



Should  
pets  
inherit  
from their  
owners?





# Situation in Russia

While you view your pet as a furry person, the law sees him as a piece of personal property. Hence, this is the reason why pets cannot inherit in wills.

Or should we consider animals to be subjects of legal relations?

In our country animals are protected by the government. So we can talk about their rights.. Or are they just valuable objects that should be treated without violence? Why we have laws that protect their rights then? We have 3 laws written in Civil Code of the Russian Federation that regulate animals' lives and Criminal Code where we see that animals are protected. Should animals have rights de jure?



# Real Practice

There were a lot of cases when animals inherited fortunes. And this was legally approved by the court. Although many relatives of the testate impugn the court's decision.

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- Trouble's case
- Bubbles and Michael Jackson's case
- Richelieu and his cats



# Some cases

An old single lady had amassed a fortune. She want neither her terrible bother nor the government got this money.

So the lady decided to demised all her money to her cat.

This fact engendered various arguments in the community.

# Some cases

A young guy really hated the world. He had an only creature that he loved and trust- his scorpion He was offered to go to a better world.

But before that he did not forget about his pet's future.

He bequeathed all his property to the scorpion.

But then his sister in law went to the court to impugn his will. She affirmed that inheritance should be hers since she was disable to work.

If these events will be published  
it creates a tension in society, coz not the  
majority of elderly people do not approve  
such way of spending money

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The legacy should belong only to people or government. Only they know how to deal with it properly.

Money is for people. It will benefit the society. With money can help children with disabilities, orphans, homeless animals.

A lot of people are against the fact that inheritance can be given to animals



We should respect people's last will. There is info in our Constitution that individual rights are above all.

People who want their pets inherit their legacy are supposed to be lonely. We should sympathize with them and give them the opportunity to do what they want.



Thanks for your attention!