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difference to animals
worldwide with a
gift in your Will

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare
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A great many animals suffer needlessly due to our lack of knowledge and understanding of their needs and how best to meet them. UFAW is unique, promoting research and education, developing practical solutions to welfare problems, providing advice to those caring for animals and to legislators and disseminating the results worldwide through publications, workshops and international conferences.

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Dear supporter

Thank you for thinking of animal welfare at this stage in your life when you are considering your family and friends and how you'd like to provide for them after you've gone.

When planning for the future, it's natural to want to look after those who mean the most to us – family, friends, pets and also special causes which are dear to our hearts. Whatever your personal circumstances, please consider making a Will. It will ensure that your wishes are known and met and need not be time-consuming, difficult or expensive.

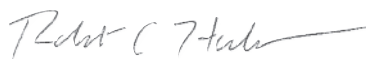
Making a Will also gives you an opportunity to leave behind a legacy that has the potential to go on making a real difference for many years to come. By leaving a gift in your Will to the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare you'll be leaving a gift to all animals and helping us to prevent suffering as well as improving mankind's knowledge of animals and their needs.

It is now widely accepted that many animals have the capacity to feel pain and distress

and to experience suffering. Ensuring good welfare is about more than ensuring good health. Animal welfare is about the quality of animals' lives – their feelings. Knowledge of animals' needs is essential to make provisions for their welfare and to protect them from harms caused by human activities.

We hope that, when planning your Will, you may consider a legacy to UFAW. To help you, we've put together this simple guide which should be of some assistance to you when speaking to a solicitor and making your Will. It tells you more about UFAW and how it has already benefited animal welfare as well as answering some frequently asked questions about planning your Will and leaving a legacy to charity. Should you have any questions about how your legacy could help UFAW to continue to make a real difference to animals then please get in touch.

Thank you



Robert C Hubrecht OBE PhD FRSB
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REACHING OUT TO ALL ANIMALS – ABOUT UFAW

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Introduction

“... to decide what policy will best help animals and then to promote it without any regard to its popularity or unpopularity”

Major Charles Westley Hume, Founder

In 1926 the first public meeting of the newly-formed University of London Animal Welfare Society (ULAWS) took place at Birkbeck College, University of London with the aim “to mobilise science and scientists to help solve problems over the whole spectrum of animal welfare”. The audience consisted of just two people.

Today, two have become many. By 1938, ULAWS had spread to a number of other universities and had become The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW). From its first days, UFAW aimed to enlist the influence of university men and women on behalf of animals, wild and domestic, and to use the power of science to benefit all animals. Since then, it has worked to promote, by educational and other methods, interest in the welfare of animals affected by man’s activities, researched and disseminated accurate information relating to animal welfare and promoted legislation for the protection of animals.

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to bring about lasting change. In its first few years alone, it began a long (and eventually successful) campaign to abolish the use of the gin trap, championed the use of cruelty-free perfumes, free from animal products such as musk or civet, and joined a committee set up by the British Board of Film Censors to scrutinise the welfare of animals used in films.

In 1947, UFAW published the first ever Laboratory Animal Handbook to improve the welfare of animals used in research; the handbook is now in its eighth edition and is a leading publication in its area. By the 1950s, it was a founding member of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals (which subsequently became World Animal Protection), succeeded in its campaign to abolish gin traps in England and Wales, organised the first ever symposium on Humane Techniques in the Laboratory, and sponsored as UFAW Scholars the groundbreaking work of Professor William Russell and Rex Burch which led directly to the development of the 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement) principles. These principles are now accepted worldwide as the fundamental ethical framework within which research using animals should be conducted, are now incorporated into European legislation and have had an enormous international impact in improving the welfare of these animals.

UFAW also provided technical advice and practical instruction on the management, handling and care of animals in schools – advice which was incorporated into the syllabus in the 1960s.

By the 1970s the charity had conducted a series of inspections of pet shops to assess the conditions in which the animals were kept, undertaken a project to design a system of housing for laying hens that improved their welfare, and continued to press for the abolition of the use of the poison strychnine to control moles in the UK.

