

Animal Welfare.  
Worldwide.



**Leave a gift in your Will –  
your promise to the future  
for animals in need**

## Life is a gift – a gift in your Will can be life-enabling to animals in need.



Dear Friend,  
Thank you for your interest in leaving us a gift in your Will. Over the years, I have had the immense pleasure of seeing FOUR PAWS grow, from a small organisation founded by my dear childhood friend Heli Dugler to a global animal welfare organisation. This is thanks to the support of our amazing donors who have over the years been loyal to us and supported our work.

I would like to tell you, dear supporter, that our love for animals reaches far. Thanks to the support of compassionate people like you, we reveal inappropriate and life-threatening conditions for animals. We campaign and raise awareness of issues and lobby for the protection of animals under direct human influence. Our global community enables us to rescue animals in need worldwide, ending the suffering of animals with continuing help and medical

care. We provide a safe home for wild-life in our sanctuaries; such as big cats, bears, orangutans and elephants rescued from non-species-appropriate keeping conditions around the world.

Gifts in Wills play an important role because they make this vital work possible.

However, more and more animals are in desperate need of help. Will you make it **your legacy** to create a world where people treat animals with respect, empathy and understanding?

It is a life-saving decision you can make today. Please consider leaving FOUR PAWS a gift in your Will – it is easy and won't cost you anything in your lifetime. But it can literally mean life for animals in need. We will assist you with any questions you might have, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You will find our contact details at end of the guide.

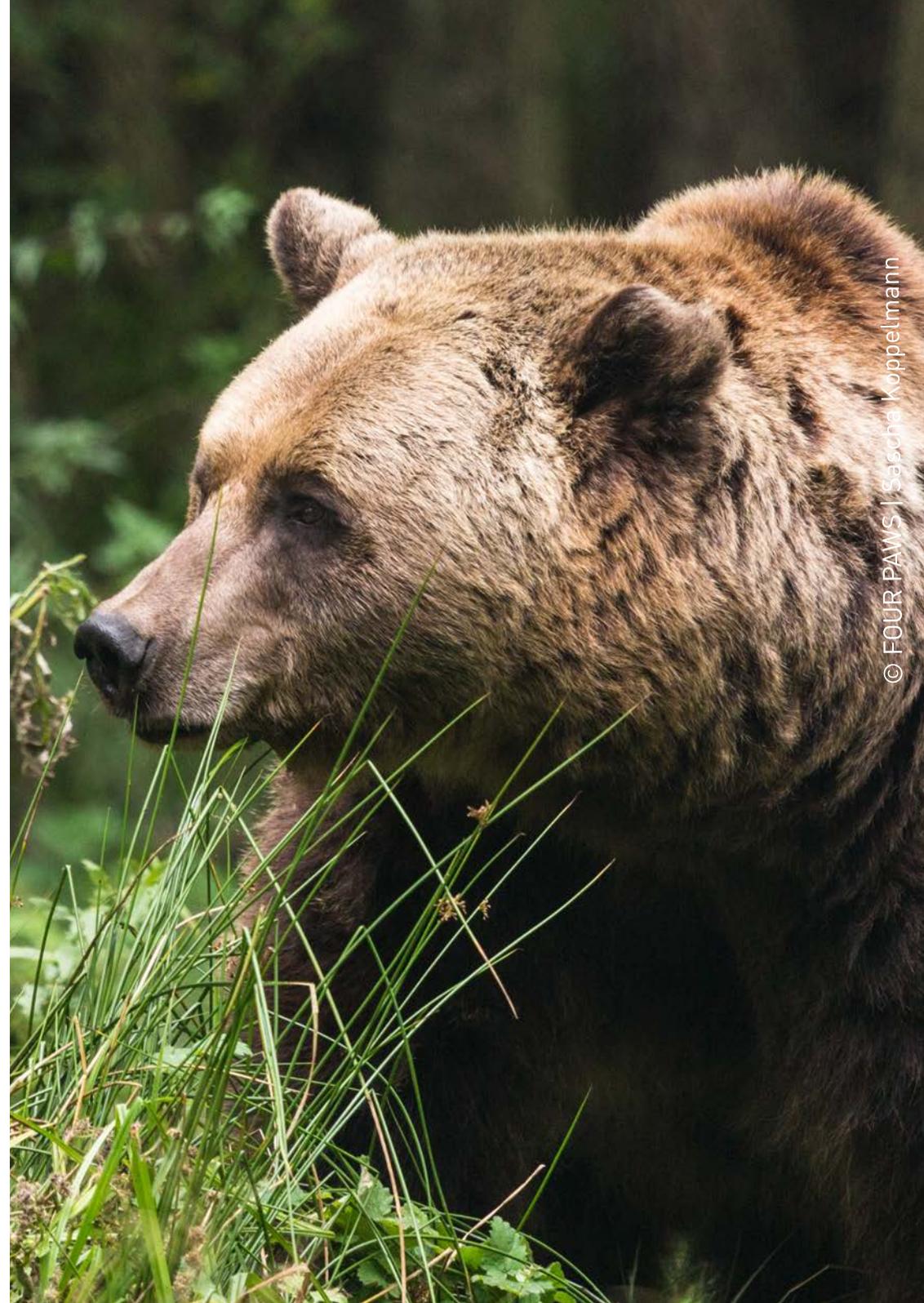
Thanks again for being on our side and making our work possible. I hope you find this guide helpful.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josef Pfabigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josef Pfabigan  
FOUR PAWS President  
and Chief Executive Officer

