: *(witness 1)* Teacher

Signature: *(witness 2)* B Jones

Name: *(witness 2)* B Jones

Address: *(witness 2)* 14 Another Street,
Anothertown, Anothershire AB1 2CD

Occupation: *(witness 2)* Plumber

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of: *(insert your address)*

HEREBY DECLARE this to be the: *(first/second)*

Codicil to my Will which bears the date: *(existing Will date)*

New provision: *(Insert here)*

In all other respects I confirm my said Will IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this:

(date)

(month)

Two thousand and *(year)*

SIGNED by the Testator/Testatrix:

in the presence of us both present at the same time who at the Testator/Testatrix request in *(his/her)*
presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

(Signature of Testator/Testatrix)

Witnessed by:

Signature: *(witness 1)*

Signature: *(witness 2)*

Name: *(witness 1)*

Name: *(witness 2)*

Address: *(witness 1)*

Address: *(witness 2)*

Occupation: *(witness 1)*

Occupation: *(witness 2)*

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