



VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM **Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the benefits of donating my vehicle to the Animal Welfare Society?

AWS benefits by receiving a cash donation from the sale of your vehicle. This donation will be used to help care for the thousands of animals we see annually.

You benefit by being able to reduce your taxable income, if you itemize your taxes. Plus, you avoid the costs associated with selling your car. No need to pay for advertising, no loss of privacy and possible security risk, and no need to pay for vehicle registration, insurance and repairs to keep your car in running condition while you wait for a buyer.

What can I donate?

Most any vehicle is accepted, including cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles and RVs. In most cases, vehicles **do not** need to be in new or even running condition. Restrictions based on the vehicle's condition may apply, especially for non-cars. The vehicle must have an engine and be towable.

Is my donation tax-deductible?

Yes, the Animal Welfare Society is a non-profit organization and all donations qualify as a charitable deduction on your federal income tax return.

How does AWS receive the funds?

Our vehicle donation partner, Vehicles for Charity will sell your at auction or to salvage based on condition. They will send the proceeds of the sale directly to AWS!

What do I need to donate my car?

Please have a signed, clear (no liens) title. The title to the car must be in your name. In the case of a deceased family member, please contact us and we can work with you to ensure proper ownership transfer. We will also need some information about where the car is located and the condition of the car to assist us in scheduling appropriate towing arrangements.

Who will pick up my car?

A towing company will call you to schedule the pick-up of your vehicle within two to three days. You will need to give the driver the keys to the vehicle as well as your signed title. If you cannot be present at pick-up, arrangements can be made to accommodate.

The tow driver will issue a tow receipt at the time of pick-up. ***This is not your final tax receipt unless the sale of your vehicle does not exceed \$500.*** This initial acknowledgement will indicate your name as well as the year, make, model and condition of the car you are donating. It will be your only receipt if your vehicle sells for less than \$500.

How is the value of my car determined?

The IRS allows you to take a charitable tax deduction on your federal income tax form ***equal to the amount the vehicle sells for at auction unless it sells for less than \$500.*** If your vehicle sells for less than \$500 you may deduct no more than \$500. If your vehicle sells for more than \$500, you will need to include the IRS form 1098C. Our vehicle donation partner, Vehicles for Charity, will supply this documentation after your vehicle sells. We recommend you consult your tax advisor with specific questions about your deduction.

Ready to get started?

Vehicles for Charity is standing by!

Visit <https://www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/AWS.html> or call **1.866.628.2277**. Please have your VIN number and title number handy.