

ENSURE YOUR KINDNESS LIVES ON



AnimalsAsia
Kindness in action

Your simple guide to
leaving a gift in your Will

Free Will
advice
inside.





Did you know your love for animals can live on, even after you're gone?

Leaving a gift in your Will means you can continue to be there for the animals you've shown such kindness to throughout your life. This guide is designed to help you navigate the process of creating or amending your Will to make sure you can still be a powerful force for good for animals in need – even after you're gone.

Over the years, you've helped us save hundreds of bears from bile farming. You've saved many thousands of cats and dogs in China from the meat trade. And you're with us every step of the way as we work to end elephant riding for good in Vietnam.

What you'd like to leave your loved ones, and the causes you care about, is one of the most important decisions you'll make.

Giving a gift in your Will to Animals Asia ensures your compassion for animals lives on.

Bequests are vital to Animals Asia's future. Every year generous supporters like you who remember the animals in their Will provide enough funds to feed every one of our rescued bears. These compassionate heroes are the future of Animals Asia.

A gift in your Will costs you nothing today, but ensures you're with us here at Animals Asia for years to come as we fight to create a kinder world for all animals.



The power of your Will: Join Jill and make lasting change

"My first visit to a bile farm changed my life forever. Cage after cage of poor defenseless bears, painfully abused for their bile, physically and mentally traumatized. Suddenly I felt a touch on my shoulder and turned to see a bear reaching out to me. Not thinking, I instinctively took her paw. But instead of hurting me, she gently squeezed my hand, like she was pleading, 'Help me'. She is the reason I founded Animals Asia all those years ago.

You've been with us through it all, and together we've rescued hundreds of bears. We're ending bile farming AND elephant riding in Vietnam. We've won legal protection for dogs in China to help end their slaughter for the meat trade. But there's so much more still to do.

I have a special place in my heart for every supporter – but especially those who remember the animals in their Will. Your bequests are so vital to the future of animal welfare. This special act secures a kinder future and means you live on with us long into the future. I can't think of a more meaningful gift to leave behind."



What your gift could make possible

Bequests are vital to the future of Animals Asia. Each of our rescued animals relies on your kindness. Our gorgeous moon bear cub, Cocoon, and our beautiful middle-aged elephant, H'Plo, are just two of these precious souls.

Cocoon's story

Cocoon was just a tiny cub when she was rescued from the back of a wildlife trafficker's motorbike by the Vietnam's border police. Not only was she snatched from the wild, she almost certainly saw her mother killed as she would have fought fiercely to protect her cub. Who knows what fate would have awaited her at the hands of these traffickers. Young cubs just like Cocoon are often sold into circuses, or destined for a lifetime of pain on bile farms. Thankfully kind supporters like you were there for her in her time of need, and we were able to bring her home to our sanctuary.

As a new rescue, Cocoon was terrified, wary of her new surroundings, of her new bear carers. But in a matter of days, this beautiful young cub let her curiosity get the better of her. She delighted in new tastes, sounds and textures. She found her appetite, felt safe enough to rest and found a love for toys. After settling in and having her first health check, Cocoon was moved to our special Cub House where she quickly made her first friends. Today, this mischievous, fun-loving little bear spends her days playing with besties Mudky and Yen.

Cocoon feels the love of our entire Animals Asia family every day. Moon bears like Cocoon can live up to 30 years. She'll need a lifetime of food, expert healthcare and love. A gift in your Will could make all the difference for beautiful bears like Cocoon in their time of need. Your gift could help give them a life filled with joy and love instead of pain and suffering.

Your gift could change everything

H'Plo's story

Imagine spending your life trapped in chains and forced to carry tourists in Vietnam's suffocating heat. That was the reality for poor H'Plo until she felt the love of supporters like you and we could bring her to sanctuary.

Gentle H'Plo was 46 when she came into our care in 2020. She'd spent her entire life working in Dak Lak, a tourist hotspot for elephant-riding.

H'Plo's back was hunched under the strain of the heavy seat, her feet cracked and aching. But now, she roams freely through the lush forests of Yok Don National Park, surrounded by the beauty of the natural world.

