



## **Legacy Giving and Humanimal Trust**

**A gift in your Will could protect the future health of both humans and animals - that's a legacy to be proud of.**

### **Humanimal Trust**

Humanimal Trust was established in May 2014 by Professor Noel Fitzpatrick, known globally as a ground-breaking orthopaedic-neuro veterinary surgeon. As a vet he experienced personally the deep divide between human and animal medicine and saw how unfair this was. He decided to create a new platform himself, laying the foundations for the work the Trust does today, removing barriers and seeking to close the divide between human and animal medicine. Today this landmark charity aims to spearhead cross-collaboration at the clinical coalface for the benefit of both humans and animals. This is reciprocity and is the basis of One Medicine.

### **One Medicine**

One Medicine understands that progress in both human and veterinary medicine depends on sharing technologies and research that recognise overlapping biological characteristics. Human and veterinary healthcare can and should advance hand in hand. Technological advances in the diagnosis and analysis of naturally occurring disease mean that for the first time in history the end point of the study of disease does not need to involve the death of an animal. A two-way street between human and veterinary medicine is both possible and necessary for humans and animals to benefit equitably from cutting edge advances.

### **What will One Medicine achieve?**

We want a world where both humans and animals have better opportunities to benefit equitably from medical progress because vets, doctors and researchers routinely collaborate and share – this is One Medicine.

Humanimal Trust drives collaboration between vets, doctors and researchers so that all humans and animals benefit from sustainable and equal medical progress but not at the expense of an animal's life.

**To achieve this we:**

- Increase **awareness** and improve understanding of One Medicine, engaging the public, researchers, doctors, vets and policymakers, showing the evidence and demonstrating the case for change
- Facilitate **collaboration** between human and veterinary medicine, by creating opportunities for professionals to come together
- Through **education**, we inspire everyone to take the One Medicine message forward for the benefit of future generations of both humans and animals.
- We fund, facilitate and share the **research** needed to evidence the impact of One Medicine and foster the skills and knowledge needed to make it a reality
- We **influence** legislative, policy and practice change. We work with today's vets, doctors and researchers, funders, legislators and policy makers. We seek to identify those of the future and inspire them with our passion and belief in One Medicine.

We are driven by the goal of improved opportunity from medical progress for the mutual benefit of humans and animals alike.

### **What is a Legacy?**

Some see a legacy simply as a material or financial gift. For Humanimal Trust, it is far more than that. We consider a legacy to be about life and learning; learning from the past, living in the present, and building the future. A legacy is the gift you will leave to the next generation of both people and animals.

We know that you will want to take care of your own family and friends first, both human and animal. Once you've done that, would you consider leaving a gift to Humanimal Trust to help us save time, save money and save lives?

### **What types of legacy are there?**

A RESIDUAL LEGACY is all, or a percentage of, the remainder of your estate once all other bequests (such as to family and friends), outstanding taxes and other commitments have been taken into account.

A PECUNIARY LEGACY is a gift for a specific sum of money.

A SPECIFIC LEGACY is the gift of a specific item of value such as property, jewellery or stocks and shares.

### **Which types of legacy benefit charities most?**

Charities will always be grateful for any gift that will help them achieve their ambitions. However, residual legacies (leaving a share of your estate) rather than pecuniary legacies (leaving a fixed sum of money) are generally more beneficial to charities as gifts through residual legacies are protected from the loss of value through inflation.

### **Can I leave a legacy to fund a specific project?**

We hope it will be a long time before we receive your legacy gift. In that time there is a chance we may have already raised the funds to complete a specific project. In such cases, we are legally bound to forfeit your gift and cannot use it to fund other projects. Therefore, it is better for us when legacies are left for general charitable purpose rather than for a specific project.

### **What difference will my gift make?**

We offer a credible vision of hope for equitable human and animal health. We believe a world is possible, where humans and animals benefit equally and at the same time from advances in medicine. This is reciprocity. Your gift will help us achieve that.

We believe that equitable advances in both human and animal medicine can be achieved more quickly, if there is closer collaboration and mutually beneficial learning. This is One Medicine. Your gift will help us achieve that.

