

# Pet Power of Attorney

## How To Checklist

A Pet Power of Attorney is an important document to make for the protection of your pet. If you were ever unable to make decisions for your pet, for example if you were on a business trip or in the hospital, your Pet Power of Attorney has the authority to make these decisions for you. This is especially important if your pet needs emergency medical treatment and the vet is unable to reach you. Your pet's caregiver would have your authorization to provide your pet with the best care. You never have to worry that your pet won't receive the care that they need, no matter the situation. We understand that planning your estate and creating your Pet Power of Attorney can seem like a difficult process, but with Gentreo it is easy and affordable.

To help guide you through the process even further, we have provided you with a step-by-step guide to help assist you through everything.

### Before You Start:

1. Gather contact information for the person you would want to act as Guardian for your pet
2. Decide what limitations to set and how long the Power of Attorney will be in effect



### Decide Whether the Power of Attorney will be Limited or Durable

When creating a Pet Power of Attorney, you have two options for the type of authority that they receive: Limited and Durable. A limited Pet Power of Attorney is a temporary document which allows you to give financial authority and caretaking responsibility for a predetermined period of time. If you are going out of the country for an extended period of time, or even if you have to run out of town for business for a few days, a Limited Pet Power of Attorney gives you the peace of mind that your pet will be cared for and given any treatment that they need. A Durable Pet Power of Attorney is a long term contract which gives authority of your pet to the designated caregiver. If something were to happen to you where you could no longer care for your pet, they would be cared for by whoever you designate.



### Enter Your Pet's Information

Fill in your pet's name and breed, as well as their veterinarian's information and any special instructions for your pet. It is important that all of this information is up to date to ensure that your pet can receive the care they need in an emergency.



### Select Time Period for Limited Power of Attorney (if applicable)

If you selected a Limited Pet Power of Attorney, you can now select the time period that it will be in effect, as well as setting a limit on how much can be spent on any treatment or medical needs during that period. It is very important that you have your dates correct and that you provide your pet's caregiver with appropriate funds for care to ensure that your pet is not left without any needs.

## **Name the Caregiver(s) for Your Pet**

Now you have the option to select a first, second, and third choice for a caregiver for your pet. This should be someone that you trust, and that is capable of taking care of your pet for either a limited or long term. While your first choice may be someone that you would trust, the future can be unpredictable. If your first choice is unable to serve when needed, it is important that you have second and third options to ensure that your pet is never left without care when you are unable to do so yourself.

## **Give Authority for Humane Euthanasia (if that's your choice)**

If you chose to create a Limited Pet Power of Attorney, you have the option to provide your pet's caregiver with the authority to give your pet humane euthanasia. If you were away and something terrible were to happen which left your pet in need of euthanasia, giving this authority allows your caretaker to take necessary action in regards to your pet's health. This can prevent any suffering if your pet was in critical condition. We understand that this is a hard authority to give, which is why it is important that you and your pet's caregiver communicate to determine what you feel is best for your pet.

## **List Your Choices for Long Term Care**

If you chose to create a Durable Pet Power of Attorney, you can clarify here if you have a caregiver for long term care in place for your pet, or if you want to allow your selected pet caregiver to find an alternative long term home. You can provide contact information for your caregiver or a kennel that you have arranged to take your pet. It is important that this information is communicated with your selected pet caregiver beforehand so that your plans for your pet can be carried out without any issues.

## **Make Your Pet Power of Attorney Official**

- 1. Print your documents.** Upon completion of filling out your information for your Pet Power of Attorney, your documents need to be printed out and signed.
- 2. Upload the completed documents to your Gentreo Digital Family Vault.** Uploading your signed Pet Power of Attorney to the Gentreo Digital Family Vault allows you to access, edit, and share your document any time, and ensures that it is ready when you need it most. With the Gentreo Digital Family Vault, everyone knows where to turn in the event of an emergency and instant access is always just a few clicks away.
- 3. Share documents with your loved ones.** By providing your loved ones with access to your Pet Power of Attorney through your Gentreo Digital Family Vault, you ensure that they have instant access in the event of an emergency. You wouldn't want to put your pet's health at risk because your family cannot access the necessary documentation.
- 4. Update your documents as needed, when life circumstances change, live events happen, or laws in your state change.** Gentreo is with you every step of the way.

**Congratulations, you have completed your Pet Power of Attorney!**