

Your Will Leaving a gift for the future



**HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL**
UNITED KINGDOM

Protect street animals

HSI/Amanda Chaves



Advance farm animal welfare

HSI



Stop wildlife abuse



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Eradicate painful animal testing

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Advance animal welfare laws

Leave the world a kinder place



Humane Society International UK (HSI UK) has been a leading force for animal protection for over 20 years. We go all out, and all over the world, to protect animals from suffering. We shine a light on cruelty, drive forward humane practices and legislation, and change hearts and minds.

Today we have active campaigns to protect British wildlife, to reduce and replace animal use in scientific research and product testing, to expose and stop the sale of fur, and to reduce the number of animals suffering on farms – and more.

In the future, we want to continue to deliver dramatic change. Our plans are full of ways to protect animals and to promote compassion for every living

**Help bring lasting change
with a gift in your Will**

creature. You can be there to help us, with a gift in your Will.

Your gift can help us plan with confidence and commit to programmes that could bring lasting change. Some of our biggest victories have taken decades of dedicated research, campaigning and lobbying – such as getting seal products banned across the EU, which saved over 3 million seals over the last decade.

A gift in your Will to HSI UK gives you the comfort of knowing that your love for animals will live on, and make the world a kinder place.



For HSI/Jean Chung

Respond to emergencies



Easy steps to making a Will

1. Use a solicitor

Your Will sets out what will happen to everything you own after you pass away. It is important that the wording is clear and legally-binding. Using a solicitor means you avoid any mistakes that could cost your beneficiaries later, in time and money.

2. Do some planning first

- a. Write down everything that you own and its value, then take away anything you owe. The difference is yours to leave in your Will (your **estate**).
- b. Consider who you would like to benefit from your Will (your **beneficiaries**).
- c. Decide what you'd like to leave to each beneficiary. After loved-ones, consider what you'd like to leave to charity and the kind of gift you'd like to make (your **bequest**) – see opposite.

Haven't got a solicitor?

Find one near you lawsociety.org.uk
or call 02072 421222

3. Choose executors

Executors make sure the wishes in your Will are carried out. People usually appoint two individuals – who could be friends, relatives or a solicitor. It's a good idea to check that they are willing first.

Ways you can remember us in your Will

A gift in your Will could be:

Share of your estate (residuary gift)

– all, or a percentage, of what is left after other gifts and expenses have been paid. It is inflation proof, most gifts in Wills to charities are residuary gifts.

Cash gift (pecuniary gift) – this is a sum of money, which you specify in your Will.

Specific item (specific gift) – items of value, like property, jewellery or shares.

A conditional gift (contingent gift) – this will only be made if certain conditions are met, for example, if your beneficiaries pass away before the you.

Any questions?

Call us on **020 7490 5288**
or email **info@hsiuk.org**

Letting us know about your gift

We would be so grateful for any gift you leave to HSI UK. It will help us plan ahead with confidence, and so we'd like to say thank you for your thoughtfulness and understanding.

There's no obligation to tell us, but if you'd like to there's a pledge slip enclosed. Thank you.

Example of wording for your Will

If you were to leave a residuary gift, this wording would ensure that we safely receive your gift.

I give *all/a percentage (state percentage) + of the residue of my estate absolutely to Humane Society International UK, 5 Underwood Street, London, N1 7LY, United Kingdom, Registered Charity Number: 1098925, to be applied by Humane Society International UK for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of any proper officer of Humane Society International UK shall be sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

Adding a gift to an existing Will

If you already have a Will and would like to add a gift to HSI UK, you can write it in a codicil (which is like a P.S. to your Will). There's a form at the back of this booklet which you can complete and take to your solicitor to discuss.

Keep your Will in a safe place and let your executors know where it is. Copies are not valid. Many Solicitors will store it for you at no cost.



Saving animals together

Meet Adam – Adam Parascandola leads HSI’s animal rescue around the world. They battle incredible odds to reach animals in difficult and perilous situations every year.



HSI

Guatemala

“When Volcán de Fuego erupted, we went into the evacuation zone looking for signs of life. We walked the scorched and devastated area around the volcano. It was worth it. We found and treated over 900 animals, including Philippe a foal with ash burns on his legs and tail.” Adam



Jennifer

Meet Jennifer, Essex

Adam and his team can't do their incredible job without people like Jennifer. She supports the charity with regular donations, and has recently included Humane Society International UK (HSI UK) in her Will.



