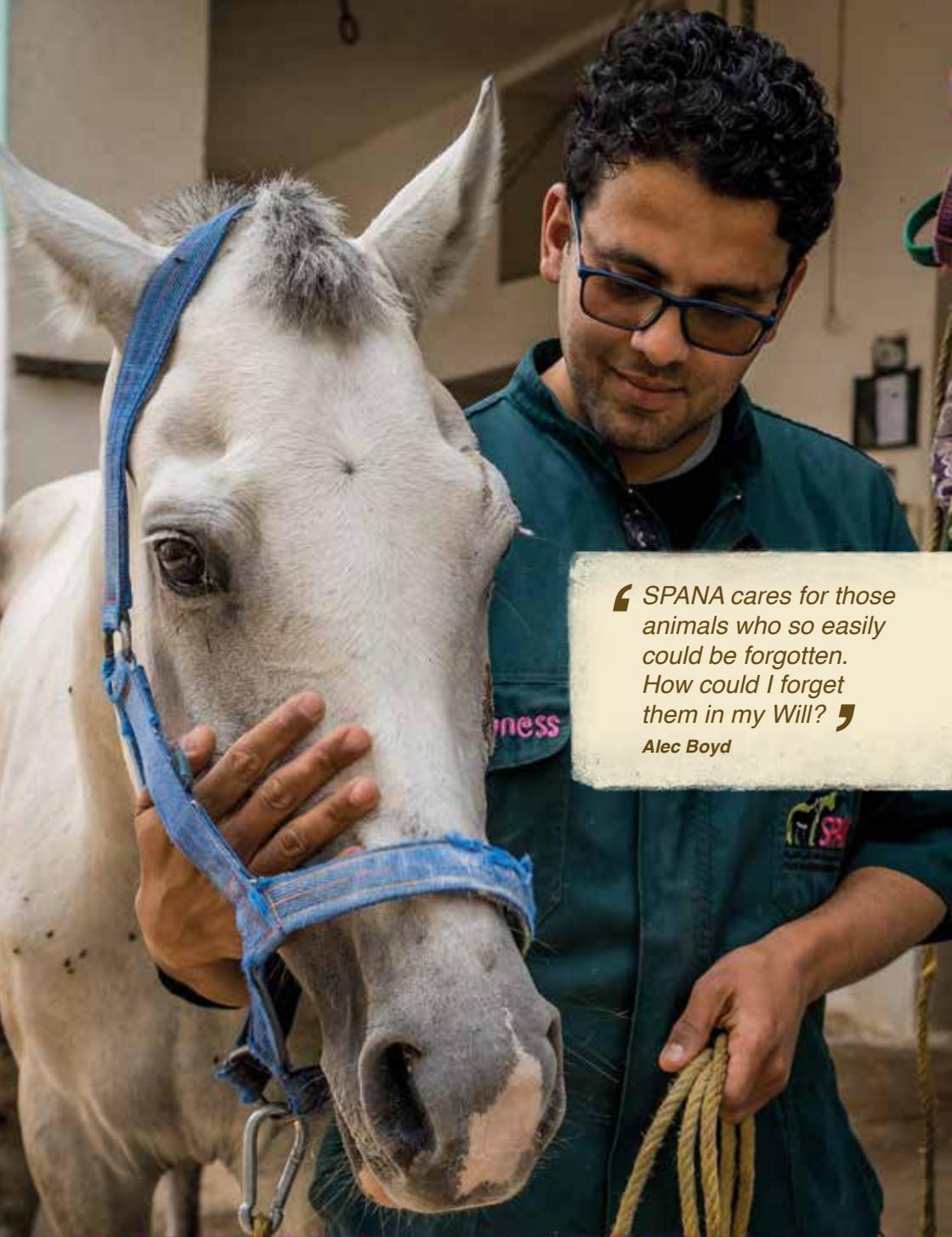


**YOU CAN CREATE
A BETTER WORLD
FOR WORKING
ANIMALS**

A guide to gift in Wills



SPANNA
For the working animals of the world



“ SPANA cares for those animals who so easily could be forgotten. How could I forget them in my Will? ”
 Alec Boyd

You and I share a goal

We both want a world where every animal is treated with compassion and respect

As a lifelong animal lover, I've supported SPANA for three decades. I am immensely proud to now be the charity's Chair of Trustees. I'm also acutely aware how important gifts in Wills are to SPANA – funding over half of everything we do. That's why I have included a gift in my Will to SPANA.

