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you will help us forever



How to remember SPANA in your Will





*For a family living in poverty, a donkey or horse is often their most precious possession. It may be their only form of transport and means of carrying produce to market.*

## Make a lasting difference to thousands of animals' lives

Today, like every day, animals in the world's poorest countries will be hard at work. They'll plough fields and carry heavy loads until they are exhausted, but they'll receive little reward for their efforts. Perhaps just a bare minimum of food and water to ensure they survive.

That's because their owners can hardly afford to feed their children, let alone their animals – even though they realise they are their most precious possession. As a result of working long punishing days, many horses, donkeys and mules will grow weaker and weaker until they fall ill. But with no money for treatment, a sick, vulnerable animal will be left to fight infection and disease alone. Tragically, some won't survive when medicines costing just a few pounds could have kept them alive.

We're determined to put an end to such needless suffering: by offering poverty-stricken families free veterinary treatment and teaching them to care for their animals in the future.

Each and every one of our supporters plays a vital role in our work, but some choose to do something extra special by remembering our work in their Will. In this way, they give us the assurance that they will support us, long into the future.

Every year, SPANA is able to treat hundreds of thousands of animals. But we would like to be there for every donkey and horse that needs us. Your support can play a major part in making this aim a reality. By including a few words in your Will to say that you'd like to leave a gift to SPANA, you could help to reduce the suffering of thousands of overworked and neglected animals.

In the rest of this booklet, you'll find everything you require to make or change your Will to ensure it includes the animals that need you. SPANA depends on legacies to fund over 50% of its work, so please turn the page and see how easy it is to give the most amazing gift ever.



# Please leave a gift to SPANA in your Will



*We need more supporters to remember our work in their Will if we're to prevent animals from suffering like this.*



## Remember a donkey like Wafi

Wafi was a sorry sight when we first met him. He looked very distressed and, as we came closer, we could see that he was frightened and in a great deal of pain. Wafi had been beaten by a child with a stick. He was left with a terrible injury to his right ear. The pain in his head had robbed Wafi of his appetite so he was becoming very thin and more vulnerable to infection.

Unfortunately, his owner, Abdul, couldn't do anything to help. He was too poor to buy medicines to treat his donkey even though he depended on Wafi for his work. Wafi carried his crops to market. But without his help, Abdul would only be able to sell the produce he could

carry himself and have little chance of making a living.

We're delighted to say that Wafi made a full recovery. We cleaned Wafi's bad ear and gave Abdul an antiseptic ointment to apply. But if Wafi had been left to suffer any longer, he probably would have ended up losing an ear and may have contracted tetanus.

Sadly, there are so many other donkeys and horses who need our help – both now and in the future. By leaving a gift to SPANA in your Will, you'll make an incredible promise to help reach many more working animals in years to come.

**£2,000** could enable SPANA to treat and bandage the wounds of 250 animals. As well as relieving their pain, we will prevent their wounds from developing into more serious, even fatal, conditions.

## Why your legacy is so important

As much as half of our work is funded by the income we receive from legacies. This means that this type of gift has become crucial to us – and to the vast numbers of working animals that rely upon our help. So, if we're to help more sick and injured animals in the future, we need more people to remember us in their Will.

Whatever the size or type of gift you choose to make, every penny will help to

save working animals from further suffering. Your legacy could enable sick animals to be treated by vets at one of our special mobile clinics. You could also give us the funds we need to teach future generations of owners to care for their animals – so that ignorance and neglect are no longer part of their lives.

**Please leave a lasting gift to SPANA and give working animals a future they deserve.**

*Legacies help us save the lives of animals caught up in natural disasters or war – for example, the donkeys shown here which are owned by young refugees.*



## Why you should make a Will

Making a Will is extremely important. In the first instance, you'll ensure that your affairs are left in order and prevent your loved ones from having to do months of administrative work. If you don't have a Will, the law will decide how your estate will be divided.

Making a Will gives you the chance to leave lasting gifts and mementos to your family and loved ones. You can also give the greatest gift of all to the charities you support.

## How to make a Will

Before you visit your solicitor, you should consider the following points which will help you decide what you want your Will to say.

