



**Working
Animals
International**

Legacy Gift Guide



My legacy for working animals

On a visit to London in 1985, I first chanced upon the offices of SPANA – Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa, with a poster in the window of a heavily laden donkey. Having witnessed overburdened donkeys in the blistering salt pans of Greece in my travels in the 1970s, I was drawn to this poster and the plight of working animals. By the 1990s, I had become a dedicated supporter and a Volunteer Coordinator of SPANA (now Working Animals International). Along with other volunteers, I had the privilege of sharing this important work at community events.

As a visitor to our Marrakech Centre in Morocco, I have seen working animals arrive exhausted and in pain, alongside their owners, who often have nowhere else to turn. With the dedicated support of our partners, these same animals leave healthier, receiving the treatment they desperately needed, and able to return to the communities that depend on them.

I decided to leave a legacy to Working Animals International to ensure the charity's crucial work continues for generations to come. As a long-time friend of the organisation, I can confirm that leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most powerful ways you can help ensure this work continues into the future. Gifts in Wills enable Working Animals International to plan ahead, invest in sustainable programmes and reach animals and communities who might otherwise have had no access to professional veterinary services.

By considering leaving a gift in your Will, you are helping to build a sustainable future for working animals and those who rely on them.

On behalf of everyone at Working Animals International, and the animals whose lives are improved by your support, thank you for considering this lasting act of kindness.

With best wishes,
Diana Lord

A century of care and compassion

In the early 1920s, Kate Hosali and her daughter Nina travelled across North Africa. While captivated by the stunning countryside, bustling markets and rural farms, they were also devastated to see malnourished donkeys, mules and camels, who were injured and in pain.

Their experiences inspired the Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa (SPANNA), which they set up in 1923. More than 100 years on, our name has evolved but the passion and determination of Kate and Nina lives on in the organisation they founded.

From the very beginning, we have combined veterinary care for working animals with the sharing of knowledge and skills with local professionals, owners and communities. In the 1920s, Nina established an international education programme, even keeping it going throughout the Second World War. In the decades that followed, we extended our partnerships with teams across Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.

Today, we work in over 15 countries across the world, whilst remaining

resolutely committed to Kate and Nina's vision of a world where every working animal lives a healthy and valued life

Behind our progress is something powerful; people who cared enough to act. Many of our supporters chose to leave a gift in their Will, helping ensure that our lifesaving work could continue long after their lifetime.



Their legacy is the care we provide today.



The next generation of care

Across the world, working animals remain essential to everyday life. They carry water long distances, transport goods to market and support families who depend on them for income and survival. Without them, often women and children would be responsible for carrying these heavy loads, limiting their access to education and income-generating opportunities.

Despite their critical role in the community, many working animals still face hardship, working without access to veterinary care, proper equipment or protection from injury.

For more than 100 years, supporters like you have helped change that and reach

over 500,000 animals per year but there is still so much more we can do to fulfil our mission to transform the welfare of working animals in a world where animals, people and the environment are respected and thrive.

Reaching that future will depend on people like you who think beyond their own lifetimes. This is why Gifts in Wills are so important. Leaving a small percentage of your estate can create a meaningful legacy, one that reflects your compassion, without impacting the provision you make for loved ones.

Your gift can create lasting change

Building the future, generation by generation

At Working Animals International, we're driven by a simple belief: working animals deserve to be treated with care and compassion. Our mission remains unchanged – but to help us make an even greater impact on the lives of working animals, we've redefined who we are with a new name and brand. Working Animals International embodies our vision and mission more clearly, it captures the global reach of our work and puts the animals we serve at the very heart of our identity.

Every stage of our growth has been shaped by the generosity of our supporters.

Today, gifts left in Wills help fund around half of everything we do.

In 2025, our veterinary partners delivered 246,837 treatments – work made possible in part thanks to gifts like these.

A gift in your Will could relieve the immediate suffering of horses, donkeys and other working animals through our veterinary care, or help fund lifesaving medicines, or a new mobile clinic.

Your legacy could be a better future for working animals through our children's education programme.

Our work cannot be done overnight, but your gift for the future could help make this possible and ultimately make a lasting difference in the lives of working animals and the communities that rely on them.



One century. One Health. One gift

The concept of One Health is all about interconnectedness. It recognises that animals, people and the environment depend on each other – if one is healthy, the others also benefit; and if one suffers, they are all affected.