Providing free veterinary treatment to sick and injured working animals has always been central to SPANA's work. But the charity also changes attitudes and improves animal welfare using its unique combination of TREAT, TRAIN and TEACH.

SPANA has come a long way since the charity's founder, Kate Hosali, treated her first donkey in a north African marketplace in 1923. Millions of animals who would otherwise have been left to suffer have been treated by SPANA vets. Owners have been trained in good animal welfare practices to prevent injuries and illness. Children have been taught the importance of kindness to animals.

However, there is still much to do – and we can't do it without you. Please join me in creating a future where every working animal lives a life free from suffering. Even a modest gift to SPANA in your Will can help make that vision a reality. Thank you.

Dr Mary-Lorraine Hughes
 Chair of Trustees, SPANA



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“ We realised that behind the facade of picturesque beauty there existed a vast sea of neglected animal suffering. How many tourists had glimpsed this hidden world and like us done nothing about it? ”

Nina Hosali, SPANA founder
(following her trip to Morocco
in 1923)



A history of caring

We've been devoted to working animals since 1923

1923: After witnessing the terrible suffering of neglected working animals on their travels through north Africa, Kate Hosali and her daughter Nina felt compelled to act.

1924 – 1987: Nina sets up SPANA in London while Kate establishes veterinary centres across North and West. After devoting 21 years of her life to saving animals, Kate passes away in Marrakech aged 67. Nina rebuilds SPANA's services after the Second World War, extending our animal welfare education work. After 42 years of selfless devotion to working animals, Nina passes away in 1987 aged 89.

1990 – 2005: SPANA opens veterinary centres in Syria and in three sub-Saharan countries: Mali, Mauritania and Ethiopia. SPANA teams have to contend with outbreaks of the potentially fatal African Horse Sickness and Epizootic Lymphangitis. SPANA also provides assistance for the first time in Zimbabwe, due to the economic meltdown.

2005 to present day: During the devastating East African drought of 2011, SPANA helped feed over 500,000 livestock. Between 2013 and 2020, SPANA opened programmes in Zimbabwe, Botswana, Myanmar and Tanzania. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, SPANA vets continued treating working animals in need of emergency treatment.

The future: Our vision is a world where every working animal lives a life free from suffering and is treated with compassion.

By remembering SPANA in your Will, you can help make that vision a reality. Your legacy could be a kinder future for the working animals of the world.



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A culture of compassion

Your legacy can help to make the world a more caring place for working animals

We are determined to end the suffering of working animals through the provision of veterinary treatment, training, education and emergency assistance. As well as caring for injured and sick animals, we train other veterinary professionals, educate owners in animal welfare and encourage children to empathise with animals.

By supporting SPANA with a gift in your Will you can help us do more than improve animal treatment and care in the future – you can help us to make animal welfare part of a country's culture.



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Free veterinary treatment

You can help ease the suffering of working animals

SPANA runs a life-saving network of veterinary centres and mobile clinics, giving free care to tens of thousands of working animals every year – animals that people in poverty rely on for their livelihoods.

Our dedicated teams around the world treat everything from painful harness sores and infected wounds to colic, tetanus and infectious diseases, like Epizootic Lymphangitis. While our teams are working, they carry out medical checks and often pick up other serious conditions. A gift in your Will can help us continue this lifesaving work.

The owners of the working animals that we treat are poor and can't afford to pay for veterinary care, even if they can access it. So our free veterinary treatment services are vital for working animals and their owners.

