

Zoological Society of London

Suggested wording for your Will

If you have any questions regarding your Will, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at remember@zsl.org, by phone on 020 7449 6487 or by writing to us at ZSL, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RY. We would love to hear from you.

We typically receive two types of gifts left to ZSL in Wills. These include a specific, or fixed amount of money which is known as a pecuniary gift, and which is paid from your estate first. The second is a percentage share of an estate (residuary gift). A residue of your estate is the balance of your estate after tax, expenses and all other gifts in your Will have already been paid. It can be up to 100% but any percentage left to ZSL in your Will can make a real difference for wildlife.

We also benefit from other specific gifts, for example, personal possessions, land, buildings or shares. Please note however, that if a specific gift is no longer in your estate at the time of your death, the gift will fail.

We would recommend you use a qualified solicitor to discuss your Will, and they can advise you on which type of gift is best for you and your personal situation. If you do not have a solicitor already, you can find one by searching the STEP website at www.step.org or by using The Law Society's online database to find one in your area at www.lawsociety.org.uk. Also, you may wish to ensure that your solicitor protects your gift by making sure that it would still apply if ZSL were to change its name.

If you already have a Will that you are happy with but would like to include ZSL, you can write a codicil to add a gift to your existing Will. We recommend asking your solicitor or professional Will writer to help you with this.

Suggested wording for a residue gift (a percentage)

I give to the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY (registered charity number 208728) [*all/_____% of the residue] of my estate absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other proper officer at ZSL for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

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Suggested wording for a pecuniary gift (a fixed amount)

I give to the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY (registered charity number 208728) the sum of £_____ free of tax for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other proper officer at ZSL for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

Suggested wording for a specific item

I give to the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY (registered charity number 208728) my _____ free of tax for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other proper officer at ZSL for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor(s).