



YGRC PROGRAM – May 20, 2008

When It's All Going to the Dogs: Planning Estates with Pets

We are very excited to present Attorney Gina M. Barry on Tuesday, May 20th. She will be presenting “When It’s All Going to the Dogs: Planning Estates with Pets”. Gina is a partner with the firm of Beacon & Wilson. She is a member of the Estate Planning/ Elder Law Department whose practice includes sophisticated estate planning issues. Additional areas of expertise include guardianship, conservatorship, planning for long-term care and residential real estate.



Gina M. Barry, Esquire

Some people consider their animals to be members of their family. Other people have made a career out of breeding, raising and/or sheltering animals. When these individuals pass away, if they have not made provisions for the continuing care of their animals, the animals will pass through the decedent’s estate as would any item of personal property. Often, the recipient of the animals does not care to, or is not prepared to, take on the responsibility of the ongoing care of the animals. As a result, the animals are then euthanized, neglected or abandoned. To avoid this undesirable outcome, when an estate plan is established for an animal owner, the plan should address the specific concerns surrounding animal ownership.

Meeting starts at 7:30PM at the Acton Congregational Church, Acton MA