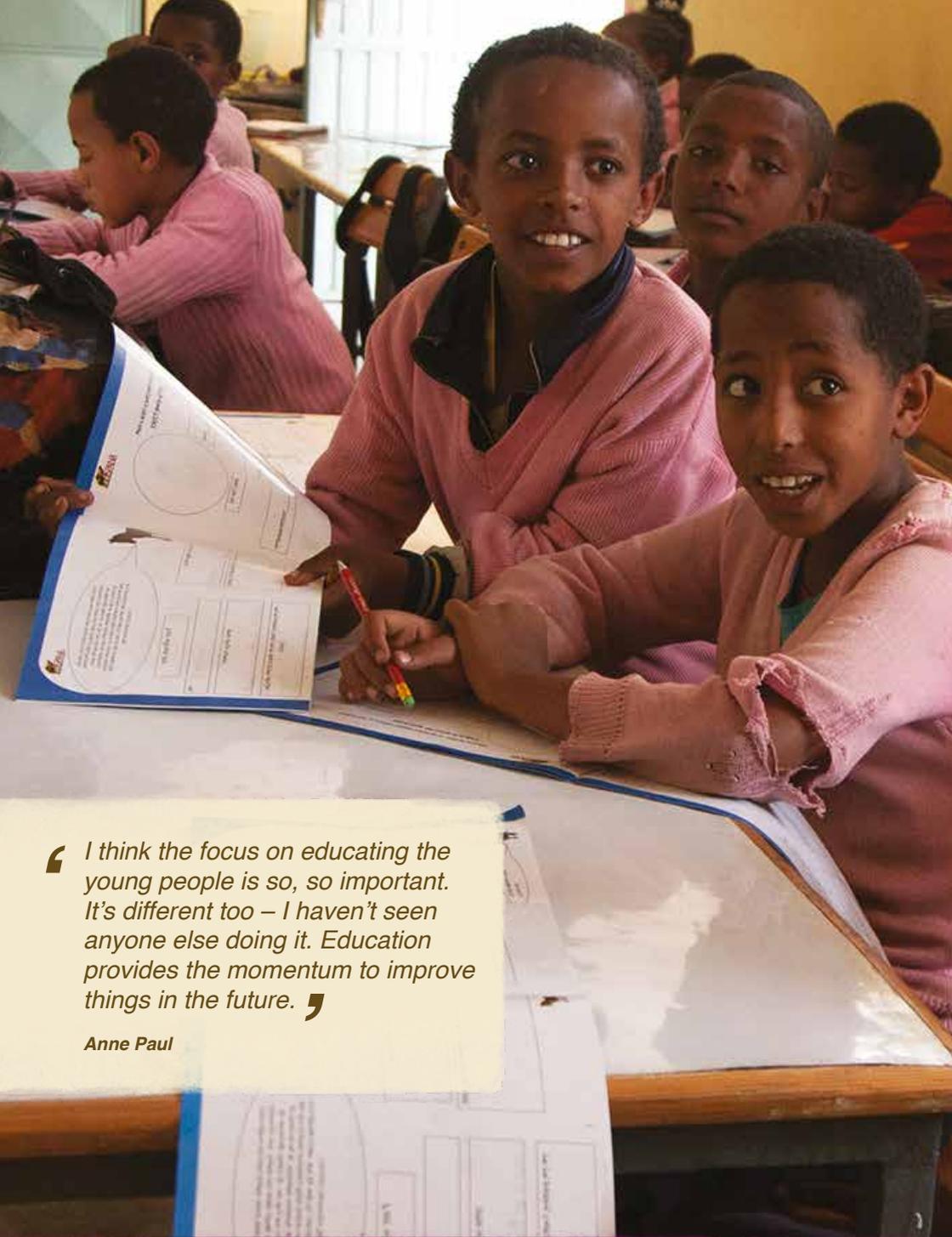
Emily's story

In Zimbabwe a young boy brought Emily the foal and her mother Mary to the SPANA mobile clinic. Emily was badly dehydrated so Dr Erick replenished Emily's fluids. He spoke to the owner and discovered that Emily had been struggling to get enough milk from her mother. Dr Erick found that parasites were preventing Mary from producing healthy milk.

