

# YOU CAN CREATE A BETTER WORLD FOR WORKING ANIMALS

A guide to gift in Wills



**SPAN**  
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.

*Mary-Lorraine Hughes*

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.

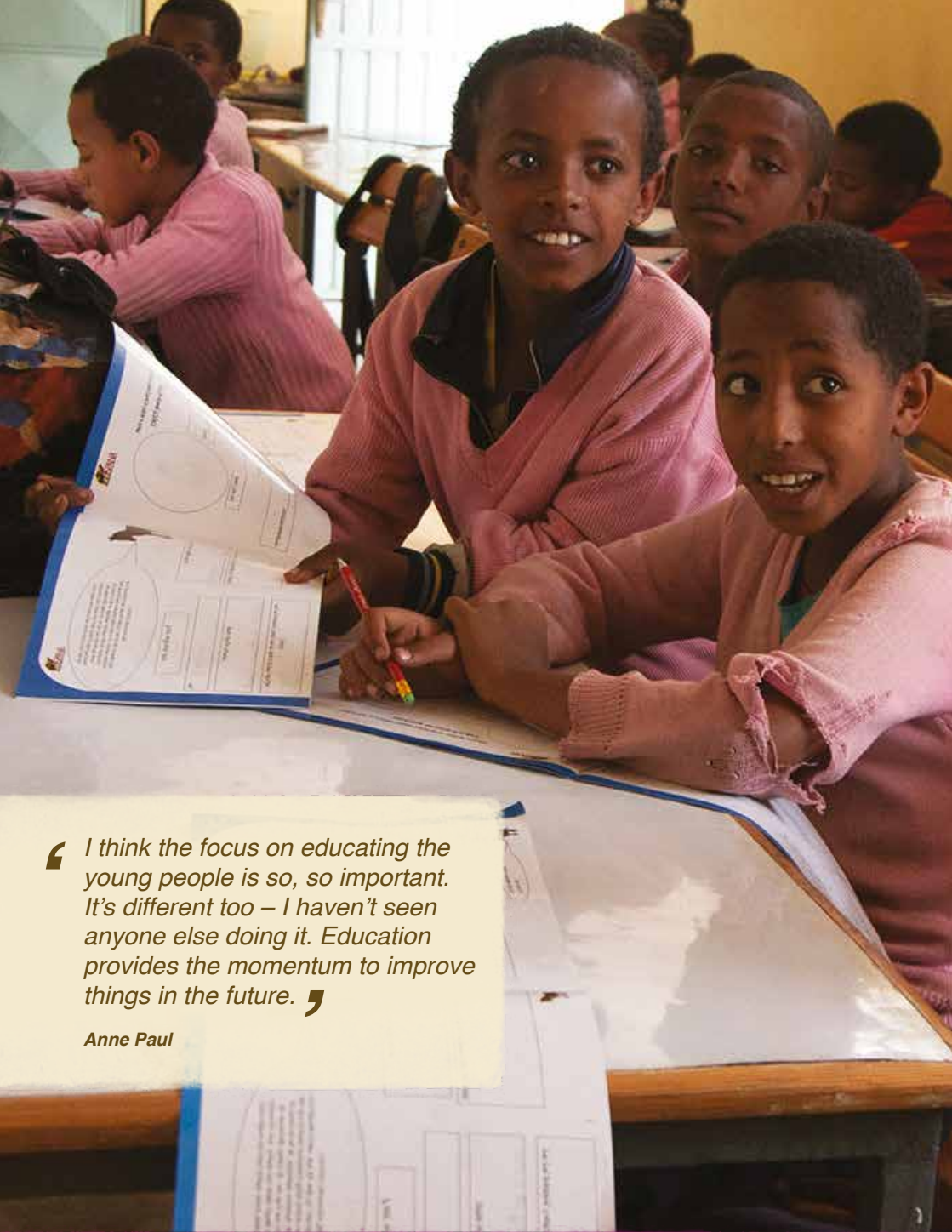
## Emily's story

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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*“ 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

# 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.

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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.

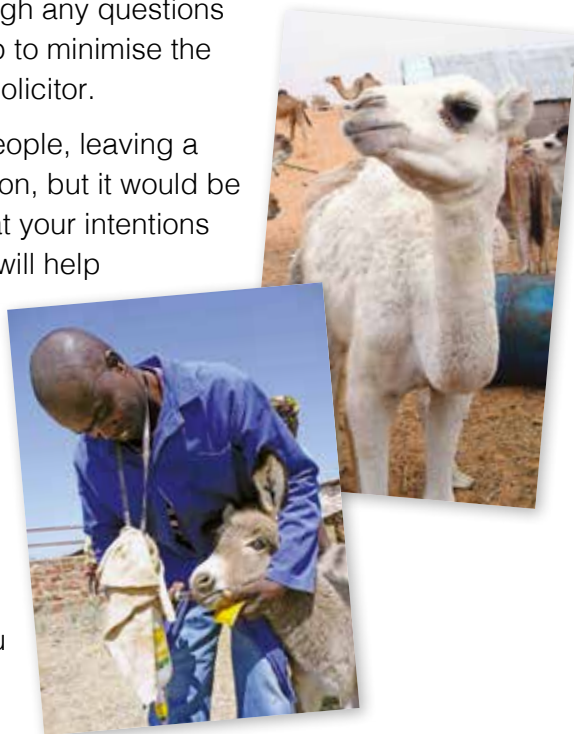
If you would like to amend your existing Will to include SPANA, then this is relatively straightforward with what's known as a Codicil. We can provide you with a Codicil form for you to complete with your solicitor.

## 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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Every exhausted donkey we care for,  
every injured horse we treat, every  
camel or cow we vaccinate, is only  
helped thanks to the gifts we receive  
from caring people like you.

## Thank you

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