



**A GUIDE TO  
MAKING YOUR WILL**

**Remembering Compassion in World Farming in your Will**



## WHO WE ARE

**As a charity, Compassion in World Farming receives no government funding. We rely entirely on the generosity of individuals like you to achieve lasting change for farm animals worldwide.**

We were founded by a dairy farmer – Peter Roberts – in 1967. Our vision is a world where farm animals are treated with compassion and respect and where cruel factory farming practices end.

If, like us, you believe that farm animals need not and should not suffer, please read on to see how you can remember us in your Will. You can make a crucial difference to the work we do to improve the lives of farm animals.



**Philip Lymbery**  
Chief Executive

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## WHAT WE DO

**For over 40 years, we have been improving the lives of millions of farm animals worldwide. We are recognised as the charity that gets things done through peaceful campaigning and lobbying. All that we do is based on hard evidence and scientific facts.**

We undertake extensive and well respected research studies on farm animal welfare issues and we are closely involved with a number of educational establishments and leading experts.

Our investigations unit often works undercover in dangerous situations to expose farm animal suffering and illegal practices.

We challenge the food industry in the public and private sectors to promote welfare improvements and source high welfare produce.

From primary schools to agricultural colleges, we deliver a message of compassion and animal welfare using a broad spectrum of teaching aids.

**AFTER YEARS OF CAMPAIGNING, THE EU AGREED TO BAN BARREN BATTERY CAGES FOR LAYING HENS FROM 2012. WE ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THE BAN IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND ENFORCED IN ALL COUNTRIES ACROSS EUROPE.**



# WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

**Gifts in Wills make up between a third and a half of the donations Compassion in World Farming receives. They are absolutely vital to our effectiveness as a campaigning organisation.**

At the very core of Compassion is our belief that animals should not and need not suffer. Imagine the difference that you could make to the lives of literally millions of intensively farmed animals through a gift in your Will.

With a gift in your Will, you can play a central part in releasing more and more animals from the cruelty of factory farming.

No one likes to think about making a Will. Yet having an up-to-date Will is one of the most important ways you can ensure your wishes will be carried out just as you would like. It's the one way that you can determine the future, both for your family and for future generations of farm animals.

**So ensure peace of mind now by making your Will. With your help, our legacy will be an end to factory farming – and a world where farm animals are at last treated with the compassion and respect they deserve.**



# WHAT WE NEED TO DO

Every year, more than **40 billion** animals around the world are reared in factory farms. Despite having achieved significant legislative change for many intensively farmed animals, Compassion in World Farming still has so much more to do to improve their quality of life.

**We want all the world's 50 billion chickens out of cramped sheds**

There are more chickens suffering in factory farms than any other species: 70% of the world's 50 billion chickens reared for meat are crammed into barren, often windowless, sheds. They are selectively bred to grow so quickly that their heart and skeletal frame cannot support their weight and they can suffer pain, ammonia burns and premature death.

**We want all the world's 6 billion egg-laying hens out of cages**

Over 60% of the world's six billion egg-laying hens spend their lives in cramped wire boxes known as battery cages. We are working to ensure this system is abolished for good, worldwide.

**We want all the world's 240 million dairy cows in fields, where they belong**

The intensification of dairy farming over the last few decades means millions of cows each year have little or no access to pasture. Selective breeding has resulted in many of these cows suffering painful lameness, infections, infertility and premature death.



OUR ANNUAL GOOD ANIMAL WELFARE AWARDS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE COMPANIES THAT ARE SWITCHING TO HIGHER WELFARE POLICIES. SO FAR, OVER 200 MILLION ANIMALS WILL LIVE BETTER LIVES AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE WINNERS' POLICIES.

We want an end to **millions** of animals being transported long distances

Each year, millions of farm animals are needlessly transported huge distances by road, sea or rail, only to be slaughtered on arrival. These journeys are deeply distressing. Many die en route, while others suffer exhaustion, dehydration and horrific injuries.

With your help, our legacy will be an end to factory farming – a world where all farm animals will have access to fresh air and sunshine and enough space to exhibit their natural behaviours.

IN 2001, WE ACHIEVED AN EU-WIDE BAN ON SOW STALLS. THIS LAW WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 2013.



## WHAT IS A LEGACY?

**A charitable legacy may be a gift of money or any other assets that you leave behind. Legacies need not be big either. Every gift in every Will makes a difference to what we can plan for and the successes we can achieve. Whilst there are a number of options to consider, there are two main types of charitable legacies: residuary and pecuniary.**

**A residuary gift** is all, or a percentage of, your estate once all other bequests, costs, etc have been deducted. For example, a bequest of 10% of an estate valued at £200,000 would provide a gift of £20,000. A residuary gift is the most valuable to us as it keeps pace with inflation. It can also help reduce the need for frequent updating of your Will.

**A pecuniary gift** is a specific amount of money. The value of pecuniary legacies decreases over time; for example a generous gift of £2,000 pledged today will be less valuable in future years as the cost of living increases.