After deworming Mary, Dr Erick explained to Emily's owner how to supplement Mary's diet with cornmeal, until she produced enough milk again for her foal.



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Education and training

You can help children develop empathy for animals

Educating children is central to our work. If we are going to achieve a cultural shift in the way animals are treated then an entire generation has to view animals in a new light, and with greater knowledge about good animal welfare. Our education programme teaches that animals can feel pain and have similar needs to us; they need food, water, shelter and medical treatment. This is the first step in eradicating harmful practices and creating a better world for all animals.

At our centres, schoolchildren enjoy fun and engaging lessons, explore our interactive exhibitions and get hands-on with friendly donkeys, rabbits and guinea pigs. SPANA's mobile exhibition units reach communities in rural areas. Teaching children in rural communities the importance of being kind to animals is especially important, as they are often responsible for feeding and tending their family's working animals. By leaving a gift to SPANA in your Will, you can help us reach many more thousands of children.

'I didn't like donkeys. I didn't think they felt pain, but I know differently now.'

Akim, aged 11

Training owners and veterinary professionals

It's really important we also address the root causes of animal suffering to prevent working animals from suffering in the first place. We work closely with owners to instil a culture of compassion through animal welfare education. They learn the skills to better care for their animals and spot the early signs of serious conditions.

We also train local vets, student vets, farriers, technicians and animal welfare teachers. We use our knowledge to build the capacity of communities to look after their animals, so the long-term future looks brighter.

‘ I think the focus on educating the young people is so, so important. It's different too – I haven't seen anyone else doing it. Education provides the momentum to improve things in the future. ’

Anne Paul

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Emergency and outreach

You can help animals in a crisis

In addition to our veterinary and education work, SPANA takes emergency action to save the lives of animals and the communities that rely on them when they are threatened by drought, conflict or natural disaster. SPANA's emergency response has saved many thousands of donkeys, horses and livestock caught up in urgent crises all over the world, including Kenya, Mongolia, Egypt, Mauritania, India, Tanzania, Mali, Niger, Morocco and Ethiopia. Our emergency teams are ready to get lifesaving help to animals wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

SPANAs outreach projects allow us to reach way beyond the countries where we have permanent programmes. Working with carefully chosen and trusted local partners, we provide both immediate relief and long term solutions to protect livelihoods and improve animal welfare right across the world.

“ Seeing first-hand the suffering of the pastoralists and animals in an area ravaged by months of drought is something I will never forget. Standing amongst all those dying animals was truly shocking. But I knew that, because of the gifts in Wills we receive from our dedicated supporters, I could act immediately to help.

However, I'm really concerned that we won't be able to meet future challenges like these without you. So please consider a gift to SPANA in your Will. ”

Ben Sturgeon
Director of Services



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What to do next

I hope that you've been inspired to remember SPANA in your Will.

You'll find all the information you need to remember SPANA in your Will in our Q&As booklet – and you might find it helpful to take it to your solicitor.

