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**Animal
Care Trust**
Royal Veterinary College



The next generation....



The next generation of animals needs you

The RVC Animal Care Trust helps thousands of animals each year by supporting the Royal Veterinary College in its ambitions to

- Treat sick and injured pets through its hospitals
- Train the next generation of vets, scientists and vet nurses
- Find new and innovative treatments to prevent and cure illnesses that cause suffering to our pets

Each year our hospitals treat more than 20,000 animals. Our vets provide every day preventative treatments like neutering and vaccinations, as well as carrying out pioneering life-saving procedures to treat the sickest animals such as performing the world's first open heart surgery on a dog. We also train more veterinary professionals than anyone else in the UK; training which continues throughout their careers. And our scientists and clinicians are at the forefront of scientific discovery advancing knowledge into the diseases which affect our pets and devising new, innovative ways to treat them.

Your gift could help us save and improve the lives of thousands of pets for many years to come.



A gift in your Will could help pets and their owners be together for longer

£500 could help us run a Pet First Aid event, educating pet owners on how to prevent illnesses in their pets and how to care for them in emergency situations

£1,000 would fund hospital equipment such as specialist warming blankets to keep patients warm and prevent hypothermia after surgery

£10,000 could help us continue our Patient Assistance Fund, ensuring seriously ill pets and abandoned animals receive the care they need to get better when their owners can't afford the cost of care themselves

£100,000 or more could help us ensure our hospitals have cutting edge equipment like the latest CT or MRI scanners or could fund an area of research like our pioneering feline diabetes or canine oncology work.



How gifts to the Animal Care Trust have helped animals all over the world

The Rosalind Dallas Fund



Rosalind Dallas was a dedicated animal lover who rescued numerous cats and ensured they always had the very best care. When her cat, Paco, fell ill she brought him to the RVC's Queen Mother Hospital Animals but she was concerned that other pet owners might not be able to afford to do the same thing for their pets. Rosalind decided to leave a legacy to the RVC Animal Care Trust in her will to set up a fund to help those who can't afford the veterinary care their pets need and to help the stray and abandoned animals which are brought to our hospitals. We worked closely with our veterinary team to establish the Rosalind Dallas fund and we also consulted Rosalind's family to ensure the Fund we had created would have been what Rosalind would have wanted. The Fund will launch shortly and we anticipate that many thousands of pets will benefit from Rosalind's kindness receiving the best possible treatment when their owners would otherwise have been unable to afford it.



Matilda the dog and Lucy the cat were both strays who were helped by Rosalind's fund and are now living happily in their forever homes



The Brian Nixon Fund

Brian was well travelled and he particularly loved his trips to Thailand where he was captivated by the beautiful elephants. He wanted to leave a legacy which would benefit these beautiful animals and improve their welfare. The RVC Animal Care Trust worked hard with his estate to create a partnership project between the RVC and Chaing Mai University to achieve these aims.

There are well over 3000 working elephants in Thailand based in elephant camps. The Brian Nixon project has provided the funding needed to provide online and onsite training for those who look after the elephants teaching them about handling, nutrition and general welfare in their own language. Elephants were traditionally restrained for welfare examinations but now their carers have learnt how to train the elephants to cooperate with the examinations (like foot inspections and trunk washing) without any need for restraints. The project has also advanced care in Thai Zoos spreading specialist knowledge into the effective care of Thai elephants and it has funded a study into the issue of decreased bone density in captive Thai elephants.

Brian's generous gift will help thousands of elephants alive today and inform the teaching of those looking after the future population.



Writing your Will

Having a Will ensures that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you want them to be. If you would like to leave a gift to the Animal Care Trust the wording below may be helpful to your solicitor or Will writer when drafting your Will:

Residuary Gift - leaving a proportion of your estate

'I give to the Royal Veterinary College Animal Care Trust, Registered Charity No. 281571 of Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hertfordshire, AL9 7TA *<insert proportion>* of my residuary estate to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer of the said property shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said monies.'

Pecuniary Gift - leaving a specific amount

'I give to the Royal Veterinary College Animal Care Trust, Registered Charity No. 281571 of Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hertfordshire, AL9 7TA the sum of £*<insert amount in figures and in words>* free from all taxes and duty, to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer of the said property shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said monies.'

If you would like your gift to support a particular area of our work please read on....



Talk to us...

A gift in your Will is *your* legacy and we want to ensure that it achieves what you want it to achieve. So please talk to us about your gift and your motivations so we can help you shape your legacy and keep a note of what your priorities are. We would be very happy to meet you to talk about the work of the RVC and which areas of our work might meet suit your preferences.

Change is inevitable especially at an organisation like ours at the forefront of the advancement of veterinary medicine. Diseases and problems of today can be cured or solved tomorrow so it is important to try to 'future proof' your gift. Therefore if you would like your gift to go to a specific area of our work we would be grateful if you would include the following sentence in your Will:

'My request is not intended to create a binding obligation to the charity but indicates my preferences. If the trustees of the charity consider that my request is no longer practicable because of the advancement of science or the evolution of the College, I trust they will apply my gift giving full consideration to my wishes.'

This means that if circumstances have changed – for example, if in the future a hospital has been renamed or an area of research you wish to support has already been completed - we will use your gift to support the area of our work that is the closest match to your wishes.





For further information on wording your will, to arrange a visit to us or if you have any queries about leaving a legacy to the RVC Animal Care Trust please get in touch using our details below:

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