Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation

Support wildlife in your will

Leaving a gift in your Will to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation directly helps in our overall mission to promote and advance the conservation and welfare of endangered wildlife both in their natural habitat and in captivity.

By leaving your gift, you’re standing side-by-side with some of the world’s most at risk species, helping to ensure these magnificent creatures continue to survive and thrive long into the future.

Creating a better world for wild animals

Gifts in Wills help fund our vital conservation work around the globe and without your continued support, we wouldn’t be able to carry on these life changing campaigns.

The Foundation's journey began by rescuing 13 lions from desperate living conditions at a zoo in Romania in 2010. Since then, we have been extremely proud to continue our influential conservation work across the globe

- **2015 – 2017:** In partnership with the Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance (ALTA), we granted £18,000 to fund a rescue and rehabilitation centre for the endangered species at Alekseevka in Russia
- **2015 – 2017:** We pledged five years of support to improve welfare standards at Hanoi Zoo in Vietnam including a £3,000 a year enrichment budget plus a Yorkshire Wildlife Park ranger visit for 2 weeks annually
- **2016:** We forged a crucial partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) Species Survival Commission
- **2016:** We funded a major conservation project that saw six wild Bactrian Camels released back into the wild at sites 600 and 250 kilometres from their breeding centre near the Mongolia-China border
- **2016 – 2018:** In partnership with AEECL (Association Européenne pour l’Étude et la Conservation des Lémuriens), we released a three year grant worth £15,000 to help protect the critically endangered blue-eyed black lemur

Leave your legacy!

Helping support the world’s most endangered species after you pass away is among the most selfless acts humans can make. What will your legacy be?

- Doubling the amount of wild Amur Leopards
- Stamping out rhino poaching activity in Kenya
- Reducing deforestation in Madagascar

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As humans it is our collective responsibility to protect and preserve the planet we all call home.

Despite only establishing ourselves in 2013, we currently support a variety of campaigns in countries all over the world. Underlining our commitment to helping protect the globe’s most threatened species, we wouldn’t be able to improve living conditions, support breeding programmes and help fund influential research without your devoted support.

Thanks to your gifts, we can continue advancing the conservation and welfare for endangered species that need our help the most. By leaving your gift, you are helping us in so many ways. From auditing zoo living conditions to educating communities about protecting their local environments, funding important rescue centres to supporting relocation and release schemes across Africa and Asia, your support has, and always will make a difference in keeping the world’s most at risk species alive.

Frequently Asked Questions

Leaving a gift in your Will to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation needn’t be complicated and overwhelming. Our Frequently Asked Questions answer some of the most pressing matters.

How and why should I make a Will?

Without a Will, the law decides how your estate will be divided when you die. Potentially, this could mean your wishes aren’t carried out like you want them to be. Having a Will, especially one written by a solicitor, is the only way of ensuring that your loved ones and chosen charities will be remembered as you wish.

What kind of gift could I leave?

Residuary or pecuniary. Residuary gifts are a percentage of your estate after friends and family are provided for. This type of gift can maintain or increase in value over time and remain proportional to the value of your estate as time goes by. Pecuniary gifts are a specific sum of money.

How is my gift used?

Some of the world’s most endangered species rely on our vital conservation work. By leaving a gift in your Will to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation, you are helping us to continue funding our life changing projects around the globe.

Is my gift worth leaving?

No gift is too small in our overall mission to advance the conservation and welfare of the world’s most at risk species. We appreciate every single gift we receive with even the smallest legacies contributing to one big purpose.

I’ve already made a Will. Is a new one required?

We encourage you to contact a solicitor regarding any changes to your Will. However, small changes to your Will can be specified in a document called a codicil. A supplementary document that is read alongside your Will, your solicitor will need our registered address and charity details, which can be found in the contact section at the end of this document.

I want to make a Will. Do I need a solicitor?

We would encourage you to discuss your Will with your solicitor to ensure that all legal requirements are met and that your Will is valid. A properly drafted Will can help reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate and increase the value of the assets that you pass on to the people you care about.

