

A bequest to the donkeys

Leaving a bequest to Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary will help to ensure care for our ever-growing family of donkeys in the future. A bequest is simply a gift that is provided for in someone's will. A bequest does not have to be a specific amount. It can take the form of real estate, personal property or simply a percentage of an estate. It is also possible to allocate the residue of your estate, i.e. whatever remains after you've made provision for your loved ones.

Leaving a gift

This is often the one time in people's lives 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 bequest, for a donation to a charity which you have long admired such as the Donkey Sanctuary.

Frequently asked questions

Leaving a legacy doesn't have to be complicated. We've put together some frequently asked questions which we hope will help you through the process.

Why make a will?

A will is one of the most important personal documents you will ever sign. It controls the administration and disposal of all your possessions and worldly goods (your 'estate'). Without a will, your 'estate' is governed by the laws of Intestate Succession. This means that your 'estate' is wound up and your assets are distributed by someone appointed by the State. You will have no control over who benefits and how your goods are distributed. If you have a will your 'estate' will be distributed in accordance with your wishes.

Who makes a will?

Everyone should have a will. Parents with young families need to ensure that their children's needs are safeguarded. You can appoint a Guardian in the will and set up a trust fund.

Can I draw up my own will?

Yes, but even a simple will must comply with certain legal formalities. It is therefore advisable to seek professional advice to ensure the validity of the will.

Who can draw up your will?

Accountants, lawyers, bankers and financial consultants are all skilled in the formulation of wills. They should record your wishes but also suggest improvements.

How much will it cost?

Cost depends on the complexity of your affairs and the time it takes to draw up the will. Always ask for an estimate in advance and if possible get alternative quotes before you decide.

How can I save costs?

Be prepared. Have all the relevant information with you. Make a list of your assets (property, cars, furniture, jewellery, shares and insurances) and their current location. Also list your liabilities and debts (mortgage bonds and loans). If applicable, add information on the appointment of a guardian for any minors. Finally, list your name, address and bank account details.

What about my funeral arrangements?

Make a note of any arrangements in your will if you have not discussed them with loved ones. It will make it easier for your executors if your wishes in this regard are included in your will.

Can I change my Will?

Yes, especially if your financial situation or tax laws change.

What about tax benefits?

A gift to a registered charity in a will carries favourable tax exemptions and relief. Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) therefore:

- A bequest to the Sanctuary can save you from paying Estate Duty.
- A bequest of a physical asset can save on Estate Duty and Capital Gains tax.
- A bequest of a life policy to the Sanctuary also saves on Estate Duty.

Further information

If you would like to help Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary to continue our work in the future, then please remember us in your Will .

When making your Will (or writing a Codicil, an addition to a Will), please ensure that you specify the correct legal name and address as:

Donkey Sanctuary, PO Box 29, McGregor, 6708, South Africa.

Our NPO and PBO registration numbers are:

NPO registration: 056-575 ▪ PBO registration: 93002873



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If you would like any further information please contact us for assistance. We can also supply you with a sample codicil if required.



Thank you for caring!

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A plea from the donkeys

**Leave a lasting gift to
enable us to live out our
lives with dignity**