How you can leave the world a better place for animals

A simple guide to remembering World Animal Protection in your Will

We were known as WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals)
Animals across the world need our protection

Thank you for your compassion for animals and your consideration for their plight. They need our protection as much, if not more, today than at any other time in our existence.

All over the world, in the wild, in communities, on farms and in times of disaster, we’re fighting harder than ever to bring an end to animal cruelty. And we’re steadily getting the results the animals deserve.

In Pakistan, we’re witnessing the beginning of the end of bear baiting as owners give up their bears for a cruelty-free livelihood. In Bali and Bangladesh, our mass dog rabies vaccination programmes have saved tens of thousands of dogs from being needlessly killed and made the communities safer for everyone.

Together, we’ve achieved so much.

But there’s still so much more to do. Billions of animals around the world still suffer needlessly every day.

Please help us continue to protect animals into the future by remembering World Animal Protection in your Will. This booklet contains the information you’ll need to arrange your bequest.

Like you, we passionately believe that animals matter and animal cruelty must end. This won’t happen overnight, but one day, it will. And your generous gift will have helped make it possible.

Thank you for helping us move the world to protect animals.

Margaret West
Director, World Animal Protection
You can make the world a better place for animals and the people that depend on them

Animals in all corners of the world will benefit from your touching gift, now and into the future. Their need has never been greater.

By leaving a gift to World Animal Protection in your Will, you can help us bring practical aid to animals in need and move the world to protect animals by:

Influencing the decisions people make that affect animals on a global scale

Helping people understand how protecting animals is fundamental to their lives

Helping people act in sustainable and practical ways that will benefit animals.

Together, we can make real and lasting change for animals and people alike.
Your legacy can help create a world where animals matter and animal cruelty has ended

Protecting animals starts with people just like you, who have the passion and the foresight to create a better world for them.

With your support, we’ll go where animal suffering is most far-reaching and animal cruelty is most severe and bring relief and lasting change.

World Animal Protection will work tirelessly to create positive change for animals all over the world, including:

- bears imprisoned in the bear bile trade
- livestock and pets caught up in disasters
- sheep mistreated in the live export trade
- dogs trapped and killed due to fear of rabies.

Your thoughtful bequest can provide a better life for animals everywhere.
You can protect animals in the wild

Wild animals belong in the wild. From the land to the sea, your generosity can help us ensure the captivity, exploitation and mistreatment of wild animals is a thing of the past.

You can help create a world where wild animals are not exploited for entertainment and traditional medicine, or traded as exotic pets. You can help us campaign to clear the oceans of tonnes of man-made rubbish that entangles and kills countless marine birds and animals.

“We are close to rescuing the remaining captive bears that are living in terrible conditions across Romania. However, while our work in Romania has been a great success, there are still tens of thousands of captive Asiatic black bears across Asia that need your help.”

Victor Watkins, World Animal Protection Wildlife Advisor
You can protect animals in disasters

Whether it’s destructive weather, volcanic eruptions or man-made tragedies, your legacy will help us create a world where animals are protected from disasters.

You can help us rescue and provide emergency aid to animals during a disaster, whether at home or overseas. We’ll work with governments and communities across the globe to ensure animals are part of disaster plans and assist in their recovery and ongoing protection.

“In 2011, East Africa experienced their worst drought in 60 years. When animals suffer, so too do the people who rely on them. Travelling hundreds of kilometres, we were able to help alleviate the suffering of over 35,000 cattle, goats, camels and donkeys. Sadly, disasters happen all the time.”

Dr Harry Muembai, World Animal Protection Project Co-ordinator
You can protect animals in farming

Industrial farming affects tens of billions of animals each year. Your lasting gift will help us bring better quality of life to animals farmed for food.

You can help us in our campaign to stop the needless trauma of the live export trade, where thousands of sheep and cattle die in terrible transportation conditions. Together, we can continue to press for an end to this cruel practice, and promote humane and sustainable alternatives.

“Over 2 million animals are shipped live from Australia each year. Unhygienic and cramped conditions cause awful suffering and stress beyond which they are used to. All this despite the fact World Animal Protection has identified a viable alternative to live export that is better for farmers, better for the economy and better for animals.”

Nicola Beynon, World Animal Protection Head of Campaigns
You can protect animals in communities

Man’s best friend shouldn’t die because of a fear of rabies. With your kind bequest, we can step closer to a world where the inhumane practice of mass dog killing has ended.

You can help us continue our successful rabies dog vaccination programme that saves countless dogs from an unnecessary death. You can help us bring this positive change to China, Vietnam and Indonesia and put an end to the brutal killing of millions of dogs each year.

“Together with our local partners, World Animal Protection carried out a mass rabies vaccination programme, which reached over 210,000 dogs in less than a year - saving them from a gruesome death by poisoning. Now we are looking to help governments introduce mass dog vaccination projects in many other countries.”

Joanna Tuckwell, World Animal Protection
Inhumane Culling Campaign Manager
Please consider World Animal Protection in your Will

As a compassionate and active community, we have brought about incredible and lasting change together for over 30 years.

