

***Make a lasting
difference to
the welfare of
food animals***

**Leaving a gift
in your Will to
the Humane
Slaughter
Association**

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...caring beyond the farm gate





Having an up to date Will is important for you to ensure that your wishes are met, that your family and dependants are provided for, and that changing circumstances are taken into account. Ensuring your loved ones are looked after is obviously a priority for most people. Once you have provided for family and friends you might also consider supporting the work of the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA).

**Your gift to the HSA
will make a lasting
difference for millions
of animals worldwide**



Every day, many millions of animals worldwide are transported, marketed and slaughtered for food. At these times when the animals are most vulnerable, the potential for suffering is immense. The HSA, established in 1911, is the only UK registered charity exclusively devoted to improving the welfare of all food animals during transport, in markets and at slaughter. Through training and advisory services, research, technical developments and educational activities, it promotes practical and lasting welfare improvements throughout the world.



The HSA has built an international reputation for being a knowledgeable, practical and reliable organisation with

a sound understanding of livestock and livestock handling. In the 1920s it introduced the now almost universal mandatory use of stunning equipment at slaughter, replacing primitive and unreliable methods, and has been responsible for many other reforms now taken for granted. Significant improvements continue to be achieved by the HSA through working constructively with agricultural, meat industry, veterinary and other welfare and professional organisations. Worldwide, much vital work is still to be done.

With your help the HSA will continue to make regular visits to assess markets and slaughterhouses and advise on improvements; support and participate in essential research and technical development; promote the incorporation of scientific advances into industry working practices; and provide expert welfare training and advice to all concerned with livestock handling and slaughter, veterinarians, other welfare organisations, governments and other bodies.

Another important way the HSA promotes long term advances in welfare is through the support of welfare research by young people who wish to pursue careers in the field. The Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarship scheme was itself originally established through a gift from a supporter of the HSA.

You can find out more about the HSA's current projects and programmes in the latest Newsletter and Annual Report which we will be pleased to send to you, or by visiting www.hsa.org.uk.

A gift in your Will, whatever its size, will help ensure the HSA's vital work continues to improve the lives of countless numbers of animals long into the future.

The HSA is an independent registered charity and relies on legacy gifts, donations and subscriptions to continue to improve the lives of food animals worldwide.



Types of gift

There are three main ways to make a gift, or bequest, in your Will and you can use any or all of them as you feel appropriate.

Pecuniary bequest This is a stated amount of money that you choose to leave to a named person, charity or other organisation. Inflation will reduce the value of these gifts over time so you may want to revise them periodically. You can also use the 'residuary bequest' (see below) to avoid this.

Specific bequest You may decide to leave specific items rather than money to someone. You should describe these items exactly and state the name and address of the person or organisation to whom you wish to leave them.

Residuary bequest When you have decided on all your pecuniary and specific bequests, the remainder of your estate (after all costs have been met) is known as the residue. The value of the residue is impossible to determine exactly beforehand and you should make clear what you wish to happen to it, for example specifying particular fractions or percentages of it to particular beneficiaries, otherwise the law will determine what happens to it. Making a residuary bequest can enable your gift to the HSA to keep pace with inflation.

Trusts

A Trust is a type of gift which Trustees (who you appoint by name) look after for the person receiving the gift. For example, a 'life interest trust' is a gift that the receiver has the right to use during their lifetime, after which it passes to someone else of your choosing. Trusts can be useful for providing for dependants, and possibly for reducing inheritance tax. You can also set up a 'discretionary' (or named) trust where the Trustees have the right to distribute funds as they judge best among a group of beneficiaries specified by you. Trusts are a complex area so you should seek advice from your solicitor.



Making or amending a Will is not as expensive as you might think.

We would recommend that you seek the help of a professional Will writer to ensure your circumstances are covered.

Wording for leaving a gift to help the HSA

Below and over the page are some wordings you might wish to use to make a charitable bequest to the

HSA in your Will, or to change your current Will to include the HSA. Your solicitor will be able to check it for you. Thank you for considering the HSA in this special way.

A pecuniary bequest – for a stated amount

‘I give to the Humane Slaughter Association & Council of Justice to Animals (Registered in England Charity No. 209563), of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8AN, the sum of £_____ (in figures and words) free of tax and duty, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge for this bequest.’

Please ask your solicitor or Will writer for the appropriate wording if you wish to inflation-proof a pecuniary bequest.



It is difficult and probably not as

professional services of a solicitor or are accurately and properly represented.



A residuary bequest

'I give all (or a _____% share) of the residue of my estate to the Humane Slaughter Association & Council of Justice to Animals (Registered in England Charity No. 209563), of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8AN, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge for this bequest.'

A codicil – to change a Will you have made

'I (your name) of (your address) declare this to be a (first/second etc) codicil to my Will dated _____ day of _____ 20____
(1) in addition to any legacies given by my said Will I give to the Humane Slaughter Association & Council of Justice to Animals (Registered in England Charity No. 209563), of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8AN, the sum of £ _____ (or the specific item to be given) free of tax and duty, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge.'*

*You can also make a residuary bequest in a codicil by using the residuary wording above, but we suggest you consult your solicitor.

(2) in all other respects I confirm my said Will and any other codicils thereto in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____ 20____ signed by the said _____ as a codicil to his/her last Will in the presence of us who at his/her request in his/her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses (signatures, names and addresses of witnesses). '**'

** Witnesses or their spouses must not be beneficiaries in your Will.

A brief guide to legal terms

Beneficiary – any person or organisation that receives a legacy or gift.

Bequest – a gift in your Will.

Codicil – any change or addition that you make to your Will.

Estate – the total value of your possessions, property and money (minus debts) left after your death.

Executor(s) – a person or persons appointed by you to make sure your wishes are carried out.

Inheritance tax – the tax levied on your estate if the value is higher than the tax threshold. Gifts to spouses and charities such as the HSA are not themselves subject to inheritance tax and indeed may lower the value of the estate to below the tax threshold.

If you have left, or have decided to leave, a gift to the HSA in your Will you may like to let us know so that we can thank you and keep you informed of our work. It also helps us to learn more about what aspects of the HSA's work supporters think are most valuable. There is, of course, no obligation to do so.

You can use the form enclosed with this leaflet for this, or to request more information, or you can contact us by phone or email (details on back page).





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