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Types of Gifts in Wills

There are three main types of gifts you can leave to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation in your Will.

We suggest you speak to your legal adviser to help you make the decision that’s right for you. Every gift makes a difference to the animals who need us and we want you to leave the right gift for your circumstances.

A residuary gift

This is where you set aside a portion of all your remaining estate after funeral expenses, debts and other gifts in the Will have been paid. Many people choose to leave this kind of gift because it helps make sure their loved ones are taken care of first.

A pecuniary gift

This is a gift of a specified sum of money. All gifts make a real difference to the animals we support, but it’s worth remembering that the eventual value of this type of gift is likely to be impacted by inflation.

A specific gift

This is a gift of a specific, named item. For example, it could be property, a piece of jewellery, a work of art or a car.

Suggested Will Wording

Unrestricted gifts

If you support Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation in their overall objective to create a better world for wild animals, leaving unrestricted gifts is a great idea. Designed to be used whenever the need is greatest for animals, unrestricted gifts can be residuary (including a share of your estate) or pecuniary (cash sum).

“I give the sum of £ (or specify percentage of estate) to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation of Brockholes Lane, Branton, Doncaster DN4 6TB (registered charity number 1152642) for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the honorary treasurer or other proper officer of the said Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.”

Restricted gifts

If threats facing a particular species inspire you to take action or a specific rescue campaign proved poignant in your memory, leave a restricted gift. Contact us today to discuss which section of our work or species you’d like to support. Again, restricted gifts can be residuary (including a share of your estate) or pecuniary (cash sum).

“I give the sum of £ (or specify percentage of estate) to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation of Brockholes Lane, Branton, Doncaster DN4 6TB (registered charity number 1152642) for its general purpose and I express the wish but without creating any binding trust that this legacy be used in the (specify) areas and I declare that the receipt of the honorary treasurer or other proper officer of the said Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.”

Write your Will for FREE

We’ve teamed up with Beyond, whose mission is ‘to free people from their worries surrounding after-life arrangements’.

They’ve created a simple way to write a solicitor approved will for free online, in just 15 minutes and you can go back and edit the Will whenever you like for free. Visit www.beyond.life/make-will-online today to get started.

By using this offer you are under no obligation to leave a gift to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation

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Collection Envelopes

It's extremely sad and difficult when those you hold dear pass away.

Sometimes, it’s rather fitting to honour their memory by something that was particularly meaningful in their lifetime. If you knew a keen animal lover or wildlife enthusiast, they may prefer donations be made to Yorkshire Park Foundation instead of funeral flowers.

For family and friends of the recently departed, our collection envelopes provide a simple way to donate at funerals or memorial services, assisting you in supporting a cause dear to their hearts.

Please get in contact using the details at the end of this document to request your collection envelopes that are enclosed with information about how your funds make a real difference. Make your request with plenty of notice before your funeral or memorial service.

Thank You

Your gift will help us keep our promise to animals in the wild and in captivity.

When you’ve had time to reflect and discuss your decision with those close to you, we’d love to know your intentions as it will help us plan for the future and ensure we can give our team on the ground the maximum resources to protect animals in need. So if you wish, please contact us to notify Yorkshire Wildlife Park of your decision.

Contact us

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Write to us

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation
(Registered Charity Number 1152642)
Brockholes Lane,
Branton,
Doncaster,
DN4 6TB
I: (insert your name)

of: (insert your address)

HEREBY DECLARE this to be the: (first / second)

Codicil to my Will which bears the date (existing Will date)

New provision: (Insert here)

In all other respects, I confirm my said WILL IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this:

(date) (month) Two Thousand and (year)

SIGNED by the Testator / Testatrix: in the presence of us both present at the same time who at the Testator / Testatrix request in (his / her) presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

(Signature of Testator / Testatrix)

Witnessed by:

Witnessed by:

Signature: (witness 1) Signature: (witness 2)

Name: (witness 1) Name: (witness 2)

Address: (witness 1) Address: (witness 2)

Occupation: (witness 1) Occupation: (witness 2)