Not only did our kind supporters allow us to rescue H'Plo, in 2021 we signed a legally binding agreement with Dak Lak Province to end elephant-riding there.







With the help of supporters like you, we're ending elephant riding forever in Vietnam. By leaving a gift in your Will to Animals Asia, you can ensure elephants like H'Plo experience the joy of freedom and a life free from suffering. Together we can make the world of difference for these majestic creatures.





Planning for a kinder future: taking the next steps with your Will

It's very easy to include Animals Asia in your Will. Here are some simple steps you can follow to make sure you can look after your loved ones and most treasured organizations when you're gone.

-  Find an attorney who will ensure your wishes will be carried out exactly as you wish. Once you've found your attorney, it's normally a quick and easy process to write your Will
-  Think about your assets and the loved ones and/or organizations you'd like to remember in your Will. If you'd like to leave a gift to Animals Asia, you'll need our charity details which are Animals Asia Foundation Fund, C/O CAF America, 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 375, Alexandria, VA 22314, USA TAX ID: 43-1634280
-  Your gift can be a specific sum, a percentage of your estate, the remainder of your estate after your other commitments, or a specific item like a property or shares
-  Once your Will has been written, it's important to update it from time to time to make sure it still reflects your wishes. If you'd like to update your existing Will, it's simple to amend using a codicil, a separate document that amends or adds to your existing Will. So for example, you could add Animals Asia as a beneficiary to your Will with this document, while leaving the rest of your instructions untouched
-  Appoint one or more people to be your Executor (the person responsible for seeing your wishes are carried out). This can be a friend, relative or your attorney
-  Make a copy of your Will and make sure someone you trust knows the location of your original. Your attorney will be able to help with advice on storing your Will safely

'As someone who has been lucky enough to live a life surrounded by animals, I feel it's only right to give back in some way. Leaving a gift in my Will to Animals Asia is my way of doing just that.'

Marie, Animals Asia supporter and pledger



Types of gift

Residuary gifts – This kind of gift means you can look after your loved ones first, before choosing a percentage of your estate to leave to charity. A residuary gift is a share of the value of your assets, such as your property or saving. Most supporters choose to leave Animals Asia this kind of gift as it's a percentage of your estate, rather than a fixed amount – meaning it won't lose its value over time.

Specific gifts – A specific gift could be a certain amount of money or a particular asset that the individual wishes to leave to Animals Asia. Unlike a residuary gift, a specific gift does not involve a percentage of the estate and is not dependent on the remaining value of the estate after other gifts and expenses have been paid.

Wording for your Will – We recommend you get legal advice regarding the wording of your Will. If you're planning on leaving a residuary gift, a suggestion of the wording you could use is:

"I give, devise and bequeath to Animals Asia Foundation Fund at CAF America, a Restricted Fund owned by Charities Aid Foundation America, located at 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 375, Alexandria, VA 22314-2840, (insert percentage, specific dollar amount etc) to be used for its general charitable purposes"

Inheritance Tax – Leaving a gift in your Will can have tax benefits for you and your loved ones. State estate tax laws vary, so it's best to consult with an attorney or financial advisor to understand the specific rules in your state.



Some common questions about leaving a gift in your Will

Do Animals Asia really need a gift from me?

Yes. Animals Asia relies on the generosity and kindness of supporters like you to continue caring for and rescuing animals. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. The animals whose lives you've touched through your compassion thank you from the bottom of their hearts for considering a gift in your Will.

Will my gift make a difference?

Absolutely. Leaving a gift in your Will means you can continue to make a positive impact on the world long after you're gone. Your gift will support hundreds of rescued animals, providing them with lifelong care. And your voice will be heard into the future calling for animal welfare and conservation.

Do I need an attorney?

We recommend you consult an attorney when writing or amending your Will to ensure that your wishes are clearly stated and legally binding. An attorney can also provide advice on tax implications and other legal matters related to your gift.