A legacy to Compassion in World Farming enables you as an individual to leave your mark on the world by helping to advance the wellbeing of farm animals worldwide. Free from inheritance tax, a gift made in your Will can also help reduce the tax burden on your estate.

## HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

To leave either type of legacy to Compassion in World Farming, you simply need to include details of the gift in your Will. This can be done when making your Will, by making an amendment or 'Codicil' to your existing Will, or by setting up a Trust. Your solicitor or professional adviser will be able to tell you more.

# WRITING OR UPDATING YOUR WILL

**It is important to follow all the legal requirements when making and updating your Will – your solicitor will explain it all to you. Keep your Will safe and ensure that your executors know where to find it. Here are a few tips to help you get started.**

## **Decide who you want to act as guardians or carers of dependents**

Dependents include young children, relatives who need care and pets. Remember to ask the people you would like to act as guardians or carers – it is important that they agree to help before you name them in your Will.

## **Choose your executors**

Executors are those people who you can trust to see that your wishes are carried out correctly as stated in your Will. Compassion in World Farming can act as your executor.

## **Appoint a solicitor**

If you do not have a solicitor already, your friends or family may be able to recommend one. Or if you would like help finding a local solicitor, please see the insert at the back of this guide.

## **If you are married or living with a partner, you both need a Will**

Solicitors tend to reduce fees if couples make 'mirror' Wills.

If you have any questions, please call us on 01483 521 953

## Inheritance Tax

Inheritance tax is due if your estate – including any assets held in trusts and gifts made within seven years of death – is valued over the current inheritance tax threshold. Tax is then payable on the amount over this threshold. However, gifts left to spouses or charities such as Compassion in World Farming do not incur inheritance tax.

For current information on inheritance tax, please refer to the insert at the back of this guide.

## Decide who you wish to remember in your Will

Family members, friends and charities can all be included as beneficiaries in your Will. It may be advisable to split your estate into residuary legacies rather than set sums. Most people don't know what the value of their estate will be when they die, so it may be easier for you to divide your estate up into percentages rather than leaving particular cash sums. This also makes your estate easier to administer and may reduce the legal costs after your death.

If you feel you would like Compassion in World Farming to benefit from the residue of your estate\*, it is important that you use the following wording in your Will as it complies with all legal requirements:

**“I give the residue\* of my estate to Compassion in World Farming (registered charity No. 1095050; registered company limited by guarantee no. 4590804 (England and Wales)) of River Court, Mill Lane, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1EZ, for its charitable purposes.”**

\* You can leave the entire residue of your estate, or a portion of it, e.g. 10%, 50%.

## Adding a Codicil

A Codicil is an amendment to your existing Will. If you are including a gift in your Will to Compassion in World Farming by adding a Codicil, you should consult your solicitor over the precise wording to use.

# WHY AN UP-TO-DATE WILL IS SO IMPORTANT

**An up-to-date Will is important for your peace of mind – you need to plan what will happen to your property, possessions and savings after your death. Updating your Will is neither difficult nor expensive and it will give you the peace of mind you deserve.**

If you have a family, a Will is the best way to provide for their future. It also allows you to remember the charities that you have supported in your lifetime.

Many people assume that, when they die, everything they own will automatically go to their partner and/or children. This is not always the case. And if you have no family and die without making a Will, everything goes to the Crown. If you have a partner, but are not married, they do not have an automatic right to any of your estate – so you need to include them in your Will.

If your circumstances change, for example through marriage, divorce, loss of a partner, birth of a child or grandchild, or your children's circumstances or the value of your own assets change, it is important that your Will reflects these changes too.

Before you update your Will or make your first Will, think carefully about your family and other dependents (e.g. elderly relatives who need care). Don't forget to appoint guardians if you have young children.

And remember your pets too. Arrange who will look after them and try to make financial provision for them – including veterinary bills.



**GIFTS IN WILLS MAKE UP BETWEEN A THIRD AND A HALF OF THE DONATIONS THAT WE RECEIVE. THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO OUR EFFECTIVENESS AS A CAMPAIGNING ORGANISATION.**



**OVER A DECADE OF CONTINUOUS PRESSURE BY COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING RESULTED IN LEGISLATION TO BAN VEAL CRATES ACROSS EUROPE FROM 2007. BECAUSE OF OUR CAMPAIGN, VEAL CRATES ARE NOW OUTLAWED IN ALL COUNTRIES IN THE EU.**

# THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US NOW

**“When my late husband and I made our first Wills, we did so mainly to ensure guardianship of our three children, who were young at the time. After my husband’s death, I knew I must get around to making a new Will. My children were now grown up and my situation had changed.**

Being lucky enough to have three lovely children – and two granddaughters – I have left the bulk of my modest estate to them. But I feel so committed to my work to help farm animals, that I have included a residuary legacy to Compassion in World Farming in my Will.

Having talked this through with my solicitor, I realised that a residuary legacy is likely to be worth far more than a cash sum. The residuary legacy keeps pace with inflation, whereas the real value of cash sums decreases every year. Dividing my estate into residuary portions also means I shouldn’t have to review my Will again and it ensures that my family can also benefit.

