



## YOUR CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Your charitable bequest is a most important type of gift for the Animal Legal Defense Fund. When received, your bequest will be entered into our books and records as a gift that protects the lives and advances the interests of animals through the legal system.

You can designate the Animal Legal Defense Fund as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate, of your residual estate (i.e. the remainder after payment of other bequests); or of specific assets. While we encourage you to seek legal counsel in preparing your will in order to circumvent any legal hurdles in the carrying out of your wishes, we have also provided sample language below to assist you and your attorney in completing your will or instructing your estate planner.

### DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF BEQUEST YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE:

#### **SAMPLE 1: PERCENTAGE BEQUEST**

*I give, devise, and bequeath to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, EIN# 94-2681680, a nonprofit organization, located at 525 East Cotati Avenue, Cotati, California, 94931, USA, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_% of the rest and residue of my estate to be used by the Animal Legal Defense Fund to further its goal to assist and protect animals.*

#### **SAMPLE 2: RESIDUARY BEQUEST**

*I give, devise and bequeath to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, EIN# 94-2681680, a nonprofit organization, located at 525 East Cotati Avenue, Cotati, California, 94931, USA, the rest and residue of my estate.*

#### **SAMPLE 3: BEQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OR SPECIFIC PROPERTY**

*I give and bequeath to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, EIN# 94-2681680, a nonprofit organization, located at 525 East Cotati Avenue, Cotati, California, 94931, USA:*

Choose one or more:

- 1) The sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock \_\_\_\_\_ Company.
- 3) My real property commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **SAMPLE 4: CONTINGENT BEQUEST**

*In the event that (name or names; i.e., spouse, children, sibling, heirs) shall not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, within \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give, devise, and bequeath those beneficiaries' shares of my estate to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, EIN# 94-2681680, a nonprofit organization, located at 525 East Cotati Avenue, Cotati, California, 94931, USA.*

At the Animal Legal Defense Fund, all unrestricted charitable gifts are used strategically to continue our lifesaving work for animals by filing lawsuits, providing legal assistance and training, supporting progressive legislation, and providing resources to law students and professionals. If you have a more specific purpose in mind, please contact us to ensure that we can meet your wishes. Your support will help us meet our future strategic goals to protect animals.

## THE JUSTICE LEGACY SOCIETY

We are grateful to those who remember the Animal Legal Defense Fund through a bequest in a will, life income plan, or other type of legacy gift. Your support strengthens and ensures the future of our unique organization.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund honors supporters who have created their animal protection legacy, by welcoming them into the Justice Legacy Society. As a member of the Justice Legacy Society you will receive:

- *Invitations and special access to Animal Legal Defense Fund events, webinars, and teleconferences to meet Animal Legal Defense Fund attorneys and get behind-the-scenes insight into our work.*
- *Recognition in our Annual Report (or anonymity if you prefer).*
- *Insider updates on our legal work.*
- *An opportunity to share your story to inspire other animal lovers.*

Should you name the Animal Legal Defense Fund in a legacy gift, we would be very grateful to receive a copy of the legal document or section of document that accompanies your gift. Having this information in advance can make estate administration much easier when your gift is received.

Thank you for considering the Animal Legal Defense Fund through a legacy gift.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jenna Benton, Development Associate, at 707.795.2533 ext.1034 or at [jbenton@aldf.org](mailto:jbenton@aldf.org)

# THANK YOU!