Jennifer helps make it possible for people like Adam to go wherever HSI is needed, to stop suffering and save lives. And the gift she's left will help this continue in the years ahead.

“I admire people like Adam who are so full of energy and compassion. In my younger day that could have been me, I've always loved animals. The best way I can help now is from home, making sure these brave people get out and stop cruelty. The gift in my Will means my love of animals will live on, long after me.” Jennifer



HSI

South Korea

“Dog meat farms must be some of the most barbaric places I've seen. We've closed down farms and rescued hundreds of dogs. My heart goes out to each one, but little Ruby stole it. She was in such a bad way, I feared for her survival and so I took her home.

A little time and a whole lot of love have changed her world, and ours as a family.”

Adam

British Virgin Islands

“The level of widespread destruction caused by Hurricane Irma was incredible. We found lost and bewildered animals suffering from injuries, hunger, dehydration and shock. As well as providing immediate care, we transported 125 animals off the islands to find new homes or to be reunited with delighted owners.”

Adam



For HSI/Jean Chung



Make a difference in the future

Here are some of the ways gifts in Wills made in the past are helping today. We may not receive your gift for many years and, so that it holds its value, please consider a residuary gift (see page 5).

For Hsi/Lean Chung

£15,000 could help us locate fur farms, investigate and film their activities, so we can use this evidence to convince policymakers to ban fur sales.

£62,000 could help train an animal response team – they reach and treat animals in difficult and perilous situations around the world, including bushfires and volcanic eruptions.

£2,000 would help us neuter, vaccinate and treat 100 street dogs who survive day to day, without regular food and water let alone veterinary care.

£160,000 would help us close down a South Korean dog meat farm for good, rescuing around 150 dogs and transporting them across the world to loving new homes.

Like to talk about how your gift could help?

Call us on **020 7490 5288** or email **info@hsiuk.org**

Questions and answers



Here are answers to the most common questions people ask. They may help when leaving a gift in your Will to Humane Society International UK (HSI UK).

Q. Why should I make a Will?

A. It is the only way you can be sure of providing for everyone in the way that you wish, after you pass away. If you don't leave clear instructions everything will be divided according to the law, and you may leave financial and legal difficulties behind.

Q. What if I have a Will already?

A. It's important to check your Will regularly, to make sure it's up to date and still reflects your wishes and circumstances. For example, you may now have grandchildren, own your home outright or want to include a good cause. You don't need to make a brand new Will, changes can go into a codicil (a simple addition).

Q. Do I need a solicitor?

A. People do buy DIY Will packs, but your Will is an important document that needs to be worded carefully. So we recommend that you use a solicitor. If you don't have one, find a solicitor close to you at **lawsociety.org.uk** or call **02072 421222**.

Q. How can I remember Humane Society International UK (HSI UK) in my Will?

A. If you are making a new Will, please consider the type of gift you'd like to leave (see next question) and talk to your solicitor. If you are changing an existing Will, please complete the codicil form enclosed, and give it to your solicitor.

Our details for your solicitor

We sometimes abbreviate our name to HSI UK, but you will need to spell it out in full in any legal document – **Humane Society International UK**.

Name of charity: **Humane Society International UK**

Address: **5 Underwood Street, London, N1 7LY**

Charity number: **Registered Charity No. 1098925**

Q. How is Humane Society International UK's (HSI UK) money spent?

- A. We're here to protect animals, so that's where the majority of our money goes. But every pound we spend has to be raised, from the kind people who support us. So we have no choice but to invest in fundraising too. Here's how we spent each £1 in 2018.



Q. What types of gift will benefit your work most?

- A. We value any gift you kindly leave. It may be useful to know that leaving a share of your estate (residuary) rather than a fixed sum of money (pecuniary) will protect your gift from losing value over time, through inflation. We explain these terms on page 5 and your solicitor can tell you more.

Q. Are there any tax benefits in leaving a gift in my Will?

- A. When you leave a gift to charity in your Will it is either a) taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated, or b) may reduce the Inheritance Tax rate, if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity. Your solicitor can explain how this may affect you. Check the current inheritance tax threshold and rules at gov.uk/inheritance-tax

Q. Do I need to let you know I have left a gift in my Will?

- A. Your Will is personal to you and you don't need to tell us. But if you do, it would help us plan ahead, knowing that we'll have funds available. Of course, whatever you tell us will be strictly confidential. *To tell us, please return the pledge slip enclosed.*

Here to help



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