Transform the lives of working animals with a gift in your Will
Your guide to leaving an everlasting gift to working animals

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Change the lives of the hardest working animals

Your legacy to working animals can provide clean water, shelter and lasting good health – a gift that can change the lives of the world’s poorest horses and donkeys forever.

Gifts in Wills gave Kalel love and respect
Kalel is a beautiful and loyal horse. Every day he works hard, tirelessly carrying heavy loads up and down dusty roads to earn his young owner, Hasan, a living. He leads a hard life but, thanks to the Brooke, it is a happy one.

Kalel is never made to work when he is tired. He has never had a serious disease or known pain from a badly fitted saddle or harness. To Hasan, Kalel is so much more than a way to earn a living. He is part of the family.

Kalel’s life could have been very different
Kalel’s story could have been more like the millions of other animals around the world today, worked to the bone by owners who don’t know how to give them the proper care they need. Luckily, there are kind people who care enough about working animals to leave gifts in their Wills to the Brooke. It is these kind people who helped us teach Hasan and his family, and their whole village, how to care for their animals, bringing health and happiness to horses like Kalel for generations to come.
Inspire future generations of owners living in poverty

With a gift in your Will, you can inspire generations of owners to nurture and protect their animals.

Behind every healthy animal is a good owner. In fact, we know that the only way to ensure the future wellbeing of animals is to educate people.

With gifts in Wills we can teach whole communities to care for their animals. Their livelihoods. We can also train vets in the world’s poorest towns and villages in the latest advances in veterinary medicine and surgery. This way, we will create a world where the hardest working horses, donkeys and mules are free from pain and suffering.
Transform and expand our lifesaving work

Your lasting gift to working animals will transform our work, helping us expand into new communities and new countries – and reach millions of horses, donkeys and mules every year.

The Brooke works across Africa, Asia and Latin America, reaching over one million working horses, donkeys and mules. However, the reality is, we are only just scratching the surface. Every year, we are faced with an enormous number of suffering animals in poor communities overseas.

Gifts in Wills are vital to ensure we can reach out to other countries where we know there are animals in need.
Three ways to let your love live on

1. A residuary legacy
   A residuary legacy will leave the Brooke a share or the whole of your estate after your other wishes and expenses have been met, ensuring your family are provided for first. With a residuary legacy, your gift may grow over time as the value of your estate increases.

2. A pecuniary legacy
   A pecuniary legacy is the gift of a specific amount of money. By leaving a pecuniary legacy to the Brooke you can fix an amount in your Will, but its value may be reduced over the years by inflation.

3. A specific legacy
   A specific legacy is the gift of a physical item or items in your Will to the Brooke. This may be property or jewellery, for example.

Any gift you choose to leave in your Will to the Brooke will make a lifetime of difference to working animals. Please contact the Legacy Team on 020 7470 9343 if you have any questions about residuary, pecuniary or specific legacies.
How a gift in Miss Barbara Penelope Davies’ Will lives on

A generous legacy left to the Brooke in 2002 is making a tremendous difference to the lives of suffering working horses in Egypt.

In Aswan, the tourist trade relies heavily on carriage horses who work long hours in unbearable temperatures of 45 degrees, with little to no shade. But Miss Davies’ generosity has enabled Brooke to build a shade shelter to accommodate 50 horses at a time and ease their torment.

The shelter provides a lifeline to horses in the midday heat where they can rest in shade and drink water. It also serves to educate both locals and tourists about the importance of animal welfare.

Mrs Davies’ niece and executor of her Will couldn’t be happier with the befitting tribute explaining, ‘It feels personal and I am sure my late aunt would be touched by it all.’
Dorothy Brooke’s love of equines lives on to this day.
Your questions answered

Q How can I be sure every penny will make a difference?

A You can be sure that we will use your gift in the most efficient and effective way possible, funding projects where the need of working horses and donkeys is greatest. As well as benefitting the animals, your gift will help people in some of the world’s poorest countries to become more self-sufficient.

Q Can I be sure the Brooke will still be here?

A Yes! The Brooke has been running – and growing – since 1935. We plan to expand to help even more working animals and have bold ambitions for the future.

Q How might my family feel if I leave the Brooke a gift in my Will?

A Your decision to keep your love of animals alive is something that your family can feel proud of. Please read about residuary legacies on page 10 – and how you can take care of your family first.

Q Can I afford to leave a gift in my Will?

A Leaving a contribution in your Will is a wonderful way to make a lasting difference, no matter what your situation. Even something that may not seem a very large amount here in the UK can go a long way in one of the poorest countries where the Brooke works.

Remember, you can always contact the Legacy Team on 020 7470 9343 who will be pleased to answer your questions.
Q Shouldn’t I be helping now, rather than later?

A We are immensely grateful to everybody who supports our work, whenever and however they choose to do it. A gift today can start changing animals’ lives tomorrow, and the need is real and urgent. However, a gift in your Will does something special – it can safeguard the future of working horses and donkeys.

You’ll find more frequently asked questions on our website, at: www.thebrooke.org/legacies
Useful wording

If you would like to include a gift to the Brooke in your Will or you are considering amending your existing Will with a Codicil, please use the following legal wording:

‘I give <add your own chosen percentage of your estate or amount here> to the Brooke Hospital for Animals of 5th Floor, Friars Bridge Court, 41-45 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NZ, Charity Registration Number 1085760 for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Legacy Programme Manager or other proper officer of the Brooke Hospital for Animals shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.’
What next?

If you have decided that you would like to leave a legacy to the Brooke, thank you! Your wonderful gift will make an everlasting difference to the lives of working animals and their owners. Of course, you may need to give more thought to this very important decision.

Please tell us your thoughts
Even if you are undecided, it is really helpful for us to know what you are thinking. Please fill in and return the enclosed form in the freepost envelope.

Remember we are here to help
We’re here to answer your questions. You can contact the Legacy Team on 020 7470 9343 any time between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Thank you for caring
Thank you so much for your interest in making the ultimate gift to animals. Only together can our love of horses and donkeys live on.