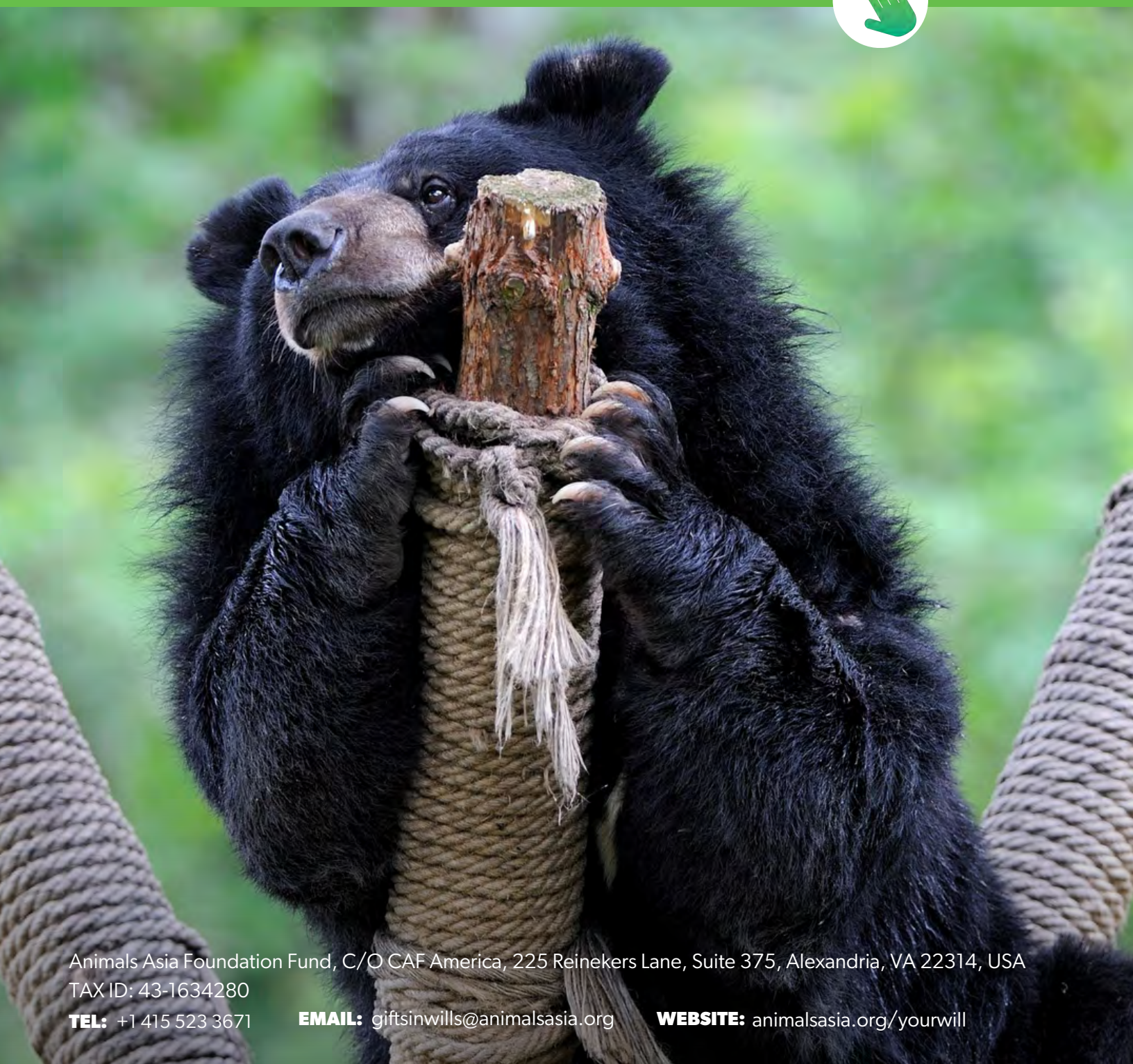
I've just written my Will. Do I have to rewrite it completely if I want to leave Animals Asia a gift?

No. You can simply add a codicil, which is a separate document that amends or supplements your existing Will. Your attorney can help you prepare a codicil to include a gift to Animals Asia.

Together, we can create a kinder future for animals

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to Animals Asia. If you have any questions, we'd be happy to help.

If you do decide to leave Animals Asia a special gift in your Will, we would be very grateful if you'd let us know. We'd love to be able to thank you and ensure your wishes are carried out exactly as you want. Get in touch at giftsinwills@animalsasia.org



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