Help us to be there for endangered animals, forever.

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





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Every year, the generosity of supporters leaving us a gift in their will enables us to do more to protect endangered animals across the world.

A gift of just 1% would make a big difference to our work and ensure your loved ones receive 99%.

Leaving a charitable gift in your will is easy to do, and the impact it can have is phenomenal. Imagine a world where species threatened with extinction are abundant once again.

This is a dream that we can achieve together.

On the following pages we will show you how you can leave a gift in your will, and the incredible impact it could have on our work for future generations.



Leaving a gift in your will is something that costs nothing now but could have an incredible impact in the future.

All you need to leave a gift in your will is the charity's address and registration number.

The Aspinall Foundation, Port Lympne Reserve, Lympne, Nr Ashford, Kent CT21 4PD Registered Charity Number: 326567



Case Study-Congo & Gabon

The generosity of our supporters, including gifts in wills, has helped us protect the Critically Endangered Western Lowland gorilla in The Republic of Congo and Gabon. This magnificent species has suffered a decline in numbers of over 60% in just 25 years, but our determined work has helped return many animals back to the wild, where they belong.

Over 30 years of success

In 1989 we built the first ever gorilla orphanage in Congo-Brazzaville, and since then we have rescued over 100 gorillas orphaned by the bush meat trade and poaching. We have reintroduced over 70 gorillas back into the wild, including 26 who travelled from our parks in Kent. These gorillas have now given birth to over 35 gorillas in the wild.

The future

We are committed to growing a sustainable gorilla population in this part of Africa, across the one million acres of the two sites in the Batéké Plateau region, where our project is based, and beyond.

A gift in your will could help protect the threatened gorillas in Gabon and Congo and help future reintroductions.



Case study-South Africa

In February 2020, The Aspinall Foundation became the first organisation to ever repatriate cheetahs born outside of Africa

This pioneering move symbolises our commitment to continue to repatriate as many animals as possible back to their natural habitat. Your support can help us plan bigger, bolder moves in the future.

An epic journey

Saba & Nairo, two brothers born at Port Lympne and later transferred to Howletts, were flown 6,000 miles to Ashia Cheetah Sanctuary in South Africa's Western Cape, in February 2020.

Over the next year they acclimatised to their new surroundings and mastered hunting, in preparation for their release into a 7,500 hectare protected reserve.

Living wild and free

Early in 2021, in a moment of great symbolism, the fence between their hunting enclosure and the main reserve was cut down, and Saba & Nairo were released into the wild. The pair have been introduced to a rewilded female cheetah named Ava and it is hoped that she will choose to breed with one of the brothers. Their genetics will add desperately needed diversity to the wild cheetah population in South Africa and their offspring will live wild and free, as all animals should!

Gifts in wills can support future projects like this and give iconic endangered species like cheetah the chance to thrive.



The Aspinall Foundation **Timeline -** Key Points



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the world.

Our supporters have enabled us to achieve so much, including our iconic gorilla projects in Congo and Gabon, and recently the first ever rewilding of cheetahs born outside of Africa.

Below shows some of our incredible achievements over the years.

Since being formed over 35 years ago, the Aspinall Foundation has embarked on dozens of pioneering conservation projects around

Crowned sifaka project initiated in Madagascar

to the greater bamboo lemur being removed from the most endangered primates list

Lympne to Romania for rewilding





Every gift, no matter what size will make a difference to our work. It is also possible to restrict your gift specifically to our international conservation work. Below are some examples of the incredible difference your gift could make

- **£250** will vaccinate our repatriated animals and protect them from disease in the wild.
- **£500** will purchase the equipment needed to keep patrol teams in remote areas in contact with basecamp



• **£750** will cover the costs of a custom-built crate for animal transfers



£1,000 will provide 6 waterproof handheld radios for gorilla monitoring and anti-poaching teams



• **£15,000** would cover the costs of flying a gorilla back to Africa from our parks



£30,000 will support our East Javan Langur Rehabilitation & Reintroduction Centre for a year



• **£50,000** will purchase an all-terrain vehicle for use by our overseas teams



What sort of legacy could I leave?

There are three main types of legacy gift.

- **1** A specific gift (an item, such as a car, or jewellery)
- **2** Pecuniary (a set sum of money)
- **3** Residuary (a percentage of everything you own).

Of course it is entirely up to you, but residuary gifts help ensure everyone that you leave a gift to in your will gets the proportion you want, and that the gift will then change in value with your estate. However, this is not right for everyone and your solicitor will be able to help you with your specific wishes.

Are there any tax considerations? Legacies to charity are free of inheritance tax, meaning that by leaving a charitable legacy you can potentially bring down the tax on your estate to zero. It is best to speak to your solicitor who can help calculate this for you.

How should I make a will? Your solicitor will be able to do this. All they will need to know is our charity number (326567) and our address (The Aspinall Foundation, Port Lympne Reserve, Lympne, Nr Ashford, Kent CT21 4PD).

What happens next? Many people prefer to keep their intentions private, of course, that is absolutely fine. But if you tell us that we have been named, it will allow us to thank you properly and occasionally to invite you to special events. Anything you tell us is kept in strictest confidence – and nothing prevents you from changing your mind at any time.



We are developing a beautiful range of options for you to remember a loved one in our parks.

This includes benches, planting and dedicating trees and also adopting an animal in memory.

To find out more, please visit our webpage.

www.aspinallfoundation.org/the-aspinall -foundation/support-us/in-memory-giving/



Our promises to you

Your family and loved ones come first

We are always humbled that our supporters think of us with a gift in their will, and we would always expect that family and loves ones come first. Once they have been provided for, we are delighted if you also have space for a gift to The Aspinall Foundation.

Your intentions are private

You can let us know if you have left The Aspinall Foundation a gift in your will but we do not expect you to do so and will not pressure you to. Any details you do share with us will be completely confidential.

We will honour your wishes

We know how big a decision it is to leave a charitable gift in your will, and we will do everything we can to honour your wishes and ensure your gift makes the greatest difference possible.



Free online will

Make a Will Online make free, solicitor-checked wills for all of our supporters. You can use this link: https://www.makeawillonline.co.uk/ aspinallfoundation. We are told when you leave a gift to us in your will. You can also share your name with us which will help us further. All wills are checked by a qualified solicitor and you can ask any questions at no extra cost.

Alternatively: see a solicitor.

If you already have a solicitor please speak to them to ask them to update your will to include a gift to us. If you have complex legal needs, or a large or complicated estate – e.g. trust income, property overseas, or dependent relatives – you should speak to a specialist solicitor. If you are on strong medication or have concerns around your mental capacity you should discuss with a solicitor face-to-face. If your estate will be subject to inheritance tax you should also speak to a solicitor.

You can find a solicitor by going to the Law Society website. https://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/

Our full charity details are: The Aspinall Foundation charity number 326567 and our registered office is at Port Lympne Reserve, Nr Ashford, Kent, CT21 4PD.



Want to know more? We are here to talk to you about your legacy at any time

Thank you for taking the time to read our legacy brochure, and for your interest in leaving a gift to The Aspinall Foundation in your will. We are always here and able to have a chat about the options available when leaving a gift in your will, or any other questions you have.

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift in your Will further please contact us at

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