

Giving them the lives they deserve

How to end animal
testing with a gift
in your will

 **Cruelty Free**
INTERNATIONAL





Your chance to end animal testing – today and tomorrow – with a gift in your will

Including a gift in your will is a simple act, but its impact could be life-changing for animals in laboratories

For over 100 years, Cruelty Free International has been working to create a world without animal testing. That work has only been possible because of the support of kind, compassionate people like you.

We won't stop until the last cage is empty, and sadly it's a fight that is likely to take many more years of hard work. But we can still have an impact once we're gone.

With a gift in your will, the care and compassion you've shown animals in laboratories can continue for thousands of animals none of us will ever meet. You can help end animal testing for good, and finally give animals the lives they deserve.



We understand that your family and friends will always come first. We respect that and will never try to change it. And it makes the gifts we do receive mean so much to us.



“I’ve been involved in this movement for 50 years, because I know animals feel happiness, fear and pain just like we do. I know that the gift in my will to Cruelty Free International will help in the fight to end animal testing once and for all.”

Lily, gift in will pledger

How you can help

You can give animals the lives they deserve. There are three main ways you can support through your will:

Residuary gift

This is a share of what’s left over after you’ve provided for your loved ones (known as the ‘residue’ of your estate). Unlike a cash gift, a residuary gift maintains its value over time as it stays in line with inflation.

Cash gift

Also known as a ‘pecuniary’ gift. This is a fixed sum of money. These are paid before residuary gifts.

Specific gift

This is a particular object, e.g. an antique, a piece of land or some shares.

How to leave a gift in your will to Cruelty Free International

1. Complete our will planner form
2. List your assets and liabilities with our handy estate table
3. Decide who will write your will. We recommend using a solicitor, or one of our free will writing partners

You may find the following suggested wording useful when including a gift to us in your will:

"I give to Cruelty Free International (Registered in England as The Campaign To End All Animal Experiments), 16a Crane Grove, London N7 8NN:

- *all the residue of my estate or*
- *one (insert share, e.g. ½) share of the residue of my estate or*
- *the sum of £(insert sum) or*
- *a specific gift (e.g. jewellery, property)*

for its purposes. I direct that the receipt of the Finance Manager or other proper officer of Cruelty Free International shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

It's important to remember that Cruelty Free International is a non-profit organisation, but **not** a charity. This means we are less restricted in our campaigning and influencing, and we are better able to maximise the benefit of your gift.

To include Cruelty Free International in your will it is important not to imply that we are a charity, as this may cause problems later.

Should you wish to direct your gift to our sister organisation, Cruelty Free International Trust, which is a registered charity, its charity registration number is 1081183. The charity is also based at 16a Crane Grove, London, N7 8NN, UK

Will planner

This planner can help you gather your thoughts and compile information you'll need when writing your will

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your partner's name _____

Your partner's address (if different) _____

Children's names _____

Children's addresses (if different) _____

Name and address of any other adults who hold parental responsibility for your children:

If children under 18, details of appointed guardian:

Name and address _____

Your executors' full names and addresses

Your estate

Use this table to work out the value of your estate. This can be helpful to take with you to your solicitor's meeting

Assets (current value)	Amount	Liabilities	Amount
Property	£	Mortgage	£
Car, bicycle etc.	£	Loans	£
Bank/Building Society accounts	£	Overdraft	£
Stocks and shares	£	Credit card debits	£
Insurance policies	£	Hire purchase arrangements	£
Pension benefits	£	Unpaid bills	£
Personal possessions	£	Other liabilities	£
Other items of value	£		
Total	£	Total	£

Gifts in wills FAQs

Q. Why make a will?

A. In a will you can make sure your loved ones are provided for after you're gone. You can also ensure that your assets are distributed in the way you want them to be. This may include some of your estate being directed towards causes close to your heart.

