



Sussex North & Brighton Branch

Registered Charity No. 206630

Pet Life Care Scheme Terms and Conditions

Please read these Terms and Conditions (Terms) before applying to join The Scheme. Registration with the Scheme constitutes acceptance of these Terms, which take effect on the date that your Pet Life Care Scheme Application is accepted by the Branch. Acceptance onto the Scheme will be confirmed in writing.

The following references apply:-

'Applicant' refers to any person who has applied to join the Scheme. The Applicant must submit a separate application form for each pet they wish to register onto the Scheme.

'Branch' refers to the RSPCA Sussex North & Brighton Branch (Registered charity no. 206630), located at the Animal Centre, Braypool Lane, Brighton BN1 8ZH.

'Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application' means both the application form completed by the Applicant to join the Scheme and the History Form.

'History Form' means the form completed by the Applicant providing details of the individual Pet's history.

'Pet' refers to the Applicant or Scheme Member's pet which covers any animal sharing either the Applicant or the Scheme Member's life as a companion pet and detailed in the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application. An assistance or support animal, will be offered to the appropriate charity for first refusal but subject to this step, may still be accepted, where applicable. A pet will only be registered onto the Scheme if a Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application has been completed by the Applicant and accepted in writing by The Branch.

'Scheme' refers to the RSPCA Sussex North & Brighton Branch Pet Life Care Scheme. The scheme is owned and run by the Branch and is available to pet owners who reside within the boundaries of the Branch area (*please check eligible postcodes*).

'Scheme Member' is any Applicant accepted onto the Scheme. The Scheme is a post-death service, however, the Branch may consider accepting an animal for rehoming during the Scheme Member's lifetime in situations where the Scheme Member is unable to look after them due to long term serious illness or incapacity.

'Responsible Person' is any individual who has legal responsibility for the Applicant or Scheme Member's assets/estate, after death, so that arrangements can be made by the Branch on behalf of and in accordance with the wishes of the Scheme Member.

1. By registering with the Scheme, the Scheme Member gives permission for the Branch to take full responsibility for the Pet(s). Legal ownership of the Pet(s) will take effect on completion of a 'Transfer of Ownership' form. Thereafter all decisions regarding the welfare of the Pet lies with the Branch.

2. On completion of the transfer of ownership, the Pet, following a health, behaviour and welfare assessment, if rehomeable will be rehomed through the RSPCA animal centre operated and run by the Branch in accordance with the Branch's rehoming policies and procedures at that time.
3. The Scheme is a rehoming scheme and the Branch cannot accept requests for indefinite sanctuary care of a Pet.
4. The Scheme Member should make arrangements with the Responsible Person for collection and interim care of the Pet(s) until arrangements can be made to bring the Pet(s) into the care of the Branch's animal centre at Patcham.
5. Any articles used for the welfare of the Pet(s), such as bed, collar, toys, vivariums, etc., should be noted in the Scheme Member's will and be passed to the Branch together with the Pet following the Scheme Member's death.
6. The Branch recognises that some animals find life in a shelter environment stressful, so the Branch will use its best endeavours to find the Pet(s) a new home as quickly as possible.
7. The Applicant is obliged to fully and truthfully disclose all medical, health and behavioural details relating to their Pet in the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application and any subsequent communication with the Branch. Where there are concerns about a Pet's rehomeability, an initial assessment would be required at the point of application, and additional checks may be required before registration can be confirmed.
8. Following acceptance to the Scheme, the Scheme Member is required to update the Branch with any changes in medical, health and behavioural details relating to the Pet(s) as soon as practicably possible. Failure to update any changes relating to the Pet(s) to the Branch may invalidate the Scheme Member's membership.
9. In the event that a Scheme Member has not fully and truthfully disclosed or updated all medical, health and behavioural details relating to the Pet on the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application or in any subsequent communication with the Branch, the Branch reserves the right to withdraw the acceptance to the Scheme at any time.
10. Should the Pet display severe behavioural issues which impact its quality of life and represent undue risk to humans and other animals, the Branch will use its expertise to assess and make appropriate homing decisions.
11. In very rare circumstances, and in the interests of the Pet's welfare or if the Pet is not rehomeable, euthanasia may be considered. These decisions are subject to veterinary advice based on health, behaviour and current legislative guidance (where relevant). Applicants, Scheme Member's or the Responsible Person cannot specify Pet euthanasia as a request on the Scheme Member's death; we will not comply unless it is in the interests of the Pet's welfare, based on veterinary, and in some cases behaviourist advice.
12. The Branch will provide veterinary care and treatment where necessary in order to support successful rehoming. The Branch will arrange for Pets with terminal illnesses and long-term conditions to be taken in and rehomed or fostered, providing the conditions are manageable with treatment and subject to veterinary advice.
13. The Branch will make every effort to accommodate the specific requests of the Scheme Member, such as rehoming pets together, taking into account the impact on the health or quality of

life of each pet. The Scheme Member agrees and accepts that, in some cases, specific requests cannot be accommodated by the Branch.

14. The Applicant or Scheme Member (as applicable) consents to the Branch obtaining the Pet's vet records or any behavioural records on completion of the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application or on the Scheme Member's death.

15. The Applicant or Scheme Member or Responsible Person shall take all reasonable steps to enable the Branch to access the Pet's vet records or behavioural records on request of the Branch.

16. Following confirmation of registration onto the Scheme, the Scheme Member agrees to include a clause in their Will as detailed in the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application, or as advised by their solicitor, to formally acknowledge the Branch in the arrangements for the Pet. The Scheme Member agrees and acknowledges that failure to include reference to the Scheme within their Will may limit or prevent the Branch from taking full responsibility for the Pet.

17. In the event that the Scheme Member's circumstances change prior to their death and the Scheme Member decides to surrender the Pet, the Scheme Member should contact the Branch to discuss the surrender process. The Scheme Member agrees and acknowledges that this process is different to the Scheme and applications to surrender a Pet are dealt with on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Branch.

18. If, following the Scheme Member's death, the family or friends of the Scheme Member would like to take legal ownership of the Pet they will need to apply to the Branch and follow the procedure to rehome an animal. The Scheme Member acknowledges and agrees that the Branch operates a rehoming system and preference for rehoming the Pet will not be given to the Scheme Member's family or friends unless it is in the welfare interests of the Pet.

19. The Scheme Member should keep any ID documents and legal proof of ownership with their registration pack. They should consider including any photos that will help with identification of their Pet on collection.

20. The Branch reserves the right to refuse any applications to the Scheme. Any decision regarding the acceptance of an application ultimately lies with the Branch. Decisions are made under these terms and on the basis of what is in the best interests of the Scheme and the Branch.

21. The Applicant or Scheme Member (as applicable) has a legal right to change their mind and withdraw the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application or Scheme Membership at any time.

22. To withdraw the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application or Scheme Membership the Applicant or Scheme Member (as applicable) shall write to the Branch at the RSPCA Animal Centre, Braypool Lane, Brighton BN1 8ZH or email info@rspcabrighton.org.uk.

23. Withdrawal of the Branch Pet Life Care Scheme Application or Scheme Membership is accepted on written confirmation from the Branch.

22. Information on how we use your personal data is set out in our Privacy Policy, which can be viewed on the Branch's website.