



Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre

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LEAVING A LEGACY TO VALE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL & REHABILITATION CENTRE

Helping the UK's sick and injured wildlife into the future.

Having the intention to leave a legacy to Vale Wildlife Hospital is not sufficient – without a Will your estate is known as 'intestate' and there are rules as to where your estate will pass.

If you wish the charity to benefit into the future, an up-to-date and professionally written Will is the only way to ensure that your wishes are known and acknowledged.

Once you have made a Will you should check it regularly to ensure that it is up-to-date and continues to reflect your wishes. A Will can be invalidated if your circumstances change and it has not been updated.

If you have already written your Will but would like to change it to leave a legacy to charity, it is a straightforward process to amend it. Your solicitor can offer advice on using a **codicil** to make amendments to your Will.

Different types of legacy:

Residuary Gift

If you wish to share the bulk of your estate between your family and friends, but leave either the remainder or a share of your estate to charity, this is known as a 'residuary gift'.

Suggested wording:

'I give all / or (?)% of the residue of my estate to Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre (Registered Charity No 702888) of Station Road, Beckford, Nr. Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 7AN for its general purposes absolutely and the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors'.

Pecuniary Gift

If you wish to leave a specific amount of money to the charity, this is known as a pecuniary gift'

Suggested wording:

'I give free of tax the sum of £..... to Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre (Registered Charity No 702888) of Station Road, Beckford, Nr. Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 7AN for its general purposes absolutely and the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors'.

Specific Gift

If you choose to leave the charity a specific item such as property or jewellery, this is known as a specific gift.

Suggested wording:

'I give to Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre (Registered Charity No 702888) of Station Road, Beckford, Nr. Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 7AN for its general purposes absolutely my (name and description of item) and the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors'.

Reversionary Gift

If you have set up a trust for a beneficiary to use over their lifetime (or other specified period) the estate can be passed on to other beneficiaries (such as a charity) when the specified period has ended. This is known as a life interest. A reversionary gift will leave your estate to your dependents for your specified period (e.g. their lifetime) and will revert to Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre after they pass away. This is fairly complicated to organise it is recommended that it is discussed with a solicitor to ensure that the phrasing is appropriate.

Restricted Gift

A restricted gift is when you require that the charity uses your gift in a certain way, for example, to fund a specific project. If this is how you would like to leave your legacy you should advise of this when making your Will. The restriction should be phrased as a request rather than a condition which will allow for circumstantial changes within the charity. If your request is written as a condition and circumstances change meaning that your request is no longer appropriate, we may not be able to benefit from your gift.

Due to the potential complications resulting from restriction, we would strongly encourage all benefactors to leave a gift without restriction – this will mean that the charity will be free to use your gift as deemed appropriate at the time of receipt.