As a supporter of our vital work for farm animals, I do hope that, like me, you will consider leaving a legacy to Compassion so that we can continue to work with energy, integrity and commitment to help farm animals everywhere.”



Joyce D'Silva  
Ambassador,  
Compassion in World Farming

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# SUPPORTERS LEAVING US A LASTING LEGACY

**Many of our supporters have included Compassion in World Farming in their Wills. Here are some thoughts from supporters who have remembered us in their Wills...**

*"Because Compassion in World Farming campaigns legally, peacefully and through facts, I know my legacy will be spent wisely and effectively."*

**Ms Joyce Smith**, supporter

*"I am leaving a gift to Compassion in World Farming in my Will because I believe factory farming is an appalling way to treat sentient creatures and your campaigns have improved the lives of thousands of farm animals."*

**Ms Kathleen Stephenson**, supporter

*"I have been associated with Compassion in World Farming for over twenty years. Throughout that time it has maintained its accuracy, honesty and passion to give farm animals a better life. The last thing I shall be able to do to contribute to this cause which means so much to me, is to leave a legacy, safe in the knowledge that it will be put to the best possible use."*

**Mrs Rosemary Marshall**, trustee, Compassion in World Farming

*"Because of the huge numbers of animals involved in this 'industry', most of my Will is going to animal causes of which Compassion in World Farming is on top."*

**Mr Jeffrey Ball**, supporter



**FOLLOWING A 10-YEAR CAMPAIGN BY COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING, THE EU NOW LEGALLY RECOGNISES ANIMALS AS SENTIENT BEINGS, CAPABLE OF FEELING PAIN AND SUFFERING.**

# INCLUDING COMPASSION IN YOUR WILL

**For more information on leaving a gift to Compassion in World Farming in your Will, please visit [ciwf.org/legacy](http://ciwf.org/legacy) or call 01483 521 953. Our lines are open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.**

If you would like to make use of any of our legacy services on offer please complete the form enclosed here and return it in the FREEPOST envelope.

If you do decide to leave a legacy to Compassion in World Farming, we would be grateful if you could let us know. There is a form enclosed here – please complete and return it in the FREEPOST envelope. **Thank you.**





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# HOW WE CAN HELP

## A free Will writing service

As a member of The National Free Wills Network, Compassion in World Farming is pleased to offer supporters a free Will writing service. You can have a simple Will drafted free of charge by a local solicitor chosen from a UK-wide network of solicitors, all of whom are members of The Law Society. If you already have a Will, you may like to take this opportunity to have it updated.

To register your interest in our free Will writing service, please telephone legacy services on **01483 521 953**, or complete your details overleaf and return this form using the FREEPOST envelope provided. The National Free Wills Network will then send you an information pack listing the Network's solicitors nearest to you. Simply choose a solicitor and contact them directly to book an appointment. You are not obliged in any way to leave a gift in your Will to Compassion in World Farming but we sincerely hope that you will choose to do so.

This offer applies to the writing of simple Wills. If your chosen solicitor advises you that your Will is more complicated, you will be asked to pay the solicitor for the extra work. Should this be the case, it is of course your decision whether to proceed with this service.

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# Legacy Services

Please let us know if we can be of help to you in any way. You can make use of our legacy services, including our free Will writing service, by completing this form, and returning it in the enclosed FREEPOST envelope. We will be in touch shortly.

- I would like the **National Free Wills Network** to send me an information pack on the free Will writing service.
- I would like help finding a local solicitor but do not want to make use of the free Will writing service.
- I would like more information about the Compassion in World Farming executor service.
- I would like Compassion in World Farming to hold a copy of my Will.
- I would like to arrange a meeting with someone from Compassion in World Farming to discuss leaving a legacy to end factory farming.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTER NUMBER (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy for you to email me at: \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy for you to call me on: \_\_\_\_\_

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# A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

## Please let us know

**By remembering Compassion in World Farming in your Will, you will help us change the future for billions of farm animals.**

If you decide to include us in your Will, we would love to hear from you. By letting us know, we will be able to thank you for your commitment to farm animal welfare. It also means that you won't be sent any unwanted communications about this in the future.

Simply fill out this form and return it in the FREEPOST envelope provided. Thank you.

I have already included Compassion in World Farming as a beneficiary in my Will.

Please indicate the type of legacy you have left us.

- The residue, or remainder, of my estate.
- A portion of the residue of my estate.
- A cash gift.

To thank you for your special commitment to farm animal welfare, we would like to send you an exclusive Compassion in World Farming lapel pin.

Please tick this box if you would prefer not to receive a lapel pin.

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# INHERITANCE TAX

## **Important information effective from 6th April 2011**

The inheritance tax threshold is currently £325,000, above which inheritance tax is payable at a rate of 40%. If your estate is liable, you could reduce the amount due by choosing to give a gift in your Will to charity.

For example, if the total value of all your assets is £337,000 your family would be liable to pay £4,800 in inheritance tax, being 40% of the taxable amount of £12,000. However, if you left £10,000 to Compassion in World Farming, the taxable amount would only be £2,000 and the tax payable would be £800.