

HELP US

BE THERE FOR
ENDANGERED
ANIMALS,
FOREVER!

Your guide to leaving a gift in
your will to The Aspinall Foundation

 THE
ASPINALL
FOUNDATION

Registered Charity No. 326567





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Help us
to continue
protecting
endangered
animals

FOR OVER 40 YEARS,

**passionate people like you have
been helping us to care for
endangered animals.**

John Aspinall founded The Aspinall Foundation in 1984 to protect the critically endangered Western lowland gorillas and their natural habitats in Congo and Gabon.

With the support of kind individuals, the charity has become a world-leading conservation organisation that protects millions of acres of wilderness spanning three continents. Our expert teams around the world rescue, rehabilitate, rewild and protect animals so that they can live in their natural environments, free from persecution and harm.

Together, we have achieved several world firsts, but sadly many animals continue to suffer and face an untimely death, and species remain at risk of extinction.

We believe every animal is precious, and without the generosity of animal lovers like you, who make the impactful decision to leave a gift in their will, the breadth and depth of our work just would not be possible.



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AMOS COURAGE
OVERSEAS PROJECT DIRECTOR
THE ASPINALL FOUNDATION



WHY A GIFT IN YOUR WILL IS SO IMPORTANT

Having an up-to-date will ensures your wishes are carried out after you die, providing for your loved ones and the causes that are closest to your heart. Without a will, your assets may not be distributed in the way you wish.

YOUR GIFT OF PROTECTION

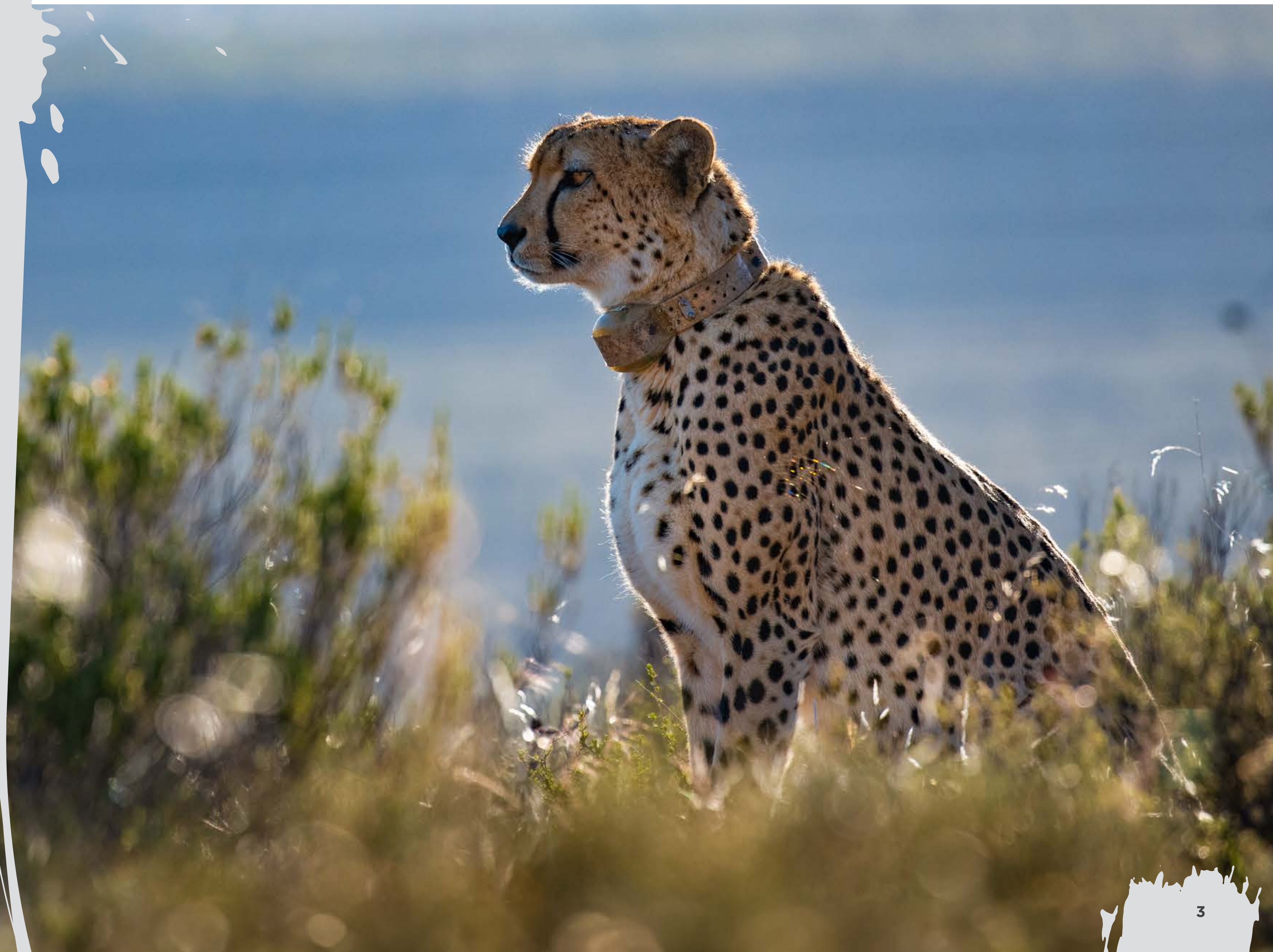
Leaving a small percentage of your estate to The Aspinall Foundation can make a life-changing difference to animals in need; because we can be there when they need us the most, and we can commit to ambitious projects to secure their survival for years to come.