The 1980s saw the charity working with the Zoological Society of London to fund the first programme of research into environmental enrichment for zoo animals as well as supporting work into the behavioural responses of dogs kept in confined conditions in long-stay kennels.

By the turn of the millennium, UFAW had funded research into why pigs chewed stones, marked the 10th anniversary of its leading international scientific and technical journal *Animal Welfare*, assisted with the development of technology that is used in the electrical stunning of fresh water fish and published its first book in the UFAW/Blackwell animal welfare series *Environmental Enrichment for Captive Animals* by Dr Robert Young, a series that now runs to eleven volumes.

The charity has, and continues to be, consulted on draft legislation, guidelines and codes of practice relating to animal welfare.

UFAW staff serve and have served on a number of national and international advisory committees and working groups and the charity provides information and advice to Government departments, non-governmental organisations, universities and others.

Significant projects in recent years have included research and guidance on better housing and husbandry of commonly kept animals, and the development of an online database on Genetic Welfare Problems of Companion Animals that aims to reduce the incidence of these diseases by providing information for prospective purchasers, breeders, and others interested in the subject. Similar initiatives have been the instigation of the Garden Wildlife Health website and the development of guidance on humane rodent control.

Much of this work has been funded by donations from supporters but also, crucially, from legacies which form the lifeblood of the charity. Together, these legacies and donations have made a truly lasting and outstanding difference to many animals; a powerful testament to the generosity and benevolence of those who care about them and their welfare.

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

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CARING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME – LEGACIES AND GIFTS

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. Your gift, no matter what its size, will help UFAW in its efforts to improve animals' lives for generations to come.

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

Example wording: I give to Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (Registered in England Charity No 207996) 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 Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executor(s).

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.

Example wording: I give (enter the item specified with a description, if required) absolutely to Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (Registered in England Charity No 207996) of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8AN, to be applied by Universities Federation for Animal Welfare for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executor(s).

Residuary bequest

When you have decided on all your pecuniary and specific bequests, the remainder of your estate (after all the 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 certain beneficiaries, otherwise the law will determine what happens to it. Making a residuary bequest can enable your gift to UFAW to keep pace with inflation.

Example wording: I give all (or a _____% share) of the residue of my estate to Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (Registered in England Charity No 207996) of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8AN, to be used for its general charitable purposes

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“Improvements in the care of animals are not now likely to come of their own accord, merely by wishing them: there must be research ... and it is in sponsoring research of this kind, and making its results widely known, that UFAW performs one of its most valuable services.”

Sir Peter Medawar
(Nobel Laureate 1960)

and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executor(s).

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.

A codicil – to change a Will you have already made

If you wish to make a relatively simple change to your Will, such as the addition of a charitable bequest, you only need to add a codicil, which is a legally binding document that details amendments to your Will. If you wish to make major changes to your Will, it is advisable for your solicitor to do it.

Example simple codicil wording:

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 Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (Registered in England Charity No 207996) 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 Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge.*

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).**

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

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



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is a legacy?

A legacy is any gift (monetary or asset) left in a person’s Will; an instruction for part of your estate to be given to an individual or organisation after your death.

Why should I leave a legacy to UFAW?

A rapidly growing population which now exceeds 7 billion people inevitably places an increased demand for livestock produce (meat, fur, leather etc), for pharmaceuticals and also places growing pressures on wildlife populations and habitat.

Knowledge of animals’ needs is essential to make provisions for their welfare and to protect them from harms caused by human activities. Gaining this knowledge for animals, whether kept in our homes, on farms, or for research or in the wild, is a huge challenge for UFAW. Legacies are of vital importance to the charity, helping us to continue to benefit animal welfare as well as enabling us to plan ahead into the future.

How will my legacy help UFAW?

Animal welfare science will continue to make a fundamental and lasting difference to attitudes to animals and to the way we care for them – working towards the ideal that animals’ lives are not only free from fear, pain and suffering but are as pleasurable as possible, now and in the future. UFAW’s work has made a tremendous difference to millions of animals all around the world over the last 90 years. The charity values every

donation and you can be sure that we will use your gift, no matter what its size, in our efforts to improve animals lives for generations to come.