All across the globe, World Animal Protection supporters have saved millions of animals from pain and distress and helped people understand the importance of animal protection.

And we still have a lot to do.

Your legacy will help support our work in years to come.

Leaving World Animal Protection a gift in your Will provides us with vital funds to bring an end to animal cruelty and inspire people to change animals’ lives for the better.

Thank you.

If you have any further questions, please:

- fill in the attached form, or
- Call Michel Zwecker, Development Manager on 1300 139 772, or
- email us at legacy@worldanimalprotection.org.au
Our promise to you

If you decide to protect animals everywhere by leaving a gift to World Animal Protection in your Will, we promise the following:

• We’ll always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is your own personal business.

• We respect that leaving a gift to World Animal Protection in your Will is a personal decision and you need to make it in your own time.

• We give you our word that any gift you leave to World Animal Protection will be used with the utmost care, sensitivity and respect.

• Where possible, we’ll keep you updated on our progress to protect animals from cruelty and suffering.

• We recognise you have an absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your Will at any time.
Here’s what you’ll need to do to include World Animal Protection in your Will

If you’ve decided to support the work of World Animal Protection with a gift in your Will, thank you. Animals in need across the world will benefit from your lasting legacy.

You’ll now need to see your solicitor to make a Will and also appoint an executor; the person or people who’ll make sure your wishes are followed. If you want to amend or add to an existing Will, it’s considered best practice to make those changes by getting a new Will drafted by your solicitor.

You’ll also need to decide which of the following kinds of gift you wish to make to World Animal Protection in your Will.
**Residuary bequest**

Once you’ve provided for your loved ones, you can leave the remainder of your estate to World Animal Protection. This is the best way to make sure your bequest is inflation-proof because you don’t need to put a precise value on your gift.

Suggested wording for your Will:

“I give and bequeath to World Animal Protection Limited
ABN 19 083 297 027 of Level 1, 39 Chandos Street, St Leonards NSW 2065, for general purposes, the residue of my estate, free of all duties, and I declare the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of World Animal Protection shall constitute an absolute discharge to my Trustee.”

**Pecuniary bequest**

This is when you make a gift of a specific sum of money to World Animal Protection.

Suggested wording for your Will:

“I give and bequeath to World Animal Protection Limited
ABN 19 083 297 027 of Level 1, 39 Chandos Street, St Leonards NSW 2065, for general purposes, the sum of [insert amount], free of all duties, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of World Animal Protection shall constitute an absolute discharge to my Trustee.”

**Specific bequest**

Alternatively, you may wish to leave a very specific item to World Animal Protection, such as a house, or other personal effect. Bequests of any kind are very welcome and will help protect animals all over the world.

Suggested wording for your Will:

“I give, devise and bequeath to World Animal Protection Limited
ABN 19 083 297 027 of Level 1, 39 Chandos Street, St Leonards NSW 2065, for general purposes, all my share and interest in the property known as [insert full address or exact details of item] at my death, free of all duties, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of World Animal Protection shall constitute an absolute discharge to my Trustee.”
Key words and phrases

**Residuary bequest**  A person, or an organisation, to whom you leave a gift in your Will.

**Bequest**  A gift you leave in your Will to a person or organisation. See also Legacy.

**Codicil**  Any change or addition that you make to your Will. However, it’s now considered best practice to effect changes by getting a new Will drafted rather than by making a codicil to an existing Will.

**Estate**  The total sum of your possessions, property and money left at your death after debts have been paid.

**Executor**  Person(s) appointed by you to ensure the wishes in your Will are carried out.

**Intestate**  The term for a person who dies without having a Will. Under the Rules of Intestacy, if you die without a Will, certain relations are entitled to apply for your estate. If you don’t have any surviving blood relations, the State will apply for your estate.

**Legacy**  Any gift you leave in your Will to a person or organisation. See also Bequest.

**Life Interest**  The right of a beneficiary to benefit from part or all of your estate for their lifetime. For example, in your Will you give a relative/friend the right to live in a property for their lifetime.

**Probate**  Official proof that a Will is valid. After your death, Probate must be applied for by your Executors in most cases where you leave significant assets. It’s granted by the court on the production of the necessary documents. Granting probate gives your executors the authority to administer your Will and distribute your estate according to your wishes.

**Residue**  The total sum of your possessions, property and money left at your death after debts and gifts of fixed sums to beneficiaries have been paid.

**Testator**  A person who’s made a Will.
YES, I want to leave the world a better place for animals by including World Animal Protection in my Will

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My details:

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms or other: ____________________________________________

First name: ___________________________ Surname: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Postcode: ___________________________ Date of birth: ______/____/____

Phone: (____) ____________

(Preferred contact time am pm)

Email: ____________________________________________

☐ I’d like to talk to the Bequest Officer. Please call me on the number above.

☐ I’ve already included World Animal Protection in my Will.

Thank you

CONFIDENTIALITY: Your support is vital to the work we do and we thank you for it. We also respect your privacy and assure you that World Animal Protection fully complies with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will not, under any circumstances, share your legacy information with any other organisations, and all correspondence will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

Please detach, moisten glue strips, fold to seal and mail. No stamp required.