

Frequently Asked Questions about Donations



Are donations I make to the Great Falls Animal Shelter tax deductible?

Yes! Cash and in-kind donations to the Animal Shelter are tax deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 81-6001269. Your donation can be designated to the Guardian Angel Fund, the Adoption Fund or the Help Us Grow Project. All donations stay here at the Shelter; if the donor designates the money go to a particular fund, those funds are only used as the donor designates. All donations stay within our organization and help us fund for the care of sheltered animals, assist in adoption costs or shelter improvements.

Is the Great Falls Animal Shelter a private nonprofit 501(c)3?

No, but the Shelter is a municipal shelter, or a governmental agency/ unit, and donations are still tax deductible under IRS Code Section 170(c).

How can I learn more about making tax deductible gifts to the Shelter?

Talk to your tax advisor and/or attorney to learn more about tax deductible donations to qualified entities like the Great Falls Animal Shelter.

Can I include the Great Falls Animal Shelter in my planned giving, estate planning or will?

Yes, you certainly can! When you plan a gift to the Great Falls Animal Shelter, you ensure the health, safety and welfare of the animals in our community, and help us continue to promote responsible pet ownership. You can plan a gift to benefit the Shelter today or after your lifetime. Talk to your tax advisor and/ or attorney about the tax benefits and options available. For more information about making a specific donation to the Animal Shelter, please contact Jennifer Reichelt, Deputy City Manager, at 406-455-8417.

We simply cannot do this work without your help! Please consider giving to the Animal Shelter or volunteering your time. For more information about volunteering, [click here](#). Thanks!

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Web Links

[IRS Publication 526, "Charitable Contributions" \(PDF\) IRS Code 170 C](#)

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