



LEAGUE

AGAINST CRUEL SPORTS



LET'S BUILD A BETTER PLACE FOR WILDLIFE

A guide to leaving a gift in your will for animals

For as long as hunting wild animals with dogs has existed, people have been morally opposed to it.

The League Against Cruel Sports was founded in 1924 with the aim of banning fox hunting, stag hunting, otter hunting, hare hunting and hare coursing in the UK. The League is known for being instrumental in bringing about the Hunting Act 2004 which banned hunting with hounds in England and Wales, yet we are still fighting to protect foxes, hare and deer from illegal hunting across the UK.

Leaving a gift in your will to the League will protect animals from those who see them as nothing more than part of a 'sport' to be enjoyed. It will educate the public and decision makers about treating the animals we share our lives with humanely. By leaving a gift in your will, you will be ensuring that after you're gone, you'll still be inspiring change and creating a kinder society. You will have a place in our future and the future of the wildlife and animals you love.

United, we can end hunting and shooting, to create a society where cruelty to animals in the name of 'sport' is a thing of the past.





Leaving a gift in your will is a meaningful and significant way of protecting animals in the future.

Making a will is the only way to ensure your wishes are followed after you've gone and that those you care about most are taken care of. If you can, please consider a gift to the League after you have taken care of your loved ones.

Gifts in wills play a huge part in all that the League has achieved. Around half of all income received comes from gifts in wills bequeathed by those who want to see an end to cruel 'sports' for good. Gifts in wills have enabled us to purchase and maintain our vital sanctuaries to offer a safe haven for wildlife at risk from hunts. They have supported the campaigning that has achieved landmark legislation including the Hunting Act 2004, Protection of Wild Mammals Act 2002 and Justice Act 2015, as well as the restrictions imposed on landowners who still allow hunting on their land.

If you would like to leave the League a gift in your will, you should discuss it with your solicitor. You can make a gift to the League in three main ways:

A share of your estate.

Known as a residuary bequest, it is a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid and therefore retains its relative value over time.

A specific sum.

Known as a pecuniary bequest, a gift of a set amount e.g. £1,000. This type of gift often decreases in value over time as the cost of living rises.

A specific item.

A valuable item such as an antique, painting, property or shares that you own.

Your solicitor will need our registered address and charity number which is:

League Against Cruel Sports

New Sparling House,
Holloway Hill,
Godalming,
GU7 1QZ

Registered charity in England and Wales (1095234) and Scotland (SC045533)



Only with your passionate and determined support, can we create lasting change for animals.

Our Tree of Life

Exhibited at our Baronsdown Wildlife Sanctuary, the Tree of Life honours those who have remembered the League in their will. The copper tree is fitted with engraved brass leaves, each bearing the name of an animal lover who has pledged a better future for wildlife.



Educating through Gifts in Wills: Stanley's Lasting Legacy

Each legacy gift we receive can help to protect animals long into the future.

Over 200 years ago, the Old Kennels at our Baronsdown Wildlife Sanctuary was home to hunting hounds; and until recently it was a crumbling, derelict building. But thanks to the gift in League supporter Stanley's will, it has recently been transformed into an interactive education centre, showcasing the work being done to maintain our vital sanctuary land.

We can now use the Old Kennels to host wildlife workshops and engage student groups throughout the year, inviting younger generations to see first-hand the importance of protecting these animals against cruelty and abuse.

Stanley has paved the way for the League to inspire new passion for animal welfare. You can also educate, inspire change and end cruel 'sports' once and for all.

Please consider a gift in your will to the League Against Cruel Sports.



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If you would like to talk, in confidence, about considering a gift in your will, you can contact our Legacy Team on **01483 524250** or email **legacies@league.org.uk**

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