When working animals are treated well, it helps the families who depend on them and the communities they live in, while also protecting the planet.

Millions of people globally rely on working animals for their survival and these animals are intensely vulnerable to disease, poverty, pollution and the climate crisis. Their health is a direct measure of the strength of the communities and ecosystems they inhabit. Yet it is often overlooked. We firmly believe that the welfare of working animals cannot, and must not, be separated from the wellbeing of people and the health of our planet.

As a charity, we've built our work around the guiding principle of One Health. In the places where we operate, our 'Do No Harm' promise means we focus on improving the lives of working animals in ways that also protect people and respect the environment.

We are also piloting innovative One Health programmes, like supporting women-owned microenterprises that produce safer harnesses in Mali.

When you choose to leave a gift in your Will, you are helping to continue this work into the future. With the many threats that face communities increasing, like geopolitical conflict and the devastating impact of the climate crisis, your support is more important than ever and could enable working animals, and the people who rely on them, to thrive for generations to come.



Your impact

Rugare has worked with Working Animals International since 2018, developing the skills of farming communities in Zimbabwe so they can care for their donkeys and recognise common health problems before they become serious.

In Chivi, where drought and harsh conditions make life challenging, donkeys are often a family's most valuable asset. They carry water and firewood, transport people to clinics and help farmers cultivate their land.

Through training and veterinary support, Rugare has developed knowledge and skills to help improve the welfare of donkeys in his community. Now, he can see the impact this is having. "You can tell the difference," he says. "The donkeys look healthy, with shiny coats and good body condition."

But there is still more to do. Many communities remain beyond the reach of current programmes. "With more resources, we could reach more people and more animals," Rugare explains.

A gift in your Will could help ensure that future generations of working animals and the families who depend on them receive the care, training and support they need to thrive.



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Rugare Munakiri
Community Training Officer





Ways to leave a gift in your Will

After taking care of your loved ones, there are several ways you can choose to remember Working Animals International in your Will. Everyone's circumstances are different but every gift helps continue to improve the welfare of working animals.

Types of gifts	What it means	Why supporters choose it
Residuary	A percentage of your estate after other gifts and costs are paid	Flexible, keeps pace with your estate
Pecuniary	A fixed sum of money	Simple and specific
Specific	A particular item such as property, shares or valuables	Allows you to give something meaningful to you or tangible
Contingent	A gift that only takes effect in certain circumstances	Provides flexibility if situations change

A note on tax

Gifts to charities are usually exempt from Inheritance Tax, and in some cases can reduce the overall tax rate on your estate. As a charity, we cannot provide legal advice, but your solicitor or financial advisor can explain how this applies to your situation.

Suggested wording for your Will

If you would like to leave a gift to Working Animals International, you may find the following wording helpful to share with your solicitor.

Residuary gift

For those wishing to leave a percentage of their estate:

I give [%] of the residue of my estate to Working Animals International (formerly known as SPANA), registered charity number [209015], of [55 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JW], for its general charitable purposes.

I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

Pecuniary gift (fixed sum)

I give the sum of £X to Working Animals International (formerly known as SPANA), registered charity number [209015], of [55 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JW], for its general charitable purposes.

I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

Specific gift

I give [description of item or asset] to Working Animals International (formerly known as SPANA), registered charity number [209015], of [55 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JW], for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors. If you would prefer to make a restricted gift, please contact our team to discuss how we can match your interests to make the greatest impact.



Why “general charitable purposes”?

Leaving your gift for general purposes allows Working Animals International to use it where the need is greatest at the time, helping as many animals and communities as possible.

Helpful details for your solicitor

Charity name: Working Animals International (formerly SPANA)

Registered charity number: 209015

Registered address: 55 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JW

A personal message

Some supporters choose to leave a letter of wishes alongside their Will.

This is not legally binding, but it allows you to explain your reasons for leaving a gift.

Staying connected

Some supporters choose to let us know when they have included Working Animals International in their Will. There is no obligation, but doing so allows us to say thank you and keep in touch.

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Supporters who wish to be recognised may also have their names included on the Legacy Board at our animal health and welfare centre in Marrakesh, Morocco. Please enquire with our legacy team for further information about how we can best acknowledge your Invaluable support.

A legacy

For more than a century, supporters like you, have helped improve the lives of working animals. Today, our work continues on a global scale. A gift in your Will could help ensure that we continue to provide care for working animals for centuries to come.



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