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**Our vision is a world where humans treat animals with respect, empathy and understanding.**

## About FOUR PAWS

FOUR PAWS is the global animal welfare organisation for animals under direct human influence. Our sustainable campaigns and projects focus on companion animals including stray dogs and cats, farm animals and wild animals – such as bears, big cats and orangutans – kept in inappropriate conditions as well as in disaster and conflict zones.

Only due to the wonderful support of our donors we are able to help animals in need worldwide. The only way to make sure that the causes you care about are still being looked after when you are no longer here to look after them, is to leave a gift in your Will to the charities that are dear to you.

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As a compassionate and caring person, your life changes the world for the better. A gift in your Will today is your promise to be there for animals in the future. It could be the greatest gift to an animal in need: the gift of a life. And it is our job, to make this a reality.

Your legacy will not only enable FOUR PAWS to reveal inappropriate and life-threatening conditions for animals, raise awareness and provide medical care to them, it will also enable the organisation to rescue and provide them with a species-appropriate home in one of its sanctuaries and, moreover, drive forward legislative changes that will improve the lives of millions of animals.





## Where to start

Whether you're writing your first Will or simply updating your current Will, including a gift to FOUR PAWS is simple and an easy way to creating your legacy. By having a Will, you ensure your wishes for your loved ones and any charity you support will be clearly understood.

## When you start to think about your Will and what is going to happen to your estate, three good questions to ask yourself are:

- 1. WHAT HAVE I GOT?**  
This will be all of your assets, such as your house, car, money in the bank, retirement plans, life insurance etc.
- 2. WHO DO I WANT TO HAVE IT?**  
This could be family members, friends or charities.
- 3. WHO CAN EXECUTE MY WISHES?**  
This will be your Executor, who will take care of the distribution of your estate when the time comes.

Contact us if  
you need any  
help and we  
will be happy  
to support you.



## How to include a gift to FOUR PAWS in your Will

### 1. FIND A SOLICITOR

It is recommended to use a legal adviser when it comes to Will writing, and if you don't have a legal adviser you can search for advisers through your country's legal body. Contact us if you need any help and we will be happy to support you.

### 2. WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

"I give X to VIER PFOTEN International, Registered Charity Number FN 227934y, Linke Wienzeile 236, A-1150 for its generalable charity purposes."

If you would like to support a specific project, kindly get in touch with us first so that we can make sure that we are able to fulfill your wishes.

### 3. CHARITY DETAILS

To ensure that your gift goes to the right place, you need to include our full name and address and registered charity numbers.

The details are as followed:

**VIER PFOTEN International - gemeinnützige Privatstiftung**  
**Linke Wienzeile 236, A-1150 Vienna, Austria**  
**Registered Charity Number: FN 227934Y**

### 4. YOUR GIFT

There are three different types of gifts you can leave in your Will to support the important work of FOUR PAWS:

- A percentage of your estate: This is typically a portion of what is left after you have remembered family and friends (a residuary gift).
- A sum of money (a pecuniary gift)
- A specific item, such as an antique, painting, property or shares that we would sell.

### 5. GIFT PLANNING

Plan who you would like to be beneficiary of your Will.

You will need to decide what you would like to give to each person and charity.



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## Sign and witness your Will

It is important that your Will is signed and witnessed correctly, and this is usually a different process in most countries and hence we cannot give you any general advice – it is important that you check what you need to do to make sure that your Will is valid. We are happy to help if we can, so please get in touch if you need any support and we will do our best.



**“I wish that one day our commitment to animals would no longer be necessary. We humans must learn that a respectful treatment of animals is the only solution for a common life together.”**



Heli Dugler  
Founder and President  
of FOUR PAWS  
(1963–2020)

## Our promise to you

Your Will is personal to you and we will never ask you to share any information with us unless you want us to.

- We are happy to help.
- If you would like to restrict your gift, you are able to do so, but please speak to us first so that we are able to fulfil your wishes.
- You can change your mind at any time and you have no obligation to notify us about it.



## Do like Sylvie and leave us a gift in your Will

Sylvie, a true animal lover and friend has, like many of our other supporters, included a gift in her Will to FOUR PAWS. She has done so to make sure that her passion for animals lives on when she is no longer here to look after the causes that she cares about. "Animals have a soul, but they don't have a lobby."

## I am here to answer your questions

I am Beatrice Heintz, Legacy Specialist at FOUR PAWS since March 2022. I joined FOUR PAWS because I wanted to contribute to improving the lives of those without a voice.

I would be happy to find answers to your legacy questions. Please email me at [beatrice.heintz@four-paws.org](mailto:beatrice.heintz@four-paws.org)





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