



National Council
of SPCAs

Protect what matters to you

Remember the NSPCA in your Will



- *Freedom from thirst, hunger & malnutrition*
- *Freedom from discomfort*
- *Freedom from pain, injury and disease*
- *Freedom to express normal behaviour*
- *Freedom from fear and distress*

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Your chance to protect what matters to you

We all want to protect what matters to us – from our beloved family to dearly held beliefs.

Like you, we believe that no animal should have to experience pain and suffering. Every living creature has intrinsic value and is a sentient being, and it is our responsibility to ensure that their welfare is respected and protected.

The National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA) is the largest animal welfare organisation in South Africa and prevents cruelty, promotes kindness to, and alleviates the suffering of animals. Our objective is to serve and protect **all animals**, to uplift their welfare and to ensure that the protection they have under South African law is upheld and respected.

But if we are to end cruelty – we need your support both now and in the future

The lives of tens of thousands of animals are improved because of our passion, our intervention, and our commitment to bring about change in the agriculture, wildlife and research sectors. In a country that spans over a million square kilometres, there are areas where there is no SPCA, no animal welfare organisations and no veterinary services. The NSPCA plays a vital role in bringing extraordinary help to these people and their animals.

Thank You

If you decide to make or update your Will and are kind enough to remember the NSPCA, **we thank you!**

We hope that this guide will be helpful. But most of all we hope you will choose to show just how much animals matter to you, by remembering the NSPCA with a gift in your Will.

We promise that your gift to us will be used effectively to assist all species of animals around South Africa – to uplift their lives and improve their welfare in whatever situation they find themselves.



What forms can a bequest take?

A bequest is simply a gift of money or property left to a person or organisation after your death.

A specific sum of money

This is the simplest form of a bequest but makes no allowance for the effects of inflation or any changes in the value of your estate. If you choose this option, you need to review your will regularly to ensure the bequest remains relevant.

Specific items

Valuable items such as real estate, motor vehicles, antiques, artworks, jewellery, etc. may be bequeathed to an organisation such as the NSPCA.

A percentage of your estate

This ensures a fair distribution among all the beneficiaries, regardless of any influencing changes.

The residue of your estate

Whatever is left over after all taxes, liabilities and other bequests have been paid is known as the residue. You can bequeath the whole of the residue, or a percentage of it.

A life insurance policy

An existing policy, taken out years ago to safeguard a young family and no longer needed, can be ceded to the NSPCA. Or you can take out a new policy naming us as the beneficiary.



How do I change my existing Will?

Changes in tax law and your financial situation make it essential that you review your Will regularly. All that is required to update your Will is a simple Codicil, which is then attached to your Will. A Codicil is a legally binding instruction that effectively changes your Will without having to draft a new one, but it must be signed and witnessed with the same legal formalities as a Will.

Who is qualified to draw up a Will?

Bankers, accountants, attorneys and financial consultants are skilled in drawing up Wills. We strongly recommend that you seek advice from a lawyer or financial advisor to ensure your wishes take effect. You can then relax, knowing that what matters to you is protected. In your Will, it is important that the NSPCA is correctly identified and that your chosen gift is described in sufficient detail. We recommend that you take the wording suggested below to your advisor for their information.

"I bequeath to the **National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA)**, registered NPO number 003-189 NPO, of 6 Clark Road, Florentia, Alberton, Gauteng, *[insert detail]*, and I express the wish that such estate be used for the general purposes of the NSPCA."

Can I request that my gift goes towards a specific area of work?

It is preferable that your Will does not specify a restriction as to how the funds should be used. Instead, we ask that you allow the NSPCA to decide how your gift will best protect animals in need, at the time it is received. Although we have long-term plans in place, animal welfare needs may change over time and it is important that we are able to protect those animals that need us most.

If one particular aspect of the NSPCA's work means a great deal to you, please contact our Public Relations Officer on 011-9073590 or at comms@nspca.co.za to discuss your gift.

Could you HELP ensure that animals are protected in years to come, by leaving a very special gift to the NSPCA in your Will?

Your pledge to animals

We would really appreciate it if you could let us know your intentions – whatever decision you've made. Any information you give will be treated with the strictest confidence. Write to the Executive Director at nspca@nspca.co.za

We'd also love to sign you up for our monthly e-newsletters!



Together, we can make a difference