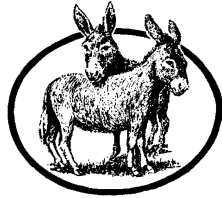


If we can be of any further help or if you would like more information then please write to us at:

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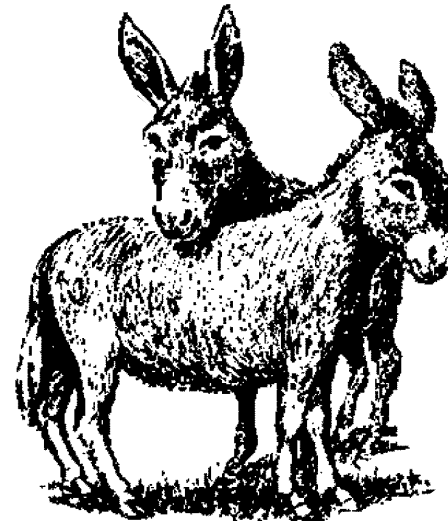
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Making a **Will**

Giving to charity
A guide for all



Making a Will is the ideal opportunity to let friends, relatives and charities know how much you appreciate and care for them and allows you to decide precisely what will happen to all the possessions and worldly goods you have accumulated throughout your life.

THE DONKEY SANCTUARY

The Donkey Sanctuary exists to protect donkeys from cruelty and neglect and to provide homes for those that are in need of protective care and those that can no longer be cared for by their owners.

Donkeys like Hero, who have been rescued from a miserable existence, can be nursed back to health. A chain had at one time been put around Hero's neck and, through neglect, had cut into his flesh and become embedded as he had grown.

Through our dedicated team of Welfare Officers reports of donkeys needing help are investigated quickly.

Over 2,400 donkeys from all parts of Ireland have been taken into the Donkey Sanctuary at Cork. Suitable, fit donkeys may be found homes through our Foster Scheme and those needing more intensive care and on-going veterinary treatment become permanent residents.

Donkeys like Lorcan can live out their lives receiving care and attention. This young donkey was found by our Welfare Officers in a distressed state. His ears flopped over the front of his head and he was thin and undernourished. On investigation it was discovered that he had been chased by youths into a barbed wire fence and the wire had nearly ripped off both ears. On arrival at the Sanctuary he was very frightened of people but given time and patience he gradually came to trust one member of the Sanctuary staff and gradually regained his trust in humans. Lorcan's ears are sadly permanently damaged but he can now live in peace and will never again be harshly treated.

The Donkey Sanctuary in the UK was registered as a charity in 1973 and has taken over 9,600 donkeys into care. Its founder, Dr. Elisabeth Svendsen, MBE, was anxious that donkeys in Ireland should receive similar protection and in 1988 The Donkey Sanctuary (UK) became officially associated with Paddy Barrett's rescue centre for donkeys in Lisscarroll, Co. Cork.

Donkeys have worked tirelessly and patiently in Ireland for decades, hauling the peat and carrying the milk, and we think they deserve to be treated with kindness and should not suffer after having given so much help to man.

By remembering the Donkey Sanctuary in your Will you can help us to ensure that our work will continue well into the future.

In appreciation of this support your name will be inscribed on our Memory Wall at the Sanctuary. Your family and friends will always be made welcome; we are open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm, weekends and Bank Holidays 10am to 5pm. We have no entrance charge.



A RESIDUARY BEQUEST is the residue of your estate, or a share of the residue, after your debts have been settled and any legacies you leave to other people have been paid.

If you wish to leave all the residue of your estate to The Donkey Sanctuary the suggested form of wording is:

Subject to the payment of my funeral and testamentary expenses, I give, devise and bequeath the residue of all my real and personal property of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situate of or to which I shall be entitled at the date of my death to my Trustees upon trust for The Donkey Sanctuary of Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0NU to be applied for its general charitable purposes with the request that it be used for The Donkey Sanctuary, Knockardbane, Lisscarroll, Mallow, Co. Cork, Ireland and I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer for the time being of The Donkey Sanctuary shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.



ADDING TO YOUR EXISTING WILL

If you have already made your Will, a bequest to our charity may be added to it by way of a Codicil.

If you are able to remember our charity in your Will it will ensure the future of our work in Ireland.

To us the donkey is a creature who deserves to be treated humanely and to receive some loving care during his retirement years. Thank you for helping to make this possible.

TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE DONKEY SANCTUARY



By leaving a legacy to The Donkey Sanctuary in your Will you can help us to ensure that we can continue our work of improving conditions for donkeys in Ireland.

You should first decide the type of legacy you wish to leave - this can be a specific legacy, a pecuniary legacy or a residuary bequest.

A SPECIFIC LEGACY consists of a specific item of personal property. The suggested form of wording for a specific legacy is:



I give and bequeath unto the Trustees of The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU my (description) to be applied for its general charitable purposes with the request that it be used for The Donkey Sanctuary, Knockardbane, Liscarroll, Mallow, Co. Cork, Ireland and I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer for the time being of the Sanctuary shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.

A PECUNIARY LEGACY consists of a specified sum of money. The suggested form of wording for a pecuniary legacy is:



I give and bequeath unto the Trustees of The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU the sum of €.....for the general charitable purposes of the Sanctuary with the request that it be used for The Donkey Sanctuary, Knockardbane, Liscarroll, Mallow, Co. Cork, Ireland and I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer for the time being of the Sanctuary shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.



WHY MAKE A WILL?

You might be surprised to learn that if you die without leaving a Will your estate will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Succession Act 1965 and it is not your nearest and dearest who will decide where your property should go.



WHO SHOULD MAKE ONE?

Everyone should make a Will but it is particularly important for parents with young families to make a Will to ensure that their children's needs are safeguarded. It is not enough to guarantee that their financial future is secure, thought must also be given as to who will bring them up if you and your partner die. Guardians can be appointed in your Will and your solicitor will help with details of Trust Funds.



CAN I DRAW IT UP MYSELF?

It is perfectly possible to draw up your own Will but even simple Wills must comply with legal formalities and, if you are not familiar with legal terminology, just one mistake could invalidate the whole document. The best advice we can give is that you use a solicitor to draw up the Will. It is worth the expense to have peace of mind knowing that your wishes cannot be misinterpreted.



HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The solicitor's charges will usually depend on the complexity of your affairs and the time taken to draw up your Will. Don't be afraid to ask for an estimate in advance. It may help to obtain estimates from various local firms before deciding which one to use.

HOW CAN I SAVE COSTS?



To keep costs to a minimum the motto is - be prepared! Having all the relevant information to hand will save your solicitor time and save you money. Make a list of all your possessions such as property, furniture and jewellery. Add to this list any shares, insurance certificates or bonds you hold and details of where these documents are stored. Finally, include on the list the name, address and account number of any bank or building society with which you have an account.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS



As many people never quite get round to discussing funeral arrangements with their loved ones, making a Will gives you the opportunity to make your wishes known. Make a note of these to be included in your Will.

BE SURE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR WILL



Now write down the full names and addresses of all the people you wish to remember in your Will. Think carefully about precisely which specific gifts you wish to make and to whom.

LEAVING A GIFT TO CHARITIES



Anything left over after these specific gifts have been made forms the residue of your estate. You may wish to leave this, or part of it, to certain members of your family or friends or to a favourite charity.

This is often the one time in a person's life when they can afford to make a donation to causes which are dear to them. The cost of raising a family nowadays very often leaves little cash to spare and, later in life, retirement brings with it the need to conserve cash outgoings. If you are fortunate enough to have a property or a capital sum invested then provision can be made, by way of a legacy, for a significant donation to a charity which you have long admired.

THE TAX BENEFITS



A gift to a charity in a Will brings with it favourable tax exemptions and reliefs. Your solicitor will be happy to explain the situation to you.



HOW TO HELP RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND CHARITIES

If you would like to leave a bequest to charity but need to ensure that relatives or close friends are well provided for during their lifetimes there is a simple way to achieve both aims. Your solicitor can explain how someone can receive an income or other benefit from your estate for their lifetime and then, when this is no longer needed, the remainder can be passed to charity.



HOW MUCH TIME IS INVOLVED IN MAKING A WILL?

Making a Will usually involves two trips to your solicitor, a first visit to give your instructions and a second appointment to check the document which has been prepared and sign it.



WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

Many people put off making a Will in case they change their minds about legacies and bequests in later years. However, as a Will does not take effect until the person who makes it has died then, of course, the Will can be changed or cancelled at any time providing the writer is of sound mind.

However, once you have made a Will, the original contents can be changed or added to by means of a Codicil and will not involve re-writing your Will. The Codicil has to be signed and witnessed in the same way as the Will itself, although the witnesses do not have to be the same. The Codicil must be kept with, but not affixed to, your Will.