

# In Private

## Welcome to the third issue of Fladgate's In Private

With Crufts coming to an end this Sunday, this quarter's InPrivate looks at our 'best in show' of unusual chattels. From beloved pets to fine wine and rare whisky, we explore how the law treats these distinctive assets, from ownership and taxation to succession planning – plus a special feature on legal professionals and their closest (fluffy) companions



### Paws Behind the Professionals

With Miuccia winning best in show at Crufts, our very own [Simon Goldring](#) and [Joshua Moger](#) wanted to offer a glimpse into the more personal side of the private wealth world. Below, we share submissions from barristers, solicitors and private wealth professionals for In Private's 'best in show', as we ask – is the law starting to recognise that pets are more than just a chattel? These stories offer a glimpse into the personalities behind the professional, one 'paw' at a time.

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### Interview - Two Minutes With... Sarah Lucy Cooper

Fladgate's [Teresa Cullen](#) met with Sarah Lucy Cooper, Barrister at Thomas More Chambers (and her schnoodle, Apollo!), at the Kennel Club to discuss the treatment of pets in family courts and the working group she's heading up to bring about change.

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## Our Insights



### Ensuring your furry friend's future: the importance of estate planning for pets

Who will care for your pet when you are gone? [Katya Vagner](#) and [Bethany Brand](#) remind us that estate planning is not just for people, and we should know how to legally protect our pet's future.

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### From barrel to bankruptcy: The pitfalls every wine collector needs to know

Fine wine can be an investment but there are many complexities every wine collector needs to know. From "En Primeur" purchases to tax pitfalls, [Jerry Jamieson](#) and [Tom Bolam](#) discuss how to protect your prized collection.

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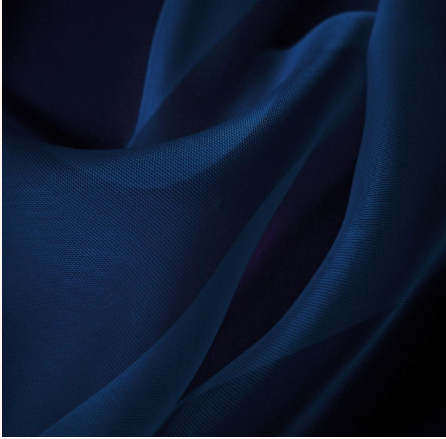


### What is a 'pet-nup' and when might I need one?

A pet-nup is a legal agreement that outlines pet care and ownership in case of a breakup, custody, expenses, in the event of a breakup, ensuring the pet's future is protected responsibilities. [Teresa Cullen](#) dives into how these agreements can offer peace of mind for pet owners.

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## Digital assets: protecting your online legacy

Lost passwords, frozen accounts and vanishing crypto – what happens to digital assets after death? [Jonathan Riley](#) and [Priya Morzeria](#) discuss why planning your online legacy is more crucial than ever, highlighting the need for clear strategies.

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## Challenges in whisky cask investment

Whisky can be an investment, but there are complexities every collector needs to understand. [Tom Bolan](#) & [Robaidh Allighan](#) discusses key issues and challenges in the whisky cask market and providing advice for potential investors.

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## In the next issue...

In our next quarter, we'll be exploring how to advise and protect vulnerable clients in the context of trusts, structuring, disputes and residential planning.

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