



Leaving a gift *in* your Will

can make a real difference to the
animals at the zoo and beyond.



Our mission

Zoos SA is a conservation charity that operates Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Zoo. We exist to save species from extinction and connect people with nature.

We bring joy

We care for over 3,000 exotic and native animals. Thousands of children visit our zoos every year and learn about our world and our responsibility to protect it.

We create memories

Since the 1880's six generations of South Australians have passed through our gates. Perhaps you remember your own first visit to the zoo and the wonder of introducing your own children and grandchildren to the animals.

We are a safe haven

It is vital that we keep some endangered animals in safe environments, like zoos, so that their offspring can have the best chance of survival. We provide an oasis for endangered species to recover and breed in safety.

**You can make a lasting
difference
to Conservation**



We save species from extinction

We are extremely proud of the work we have done. We have been able to do what every zoo dreams of – reintroduce critically endangered animals back into their natural environments. In the 1920's the SA Mainland Tammar Wallaby became extinct in the wild, but over the past decade we have brought them back from the brink of extinction.

Through a world-class breeding program, careful preparation of their native habitat working with local partners, and the care of our zoo keepers, over one hundred wallabies were released into a secure national park where they continue to breed on their own today. This project was only possible with the help of donations from our zoo supporters. We know exactly what needs to be done, but we need your help to do it.

A gift in your Will can continue to save species from extinction and ensure they are around for future generations to see.

**Together
we are
making
a difference**

When you leave a gift to Zoos SA you are leaving a legacy that will last for all time.

A gift in your Will, no matter how small or large, will make a real difference to animal conservation programs that we undertake both locally and internationally.

Jenny's Story

Jenny has been a member of Zoos SA for well over 30 years and loved coming to visit the animals regularly – but she wanted to be more involved. Now a Life Member and regular supporter of the zoo, Jenny is also a long term volunteer and has decided to leave a gift in her Will to Zoos SA.

"I love the zoo, I love the fact you can see, hear and smell the animals... there's something very special about being able to really connect with an animal and understand more about how it lives and how we impact the way in which it lives in the wild. Zoos are a really important part of the circle of life – they ensure we can save species from extinction but they also ensure that children of today and tomorrow can experience wildlife beyond their laptops and the TV."

Jenny has been pivotal in the development of Zoos SA as she and a group of like-minded people formed the Volunteer Group back in 1983. That group has grown significantly and now numbers over 600 volunteers across Adelaide and Monarto Zoos.

"Being a volunteer at the zoo is a great way for me to stay active in my retirement years and to stay connected with others – I only come in once a week now but it is great to be involved and to have a chat with my friends whilst I'm here. Volunteering is my way of giving to the charity whilst I am alive; leaving a gift in my Will is my final gift to the zoo but a way for others to continue enjoying the animals and people that mean so much to me and have been such a major part of my life."

**Jenny is making
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Why do I need a Will?

You need a Will to ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes. Leaving a gift in your Will is an investment in the people that are important to you. It is also about peace of mind and clearly setting down your intentions for the future after you have gone. Everyone should have an up to date Will.

When making your Will you should see your solicitor to make sure your wishes are clearly expressed and legally binding.

If you already have a Will and would like to include a gift to Zoos SA, it's simply a matter of having your solicitor update your Will – a short legal amendment is all that is required to your existing Will.

You can leave:

- A percentage of the value of your estate
- A residue of the estate after your family and other beneficiaries have been provided for
- A specified amount of money or property



Wording for your Will

We recommend that you seek legal advice when developing your Will. It is important that the wording of it is accurate in order to ensure that your wishes are met. The following text may be used as a guide.

For a future development project

"I give to the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Inc (ABN 38 750 470 952) the sum of \$..... / or..... % of the balance of my estate to be used for its capital development projects. The receipt of the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Inc (ABN 38 750 470 952) will be sufficient discharge to my executor/trustee and I declare that my executor/trustee shall not be responsible for seeing to the application of that gift."

For a specific purpose

"I give to the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Inc (ABN 38 750 470 952) the sum of \$..... / or..... % of the balance of my estate and it is my wish that the gift be used for the purpose of (*name intended purpose*). The receipt of the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Inc (ABN 38 750 470 952) will be sufficient discharge to my executor/trustee and I declare that my executor/trustee shall not be responsible for seeing to the application of that gift."

For a gift to be held in trust for a Life Beneficiary with remainder (or part thereof)

"I give (*insert amount or details*) to my executor upon trust to pay the income therefrom to (*name of beneficiary*) during his or her lifetime and upon said death of the said (*name of beneficiary*) to pay the capital to the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Inc (ABN 38 750 470 952) for its general purposes. The receipt of the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia Inc (ABN 38 750 470 952) will be sufficient discharge to my executor/trustee and I declare that my executor/trustee shall not be responsible for seeing to the application of that gift."



A gift in your Will is a special way to give something back. To show our appreciation of such a generous commitment, we have established our Circle of Life club to recognise the major contribution those who leave a gift in their Will make to support our work. The Circle of Life club gives you a unique opportunity to develop a closer relationship with us and the animals your gift will support.

You will receive regular invitations to our special events to show you the work we do and discuss future projects that may be of interest to you.

You can bring your family and friends so they can see the impact your gift will have.

You can advise us by:

- Writing a letter to Zoos SA advising us of your intention to leave a gift in your Will
- Providing a copy of the relevant extract from your Will
- Providing a confirmation of your bequest from your solicitor

Your gift will
ensure our
endangered species
are here for
future generations





Other ways you can help...

Funeral Donations: You can support the animals at the zoo and make a difference by stating in your Will and letting your loved ones know now if you do wish for donations to be made at your funeral in lieu of flowers.

In-memoriam plaques: this is a very personal way for family and friends to remember loved ones. The in-memoriam plaques contain wording designed by your loved ones and are displayed at Adelaide Zoo or Monarto Zoo.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of leaving a gift in your Will to Zoos SA or other ways that you can support us, please contact us on (08) 8230 1360 or email BequestOfficer@zoossa.com.au and we will be happy to have a confidential discussion with you.

Alternatively, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us in the envelope provided.

Thank you

If you decide to remember Zoos SA in your Will, please accept our most sincere thanks. Your gift will help care for endangered animals at Adelaide and Monarto Zoos and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.





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