We believe and advocate that this approach will lead to progressively fewer laboratory animal tests until one day they become obsolete. Your gift will help us achieve that.

### **Why must we act now?**

One Medicine is the most ethical option for the next century but the changes need to start **today**. Every day wasted is another day that many animals across the globe will die or suffer unnecessarily for the sole benefit of humans and another day that humans and their families continue to live with the life changing impact of less advanced treatments and procedures than those available to animals and vice versa. Your gift will help us change that.

We estimate that less than 1% of people as a whole has any knowledge or understanding of One Medicine and the significant benefits it will bring to the world. As a result unnecessary suffering for humans and animals continues. Your gift can help us change that.

We believe that if we miss this opportunity we will all pay the price in wasted time, wasted money and the wasted lives of both humans and animals. Your gift can help us change that.

### **Your Opportunity**

- You can help us change the life of one human or one animal today – and of all humans and all animals tomorrow.
- You can help us create concrete opportunities for vets, doctors and scientists to collaborate.
- You can help fund the Humanimal Hub – a real time digital collaboration space for all

those working in human and veterinary medical worlds.

- You can help us to promote the Humanimal Trust One Medicine Pledge, offering people the chance to do all they can to promote One Medicine in their own lives and work.
- You can help us challenge and change old ways of thinking and learning, reaching out to the doctors, vets, nurses, scientists and teachers (educators) of the future.
- You can help us fund collaborative research to develop the evidence base for One Medicine and build enthusiasm for future research.
- You can help us reach hundreds of thousands of people at events through the year, engaging the public with One Medicine.
- You can help us campaign for change in public policy, regulation and research funding.
- You can help to speed up the process of change for both humans and animals – improving human and animal health and preventing many thousands of animals dying unnecessarily.

### **Funding our ground breaking work**

A gift to Humanimal Trust will help us work towards cures for diseases right now and make a better world for the children and animals of tomorrow. Our work is varied and wide-ranging and as such so is the financial diversity needed to support this.

Awareness

**Every £1** will win hearts and minds and open eyes to the possibilities for all species.

**Together** we will change attitudes and break down barriers.

Collaboration

**Every £1** will drive collaboration between veterinary and medical professionals.

**Together** we will unite for the advancement of humans and animals.

Education

**Every £1** will educate and inspire the next generation.

**Together** we will nurture and inspire the young professionals who will change society.

Research

**Every £1** will contribute to ground breaking research.

**Together** we will provide the evidence to make 'One Medicine' better understood and accepted.

Influence

**Every £1** will help us influence policy, practice and funding.

**Together** we will facilitate a framework for One Medicine to benefit us all.

**£1,500** would cover the cost of a stand at a veterinary or medical conference. Raising the profile of One Medicine in the UK and around the world with the people at the clinical coalface who can make One Medicine a reality.

**£10,000** would fund a series of regional events to bring together professionals to collaborate and learn about one medicine.

**£20,000** will allow us to fund professional speakers to represent Humanimal Trust for a year and share our vision at a series of professional and academic engagements. The voice of One Medicine.

**£30,000** makes possible a ground-breaking research project, building the evidence base for One Medicine.

**£100,000** funds a three year PhD research study, assisting the student in both developing and deepening our understanding of One Medicine.

**£3 million** funds a centre for One Medicine, a physical space to bring together vets, doctors and researchers to share knowledge and ideas, to drive the concept of One Medicine and demonstrate to all the benefits of medical collaboration.

**Every £1** will change the world we leave for the children and the animals of tomorrow - **Together** we build a legacy for generations to come.

### **Things to consider when writing your Will**

Your Will represents your personal wishes after your passing. As such it is important you give it advance thought and attention.

#### **1. ASSESS YOUR ESTATE**

Make a list of all your significant possessions. For example, your house, car, savings, and insurance and other items of value.

#### **2. DECIDE WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO BENEFIT**

You can choose to share your estate between anyone you like - your spouse, family or friends. You could also leave a legacy or gift to a charity or good cause, such as Humanimal Trust, after your family and friends have all been provided for.