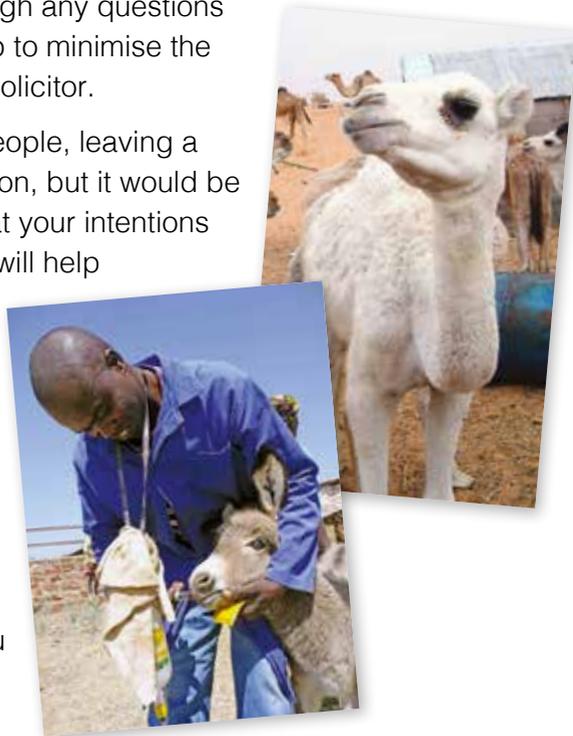
If you would like to amend your existing Will to include SPANA, then this is relatively straightforward with what's known as a Codicil. We can provide you with a Codicil form for you to complete with your solicitor.

We're here to help

If you have any questions, just call us on 020 7831 3999 to arrange a confidential discussion with a member of our friendly legacy team. We will be able to talk you through any questions you may have, which could help to minimise the time you need to spend with a solicitor.

We understand that for many people, leaving a legacy is a very personal decision, but it would be enormously helpful to know what your intentions are, whatever you decide. This will help reduce our administration costs as in future we will only send information that is relevant to you.

We would of course love to thank you for your generosity, but if you'd prefer not to hear from us regarding legacies, please do let us know. So, if you have a couple of minutes, please complete and return the enclosed response form. The form is not legally binding in any way.



Our promise to you

- 1:** We understand that for many people, family and friends should come first and foremost.
- 2:** We would love to thank you for your generosity – but it's your choice whether you tell us and we promise to respect your privacy.
- 3:** We promise to use your gift where it will have the greatest impact for working animals – or on a specific area of our work if you request it. Please discuss your requirements with us first.
- 4:** We promise to treat whatever gift you leave with the utmost care, sensitivity and respect.



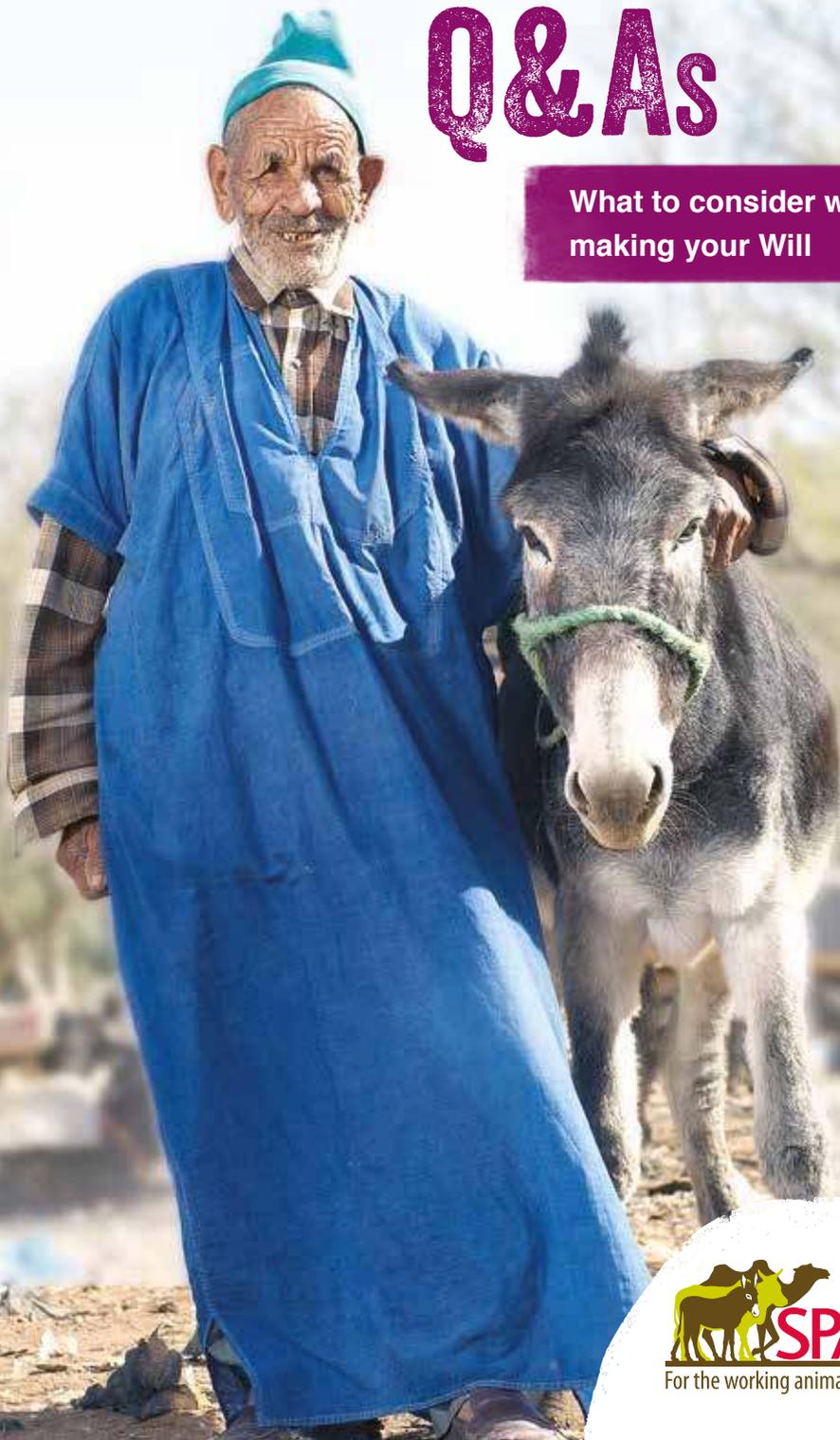
“ I have left a gift in my Will to SPANA as I'm someone who cares for animals - particularly working animals. SPANA gives them a voice and relief where needed. ”