Q. What could happen if I don't make a will?

A. If you die intestate (without making a will), the law decides how your estate is distributed and the people and causes you care about may not receive anything. Legal problems may arise which can be time consuming and expensive, with all legal costs being met from your estate. By making a will you can save a lot of distress and anxiety for your loved ones.

Q. Do I need to make a will if I have no one to leave my possessions to?

A. Even if you have no surviving family, making a

will is still very important, because if you die without making one your whole estate may automatically go to the Crown if you are a British citizen. Drawing up a will ensures that your money only benefits the people, animals or causes you care about.

Q. Can Cruelty Free International act as my executor?

Yes, as Cruelty Free International has the required Trust Corporation status, we are happy to ensure your wishes according to your will are met. If you choose to name us as your executor, please let us know at an early stage as we would require the original will for secure storage at our Head Office.

Q. What if I live outside the UK or own assets abroad?

A. The law around how your will is interpreted varies from country to country. However, there have been recent cases where British citizens living in other countries have successfully ensured that UK law takes precedence over their country of domicile. Please consult your legal adviser as the laws vary

depending on the country and your residential status.

Q. When should I make a will?

A. The sooner the better. It is particularly important at key points in your life. For example, when you marry, buy property, have children or plan long-term travel.

Q. Should I use a solicitor when writing my will?

A. Yes. The knowledge a solicitor has will make sure that your wishes are fulfilled and that the document is legal and correct.

A will form can be bought from some stationers but one simple mistake could prevent your wishes from being carried out. In the long run, using a solicitor is cheaper than the legal costs of processing your estate if you don't make a will, or if it is invalid. If you don't know a solicitor, ask someone you trust to recommend one.

Q. What does it cost to make a will?

A. Fees for straightforward wills are not high and

most solicitors can give you an estimate over the phone. You can also find out about our free will-writing offers at **crueltyfreeinternational.org/wills**

Q. What about my funeral costs?

A. These expenses will be paid from your estate and your solicitor can advise you on the likely cost. Any wishes you have concerning your funeral arrangements may be stated in your will.

Q. Can I change my will?

A. You can change your will as often as you wish but this should always be done through your solicitor.

For small changes, a 'codicil' can be added to your will. This is a separate legal document that must be signed and witnessed in the correct legal manner. In some instances it may be necessary to complete an entirely new will, such as if you marry or become divorced. If you are in doubt about whether a particular change in circumstances necessitates a change to your will, please speak to your solicitor.

A special gift just for you

**Did you know you can write your will for
FREE with Cruelty Free International?**

To thank you for your support, we've teamed up with Farewill and Bequeathed to offer you free online or in-person will writing services.

Go to **crueltyfreeinternational.org/wills**
or give us a call on **020 7700 4888** to claim
your free will today!

Leaving a gift to Cruelty Free International as part of the offer is optional, and you are under no pressure to do so. You are not obligated to let Cruelty Free International know whether you choose to leave a gift or not.



Our promise to you

When you remember Cruelty Free International in your will, we make these promises to you

- We will spend your gift to us wisely, so it has the greatest impact in ending the suffering of animals in laboratories
- We won't put you under any pressure, we understand this is an important decision and will allow you to decide in your own time
- Family and friends come first. We respect that and won't try to change it
- We know that circumstances change and will understand if you need to change your mind
- We will treat your loved ones respectfully and sensitively
- We will answer any questions you have honestly and quickly
- If you say you want to hear from us less, or not at all, we'll listen
- We will treat all information you give us in strictest confidence and won't sell or share your personal information with anyone
- We would love to hear about your gift as this helps us plan ahead with confidence but there is no obligation to do so and we shall always respect your privacy
- If they would like to be updated, we will keep your loved ones informed about the impact of your gift



Ready to discuss it further? Give us a call

If you wish to discuss your legacy gift to Cruelty Free International please don't hesitate to get in touch. Naturally, any information you provide us with will be treated with the strictest confidence and puts you under no obligation. Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Cruelty Free International.



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