

# A BEQUEST TO WILDLIFE SOS

YOUR LEGACY OF COMPASSION



## WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest is a gift from your estate in the form of cash, land, securities, or other properties managed by your estate plans. Forward-thinking supporters like you allow us to rescue at-risk elephants, bears, leopards, and all other manner of wildlife—and care for them the rest of their lives, if necessary.

## FIVE REASONS TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Leaving a legacy is an extremely personal and profound decision. Here are five examples of how your legacy for Wildlife SOS will create real change—making India a place where people and wildlife can coexist peacefully and humanely for generations to come.

**1 Freedom**—Relief for elephants like Laxmi, who suffered in captivity for years before her rescue.



**2 Justice**—Fighting in the courts to secure their freedom. In Raju's case, justice was ultimately won in India's high court.

**3 Preservation**—Protecting the natural places where wildlife can remain wild.

**4 Rehabilitation**—Helping animals that have been abused physically and psychologically. Elephants like Suraj, who was chained for decades in a temple.

**5 Hope**—Solving problems that have existed for centuries. We ended the cruel practice of "dancing bears" and with your help will solve other large problems.



Coconut is 13 years old. She will live to be 70. She will face urban encroachment, potential droughts, climate change, economic instability, and medical issues—how can we protect her from all this and from the unexpected?



*Coconut*

## THREE LEGACY OPTIONS

Remembering us and the wildlife we serve is simple. Listed below are three easy ways to set up your “deferred gift” to help us rescue and care for wildlife well into the future. “Deferred” simply means that although you make your generous commitment to Wildlife SOS today, the benefit is deferred into the future.

- 1** **Include Wildlife SOS in your will** either with a fixed dollar amount, a percentage of your total, or a residual bequest.
- 2** **Set up Wildlife SOS as a beneficiary** in your retirement and/or life insurance plans.
- 3** **Select Wildlife SOS as the charitable beneficiary** on any of your financial accounts through a payable upon death provision.



## HOW TO LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

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Once you've decided to leave a legacy for India's wildlife, there are just three steps you need to take.

**1** Discuss with your attorney or estate planner how you would like to incorporate Wildlife SOS into your planned giving.

**2** Include our address and the tax ID when naming Wildlife SOS as the beneficiary in the necessary documents.

**Wildlife SOS**  
**406 East 300 South, #302**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah 84111**  
**Tax ID: 20-3274638**

**3** Email [info@wildlifesos.org](mailto:info@wildlifesos.org) or call us at (385) 227-6418 so we can thank you! We are also happy to answer any additional questions.

**We have rescued more than 600 sloth bears and ended the centuries-old “dancing bear” practice in India. We are committed to preventing this from returning by providing at-risk communities with alternative livelihoods. We are also committed to keeping bears wild by patrolling land to prevent poaching.**



## INFORMATION TO INCLUDE

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The following are examples of two types of bequests you can make to ensure the protection of wildlife through time.

### **GENERAL BEQUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

General bequests are legacies that come from the general value of your estate and are left to certain people or causes. These are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate to the cause of your choice.

#### ***General bequest language:***

“I give, devise, and bequeath to WILDLIFE SOS (406 E. 300 S., No. 302, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, Tax ID 20-3274638) the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or a percentage of), for the benefit of Wildlife SOS and its general purposes.”

### **RESIDUARY BEQUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

Residuary bequests are made when you intend to leave the residue portion of your assets after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

#### ***Residuary bequest language:***

“All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to WILDLIFE SOS (406 E. 300 S., #302, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, Tax ID: 20-3274638), for its general purposes.”



## OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Kip Peterson at [kip@wildlifesos.org](mailto:kip@wildlifesos.org) with any questions or concerns about your bequest, or write to us at the address below.

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*“We are delighted to leave a legacy gift with Wildlife SOS because we know that every dollar will be spent wisely and well—to not only save wildlife, but to enlighten people to behave in ways that respect the intrinsic value of all animals.” —Marla S.*