Mel Savory

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Q&As

What to consider when making your Will



Every gift matters

Q: I don't have a huge amount to leave – is it worth leaving a gift?

A: SPANA works in some of the poorest countries in the world, so what seems like a small gift could go a really long way overseas to help hard working animals. We are very grateful for whatever you can leave, and recognise the compassion behind every gift.

Q: I don't know if there will be anything left to leave, what should I do?

A: We understand it is incredibly difficult to judge how much will be left or to estimate your financial situation in the future. That's why some supporters choose to leave a residuary gift (a share of their estate once all their other wishes and commitments have been carried out). If there is nothing left in the estate, then SPANA would simply not receive a gift – but we would still appreciate your kindness in remembering us.

Things to consider

Q: If I want to leave a gift in my Will – what should I do?

A: The first step is to choose the family, friends and causes/charities you want to remember in your Will and how you would like to divide your estate between them. It's useful to work out the approximate value of your estate and any outstanding debts. By doing this you may well find you have more to leave than you think and, if the value of your estate is close to the inheritance tax threshold, you may want to consider discussing options with your solicitor to limit any inheritance tax liability.

Making a list of your beneficiaries' addresses will save you time at the solicitors. You will also need to know the registered charity number for any charity that you wish to include. SPANA's is 209015.

“ I am delighted to have SPANA in my Will. You all work so hard - not only helping and saving these poor animals but also helping the local people to improve the health and welfare of these animals who work so hard for them. I can't praise you enough. ”

Madeleine Lockyer



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Q: What type of gift can I leave to SPANA?

A: A residuary gift – a share of your estate

A residuary gift is a way of donating the residue of your estate once all your other wishes and commitments have been carried out. Residuary gifts are expressed as a percentage, so they remain proportional to the value of your estate.

Residuary gifts can reduce the number of times you need to update your Will as they will change accordingly with your financial circumstances.