- Choose who to appoint as your executor(s) – a person or people who you'd like to carry out your wishes for you. They must be over 18 years of age.
- Decide who will be the beneficiaries of your Will. These could be relatives, friends and charities to whom you would like to leave a gift. Making a list of their addresses can help save time at the solicitors. If you would like to leave a gift to charity, it is helpful to know their registered charity number. If you are considering SPANA as one of your beneficiaries, please note that our registered charity number is 209015.
- Think about any specific items you wish to leave and which people you'd like to receive them. These could include, for example, your home, jewellery or other items of financial or sentimental value.
- Make sure your Will is drafted by a qualified solicitor. If you don't have a legal advisor, call the Law Society on 020 7242 1222 for advice on solicitors in your area.

**£7,500** could pay for three years of training for our 160 veterinary staff, allowing them to give the highest standards of treatment and care to sick animals.

## Keeping your Will up to date

It's a good idea to check over your Will every few years to ensure it still reflects your wishes. If you get married, divorced, move house or if there's an addition to the family – a new grandchild, for example – you may need to change it.

## Amending your Will

You can make amendments to your Will quickly and easily by filling out a short form called a codicil. We've enclosed one for you at the back of this booklet. This document will sit with your current Will and records any new wishes that you want to incorporate. To make any significant changes, it is advisable to write a new Will.



*SPANNA teaches owners and children how to care for their animals.*

**£20,000** could help us to buy a mobile clinic, which will treat around 30,000 animals every year. Our vets will be able to go into remote locations where there is no other veterinary care available.

## Choosing the type of gift to leave to SPANA

### A residuary gift

This is where we receive a percentage of your estate after you've provided for your family and friends and all debts, taxes, expenses and pecuniary gifts (see below) have been paid. Many people choose this type of gift because they don't know exactly how much they'll have left. Also a residuary gift won't be affected by inflation.

### A pecuniary gift

If you'd like SPANA to benefit from a fixed sum of money, you'll be choosing what is known as a pecuniary gift. However, unless this sum is inflation linked, your gift is likely to decrease in value over time.

### A specific gift

You can also leave an item or memento to SPANA, for example a piece of jewellery or a picture. These can be used

to help us raise valuable funds, which will go towards our work.

### A gift in memoriam

Another way of helping SPANA is to ask your friends and family to make a donation to our work rather than buying flowers for your funeral, or upon the anniversary of your death. For many people, supporting a cause their friend or relative felt passionate about is the most fitting tribute of all.

You can also let your loved ones know that they can commemorate your support for SPANA by having a plaque erected in one of our overseas clinics. This will be inscribed with your name and a personal message of choice.

For further information about any of these types of these gifts, please call us on 020 7831 3999.

*SPANAs vets travel to remote areas and offer free treatment to working animals.*



## Leave a gift to SPANA – not the taxman

The value of a gift left to SPANA in your Will will be deducted before inheritance tax. So any bequest you leave us will reduce the taxable value of your estate.

You may wish to check with your solicitor about inheritance tax rates when you come to make your Will.

## What to do now

It would be a tremendous help to us if you could remember SPANA in your Will as you'll enable us to prevent working animals suffering in the future. Whatever your decision, we would appreciate it if you could let us know your intentions. Then we'll be able to plan our work with a clearer picture of the funds we expect to receive.

All you need to do is fill out the pledge form enclosed and send it back to us. We understand that for many people a Will is a very personal document.

However, telling us of your intentions means that we can avoid sending you information that is not relevant to you and in doing so saves us unnecessary administration costs. Please note that this form does not commit you legally in any way.

If you'd like any more information about leaving a legacy to SPANA, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Call us on 020 7831 3999 or email any questions to [legacies@spana.org](mailto:legacies@spana.org)

**Please remember SPANA in your Will  
and give working animals the promise  
of a better future.**





*By remembering SPANA in your Will, you'll help us teach the next generation how to care for their animals. In doing so, you can make the world a kinder and better place for all vulnerable creatures.*



“When I first heard about SPANA and the practical and innovative work they do, I immediately decided to support them. I knew how heavily SPANA relies on legacies for funding and felt that I had to help in this way. I also think it’s a marvellous way to leave a gift that, in effect, doesn’t cost anything but will help future generations of animals.”

Mrs R Marshall

## The wonderful work of SPANA

SPANANA, the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, was founded in 1923 to help prevent the suffering of working animals overseas. Our work is primarily concentrated in North and West Africa and the Middle East in some of the poorest countries in the world, with all our donations going to where they are needed the most. Each year, we are able to treat hundreds of thousands of animals with the help of our loyal supporters.

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