

Donor-advised funds: A smart way to support animals

Through a donor-advised fund (DAF), you can create lasting change for homeless pets. You already stand with us in your belief that every pet deserves a home where they are safe and loved. By designating Best Friends as the recipient of your DAF grants, you can elevate that belief even further — using a flexible charitable giving account to power lifesaving work for animals across the country.

Together, we've made tremendous progress for pets, with more no-kill shelters than ever before. And since 2016, 77% of all U.S. shelters have achieved no-kill for at least one year. Thank you for moving this work forward and giving homeless pets a brighter future. Like you, our commitment to leading the United States to no-kill remains steadfast, and momentum continues to grow. Through your DAF, you'll keep the ball rolling and align your love for animals with flexible, long-term support.

A donor-advised fund is a little bit like a treat jar. You contribute money, stocks, cryptocurrency, or other appreciated assets and dispense them to Best Friends anytime. You'll receive a tax deduction right away, and animals like Danica — who happens to love treats — get the love and care they deserve.

Danica



How it works

- Establishing your account is as easy as setting the treat jar on the counter. You can open your fund by contacting your financial advisor or directly with one of hundreds of DAF providers, such as Fidelity Charitable, Raymond James, DAFGiving360 (formerly Schwab Charitable), Vanguard, and more.
- Fill your fund by transferring cash or assets. You can contribute to the fund when it makes sense for you. You'll get a tax deduction right away, even if you choose to recommend gifts to charities at a later time. This lets you decide when to donate without worrying about timing your taxes. Your DAF assets are typically invested and will grow over time.
- Recommend a grant to Best Friends through your donor-advised fund provider online or directly. You can request the transfer via EFT (preferred) or check, and even set up monthly or annual recurring gifts.



Why give through a DAF?

Streamlined and tax-smart

DAFs allow you to avoid the administrative and legal burdens of forming a private foundation while preserving the joys of charitable giving on your timeline. Your DAF contributions are immediately tax-deductible, and any investment growth in the DAF is tax-free. It's also easy to donate long-term appreciated securities, which eliminates capital gains taxes and allows you to support multiple charities from one block of stock. You receive one tax receipt.

Generosity for generations

By naming Best Friends as a full or partial beneficiary of your DAF, you can extend your generosity far beyond your lifetime. The remaining funds in your account will create a lasting impact for the animals for years to come. You may also choose a successor advisor, such as a family member, to carry your values forward and ensure that your legacy of giving lives on. Contact your fund administrator to learn how.

Flexible giving

Because the timing of your tax deduction is separate from your charitable decision-making, DAFs allow you to be more flexible with your giving schedule. The DAF sponsor handles all recordkeeping, disbursements, and tax receipts. All you have to do is direct when and where to send the electronic fund transfer or checks.

DAF resources

Our gratitude for your kindness

When you recommend a grant to Best Friends through your donor-advised fund, it often arrives without your name attached. To ensure we can properly thank you and share how your generosity is saving lives, please contact us or fill out this quick form:

bfas.org/mygiftinfo.

DAFPay for easy, secure giving

You can also check out the link to DAFPay on our website to make your gift in as little as three clicks. Using DAFPay helps avoid lost checks and mailing delays. We're notified instantly of your donation (so we can say thanks right away on behalf of the animals). And you can track your gift from initiation to fund receipt.

Thank you

Your generosity already means so much to the animals, and your thoughtful planning has the power to give even more animals the safety, love, and second chances they deserve. We are so grateful.

Together, we will Save Them All.

If you have an account with a charitable sponsor, make a grant today using our federal EIN: 23-7147797

Direct distributions to:
Best Friends Animal Society
5001 Angel Canyon Road
Kanab, UT 84741-5000

For any questions or gift notifications, please contact us:
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"With my DAF, I can easily donate appreciated stock and skip the capital gains tax, so Best Friends receives more, and my dollars go further."

Abigail M.



"After a lifetime of saving, I realized I wanted to see the impact of my giving — not years from now, but today. My DAF became the bridge between my intentions and real change."

Karin A.



"I use my donor-advised fund because the animals need help now — and the gift is already committed to charity. It's simple, immediate, and impactful."

Steve I.