A pecuniary gift – a fixed sum of money

If you want SPANA to benefit from a fixed sum of money, you'll need to choose what is known as a pecuniary gift. However, inflation is likely to erode the value of your gift over time, unless this sum is inflation linked. Your solicitor may be able to advise suitable wording.

A specific gift

This is a gift of a particular item or items such as jewellery, paintings, property (vacant or let), land, shares, insurance/assurance policies or other securities.

Q: Can I leave a gift to a specific area of SPANA's work?

A: Yes. We will do our very best to honour any particular wish you have about how your legacy is used. However, we ask that your solicitor expresses this as a wish in your Will. This is in case things change in the future so that we can put your legacy towards a similar project or to where it will have the most impact for working animals. Our legacy team would be very happy to discuss any specific areas to which you wish to leave a legacy.



“ The people who rely on working animals are not cruel, but desperately poor, and their donkey or mule will be their most valuable possession. If a family's donkey gets sick they can't plough their land or transport their children to school.

So to see SPANA treating these animals for free and getting the animals back to their owners in a healthy and happy condition was fantastic.

I feel extremely honoured to be an ambassador for SPANA and hope that many more people will support the charity's excellent work. ”

Jim Broadbent



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The legal stuff

Q: Will I need a solicitor?

A: Yes – whether you're writing or amending your Will. A professionally-written Will ensures your affairs are left in order and could save your loved ones from months of stressful administrative work during a difficult time. It also gives you the chance to leave lasting gifts and mementos to the people and organisations that are close to your heart. You can find a local solicitor who specialises in Wills online at solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk for England and Wales, at lawscot.org.uk/find-a-solicitor for Scotland and at lawsoc-ni.org/solicitors for Northern Ireland.



Q: Do you have any specific wording for my solicitor?

A: The following wording may assist your solicitor in writing or amending your Will:

'I give <insert percentage of your estate> % of my residuary estate to SPANA of PO Box 79509, London EC4P 4ND, Registered charity number 209015 for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the proper officer of the charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge.'

'I give <insert amount> to SPANA of PO Box 79509, London EC4P 4ND, Registered charity number 209015 for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the proper officer of the charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge.'

Q: Are there any other legal considerations?

A: You will need to choose executor(s). They will be responsible for carrying out your wishes and must be over 18 years of age. You can choose a friend or family member to be an executor, even if they are a beneficiary of your Will. It is a good idea to consider choosing an executor a little bit younger than yourself.

Being an executor is quite a responsibility and can involve a considerable amount of work, so it is best to discuss it with the person you would like to nominate first. You can also nominate a solicitor or bank, though they will charge your estate for their time. Wherever SPANA is a beneficiary of a Will, we monitor professional executors to ensure that they do not charge excessive fees.

Q: Where should I keep my Will?

A: Your solicitor or bank may store your Will for you without charge. It is also a good idea to keep a copy in a safe place at home, and make sure a relative or close friend knows where the original copy of your Will is stored.

A word on tax

Q: Will I pay tax on my estate?

A: A properly drafted Will can help reduce the amount of tax paid by your estate, ensuring it goes to the loved ones and causes that you have chosen to benefit. Tax can be complex so it's worth seeking the assistance of a Wills, probate and tax solicitor to discuss any inheritance tax implications and maximise the amount inherited by your beneficiaries. Charitable gifts are exempt from inheritance tax and they can reduce or even eliminate the overall tax on your estate altogether.

If you would like more information you can visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax or, if you do not have access to the internet, please call our legacy team.



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SPANA is the charity for the world's working animals. We work in some of the poorest countries in the world caring for horses, donkeys and other animals that endure hardship and backbreaking toil.

Yet SPANA is far more than just an animal charity. We believe that by ensuring working animals are well cared for and healthy, we can also help the poor families who depend on these animals for their livelihoods – and, in some cases, even their lives.

Our vision is of a future where all working animals are treated with respect, care and compassion. As a charity, SPANA relies entirely on the kindness of members of the public. Please support SPANA and help the world's working animals.



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