Should I be helping UFAW now, rather than later?

UFAW appreciates everyone who supports us, however and whenever they choose to do so. However, a gift in your Will does something exceptional – it can change the lives of millions of animals worldwide.

How do I make a Will?

Consulting a solicitor is the best way to ensure your Will is valid and legally binding. If you don’t already have a solicitor, you can find one by calling The Law Society on 020 7320 5650 or going online at www.lawsociety.org.uk.

There are a number of things to consider when making your Will, including:

- If you have children, who will act as their guardian
- Your wishes regarding your funeral arrangements
- If you have pets, who will care for them
- The value of your estate and who you want to give something to
- Who you want to act as your Executor(s)

When should I update or change my Will?

Any update or change to your Will should reflect a change in your personal circumstances such as marriage, bereavement, divorce or the birth of children or grandchildren.

You should also consider updating or changing your Will when your financial situation or the value of your property or belongings changes significantly. If you have left specific sums in your Will, they may become worth considerably less with the passing of time due to inflation, so you may wish to review these occasionally.

You should always seek legal advice if you are in any doubt whether a particular change in your personal or family circumstances could affect your Will.

How can I update or change my Will?

If the changes are relatively simple such as the addition of a charitable bequest, you need only add a codicil (see page 6). Any major revisions or changes should be discussed with your solicitor.

Do I need a solicitor?

Yes – whether you are considering revisions to an existing Will or making one for the first time. A professionally written Will ensures that your wishes are clear and your affairs are in order and you could also save your loved ones from additional administrative demands at a difficult and stressful time.

A properly drafted Will can also help reduce the amount of tax paid by your estate, ensuring it goes to the loved ones and causes

that you have chosen to benefit. Charitable gifts are exempt from inheritance tax and they can reduce or even eliminate the overall tax on your estate altogether.

Are there any other legal considerations?

Yes – you will also need to nominate executors. Being an executor can involve a considerable amount of work and is quite a responsibility. Your Executor(s) must be over 18 years of age and will be responsible for carrying out your wishes. Your solicitor or bank can act as your executor but they will charge your estate for their time. You can choose a family member or friend to be your executor, even if they are a named beneficiary in your Will.

Where should I keep my Will?

Your solicitor or bank may store your Will for you without charge. It is also a good idea to keep a copy in a safe place at home and make sure that a relative or close friend knows where the original copy of your Will is kept.

I don't have much to leave, is it worth including a gift to UFAW?

Any legacy you choose to leave to UFAW will make a real and lasting difference to animals. Over the last 90 years, UFAW's work has encompassed a huge variety of animals - from the smallest mouse to the Indian elephant, and every donation has counted. We understand it can be extremely difficult to estimate how much will be left or what your financial situation will be in the future. This is why some supporters have chosen to leave a residuary gift (a percentage share of their estate once all their other wishes have

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been carried out). If there is nothing left in the estate then UFAW would not receive a gift – but we would still value your thoughtfulness in remembering UFAW.

A lasting legacy – what to do next

We hope that you have found this guide useful and have been inspired to remember UFAW in your Will.

If you have decided to leave a legacy to UFAW – thank you for caring. Please be assured that we are deeply appreciative and

your special gift will be treated with the utmost respect, thoughtfulness and attention. We understand that, for many people, leaving a legacy is a very personal decision but it would be tremendously helpful to know what your intentions are. Even if you are undecided, please tell us your thoughts by filling in and returning the enclosed form in the freepost envelope.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on UFAW and its work, please get in touch.

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For UFAW to continue improving the way animals are treated and cared for around the world, your support is essential.

Thanks to the generosity and support of those who share our concern for the welfare of animals, we've already achieved much. By leaving a legacy to UFAW in your Will, you can make a lasting difference and you'll be helping us to continue our vital work on behalf of all animals. Thank you.



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