





PET PLANNING IN TEXAS

A Pet Trust is a powerful legal document that gives you the ability to not only set aside funds for your pet's future care but also stipulate exactly what kind of care you expect your pet to receive.

U.S Pet Ownership Statistics

				
PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS OWNING	36.5%	30.4%	3.1%	1.5%
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS OWNING	43,346,000	36,117,000	3,671,000	1,780,000
AVERAGE NUMBER OWNED PER HOUSEHOLD	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.7
TOTAL NUMBER IN UNITED STATES	69,926,000	74,059,000	8,300,000	4,856,000
VETERINARY VISITS PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR (MEAN)	2.6	1.6	0.3	1.9
VETERINARY EXPENDITURE PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR (MEAN)	\$378	\$191	\$33	\$373
VETERINARY EXPENDITURE PER ANIMAL (MEAN)	\$227	\$90	\$14	\$133

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR PET WHEN YOU'RE NO LONGER AROUND?

When it comes to protecting your pet, no one does it better than you do.
You love them...
You feed them...
You make sure they have everything they need to live a happy, healthy life.



But what would happen if you were no longer around?

Who would care for your pet? Would your friends and family know what foods to feed your pet or what medications to give?



How can you ensure that your pet continues to receive the love and care they need?

WHAT A PET TRUST CAN DO FOR YOU AND YOUR PET

- Gives you complete control over every aspect of your pet's future care
- You can stipulate their foods, their schedules, even their veterinarian
- It is revocable, so you can change and amend your trust at any time
- Designate a separate trustee to oversee the funds and create a "checks and balances" system within your trust
- Can be activated if you become disabled or incapacitated (a Will can't do that)



Sources

<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Statistics/Pages/Market-research-statistics-US-pet-ownership.aspx>