

# **1 Formal Testamentary Pet Trust Clause (Michigan Uniform Trust Code § 700.2722)**

## **Pet Trust for the Benefit of My Pet(s)**

I direct that a trust be established upon my death for the benefit of any and all pets I own at the time of my death, including but not limited to [specific pet(s), e.g., "my dog Max and any other pets I may own at death"], hereinafter collectively referred to as "my Pet(s)."

### **1 Designation of Caregiver and Trustee**

I appoint [Name of Caregiver] as the caregiver for my Pet(s) and [Name of Trustee] as Trustee of this Pet Trust. If [Name of Caregiver] is unwilling or unable to serve, I nominate [Alternate Caregiver]. If [Name of Trustee] is unwilling or unable to serve, I nominate [Alternate Trustee].

### **2 Funding**

I direct my Personal Representative to transfer the sum of [\$ Amount] to the Trustee to hold, administer, and distribute for the benefit of my Pet(s).

### **3 Purpose of the Trust**

The purpose of this Trust is to provide for the health, support, maintenance, comfort, and general welfare of my Pet(s) during their lifetime. The Trustee shall make distributions to, or for the benefit of, the caregiver for such purposes.

### **4 Use of Funds**

The Trustee shall pay or reimburse the caregiver for the costs of food, shelter, grooming, veterinary care (including emergency and specialty care), and any other reasonable expenses related to the maintenance, comfort, and well-being of my Pet(s).

### **5 Termination**

This Trust shall terminate upon the death of the last surviving Pet. Upon termination, any remaining trust property shall be distributed to [Remainder Beneficiary, e.g., "the Humane Society of Michigan"].

### **6 Enforcement**

This Pet Trust is created pursuant to MCL 700.2722 and shall be enforceable by [Name of Enforcer, if any, e.g., "my Personal Representative"] or by any person interested in the welfare of my Pet(s).

### **7 Bond**

No bond shall be required of the Trustee or the caregiver unless ordered by a court.