HOW YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED

By pledging a gift to The Aspinall Foundation, you will be remembered as a person who cares deeply about endangered animals and protecting their natural environments.

OUR THANK YOU TO YOU

If you decide to pledge a gift to The Aspinall Foundation, you will receive important updates.



OVER 40 YEARS SUCCESS

THE CHALLENGE

The wild population of Western lowland gorillas has declined 60% in the last 25 years due to poaching, disease and habitat destruction.

HOW WE ARE HELPING

In 1989, we built the first-ever gorilla orphanage in the Congo, and since then, through the generosity of our supporters and the determined work of our experts on the ground, we have rescued and returned many gorillas back to the wild, where they belong.

We work with the governments of Congo and Gabon to protect one million acres of land, which has allowed the gorillas we have rescued to breed successfully. This includes the world's first-ever birth to captive-born gorillas released into the wild.





ANNE'S LEGACY



Anne Reynolds,
Supporter of
The Aspinall Foundation

I was asked recently why I supported The Aspinall Foundation. It's quite a long story but it started years ago when I was told that I was unable to have children.

I then decided to
focus my life on
saving animals.

I am lucky enough to live very close to the wonderful Port Lympne Reserve in Kent. It is such a privilege to be able to walk around the wildlife park and see the beautiful animals being cared for in such a wonderful way. It is during my many visits to the park that I have come to understand the work of The Aspinall Foundation and their efforts to return as many of these animals to the wild as possible.



In 1991 I went to Kenya and visited the Masai Mara. It was so wonderful to see the animals in their natural habitat roaming free. Since then, I have been lucky enough to visit Africa on multiple occasions.

Over the years, it has become increasingly clear that animals need to be protected otherwise in years to come, children will not be able to see these animals for themselves. This is why organisations such as The Aspinall Foundation are so invaluable.

I give as much as I can to support The Aspinall Foundation and leaving a gift in my will feels like the next step. It was very easy to do, and I feel very happy that I am doing my little bit to ensure these precious animals will be there for future generations to experience for themselves.

GREATER BAMBOO LEMUR

The island of Madagascar is the only place in the world where lemurs live. In fact, 90% of the species found there are not found anywhere else.

Sadly, Madagascar’s biodiversity has been under extreme threat for some time. It is estimated that:



AND MOST OF THE REMAINING SPECIES ARE AT RISK OF
EXTINCTION

The Aspinall Foundation began its first project in Madagascar in 2008, with the objective of ensuring the long-term existence of the critically endangered greater bamboo lemur, one of the most threatened lemur species and one of the rarest primates in the world.

With the help of our loyal supporters and the work of our dedicated expert team, the known population of the species in the wild has grown from 100 to over 1,000. Although still considered Critically Endangered, the international primatological community has removed the greater bamboo lemur from the list of the 25 most endangered primates in the world.

A gift in your will could help us to continue to protect them and other unique and threatened species that have been identified at our community-managed conservation sites on the island.



You can leave three main types of gift in your will:



A percentage of your estate after your family and friends are provided for. This is called a residuary gift.



A pecuniary gift, which is a fixed sum of money.



A specific item such as a piece of jewellery or art.

All gifts are important to us and will be put to good use to help animals, but residuary gifts are particularly helpful as they usually keep in line with inflation and so they do not lose value over time.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



How much should I leave?

We're very grateful for every gift left to us, no matter how large or small. Every legacy we receive helps to support the animals you care about and ensure that endangered species can flourish again.

How do I go about making a will?

It's easy to do, whether through a solicitor or a will writing service. The Aspinall Foundation has partnered with Make a Will Online to make it even easier for our supporters. You can make or amend a standard will for free.

Simply visit:

makeawillonline.co.uk/aspinallfoundation

All wills are checked by a qualified solicitor, and you can ask questions at no cost.

Do I need professional advice?

Not usually, but if you have complex legal needs or a large, complicated estate e.g. trust income, property overseas or dependent relatives, then we'd encourage you to discuss your will with a 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 your loved ones.

Do you have any recommended wording?

Yes. To leave a residuary gift, you will need to think about the percentage of your estate that you would like to leave to The Aspinall Foundation. To leave a pecuniary gift, please think about the specific sum of money that you would like to leave.

'I give a ___% share of my residuary estate / £___ to The Aspinall Foundation of Port Lympne Reserve, Nr Ashford, Kent, CT21 4PD registered charity number 326567 for its general charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of The Aspinall Foundation for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy'.

What do I do if I already have a will?

Small changes to your will can be stated in a document called a **codicil**, which is read in conjunction with your will. You will need our registered address and charity number as detailed above.



OUR PROMISE TO YOU



YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your gift will be directed
towards the animals who
need help the most.



WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ABOUT OUR WORK

We will provide you with
important and special updates
about our work and invite you
to special events for passionate
supporters like you.



CONFIDENTIALITY

We promise to keep any details
you do decide to share with us
completely confidential. We will
also never sell your data to any
third party or share your details
with other charities.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you make the compassionate choice to leave a gift in your will to The Aspinall Foundation, please let us know. It would help us with our long-term plans, to keep in touch with you with important updates and invite you to special events.

If you have any questions, or want to talk to us about any aspect of our work or how you can make a lasting impact, including arranging a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly team on

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(Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm)

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We look forward to hearing from you and assisting in any way we can.