#### **3. DECIDE WHAT SORT OF GIFT TO LEAVE**

You can leave any kind of gift: a share of your estate (residuary), an amount of money (pecuniary) or specific items. Your solicitor will also be able to advise you on the benefits of different types of legacy.

#### 4. CHOOSE YOUR EXECUTORS

You should choose between one and four people who will be able and willing to ensure the wishes within your Will are carried out. You can choose your bank, your solicitor, or willing friends or relatives.

#### 5. MAKE A LIST OF ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO ASK YOUR SOLICITOR

#### 6. ARRANGE TO SEE YOUR SOLICITOR TO MAKE YOUR WILL

It's important to involve a legal professional to draw it up for you. If all the legal formalities are not correctly followed your Will could be declared invalid.

#### 7. ENSURE THAT YOUR WILL IS CORRECTLY DRAWN UP

When you are happy with the contents of your Will, make sure that it is executed and witnessed properly. Your solicitor can advise you on this.

#### 8. KEEP YOUR WILL UP TO DATE

You can update your Will at any time to reflect any changes in your circumstances - such as the sale of your house, or the death of friends or loved ones. Your solicitor can advise you on the best way to change your Will - either by re-writing it or by adding a Codicil (a legally binding additional document adding to the instructions given in your will - see the Changing Your Will section for more details).

#### 9. EXAMPLE WORDING

Should you wish to remember Humanimal Trust in your Will you might want to take the following wording suggestions for a residuary bequest and a pecuniary bequest to your solicitor. They will ensure that your wishes are accurately followed:

**I give to Humanimal Trust (registered charity numbers 1156927 and SC048960) of Eashing Barns, Halfway Lane, Eashing, Surrey GU7 2QQ for its general charitable purposes...**

(insert the preferred option)

- A .....% of my estate
- The sum of £...
- All the residue of my estate | All my personal effects
- A specific gift of...

The receipt of the Treasurer or other appropriate officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE IS INSERTED, WHICHEVER WORDING YOU NEED TO USE:

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body, then my

Executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.

Please also remember to use our full name, Humanimal Trust, and the correct registered address and charity numbers:

Humanimal Trust, Eashing Barns, Halfway Lane, Eashing, Surrey GU7 2QQ  
Registered Charity numbers 1156927 & SC048960.

#### THE FUTURE AND YOUR CHANGING SITUATION

We recognise that a gift in a Will is a long-term commitment that you will have considered very carefully before making a commitment. However, life and situations change and as such from time to time it is necessary to make changes and amendments to your Will.

#### CHANGING YOUR WILL

If you have already made your Will but would like to make a simple addition or alteration this can often be done quickly and inexpensively by adding a Codicil to your Will.

A Codicil is an addition to a Will that states any changes you wish to make.

A Codicil requires specific wording and must be witnessed but can easily be made by a solicitor. Adding a Codicil to your existing Will may be a simple way for you to leave a legacy to Humanimal Trust. If you are making significant changes, it is advisable to make a new Will. The new Will should start with a clause stating that it revokes all previous Wills and Codicils.

For more information about adding a Codicil or whether a complete rewrite is necessary, please consult your solicitor.

#### KEEPING YOUR WILL UP TO DATE

Once you have written your Will, it is important to ensure that it is revisited regularly, especially if any of your circumstances have changed – such as the sale of your house, or death of loved ones or friends, marriage or separation, new additions to the family and so on. Your solicitor will be able to advise you as to whether a Codicil will be sufficient for the changes you want, or whether a new Will should be created.

Your Will represents your personal wishes after your passing. As such it is important you give it advance thought and attention. Help us end unnecessary suffering for humans and animals today.

We respect that the decisions you make about your future are a very private matter. Knowing your intentions enables the charity to plan for the future. It also allows us to say ‘thank you’ in your lifetime, something that is very important to us.

If you feel comfortable doing so, please let us know if you are intending to leave us a gift in your Will.

**By Email:**  
**info@humanimaltrust.org.uk**

**In writing:**  
**Humanimal Trust, Surrey Place, Mill Lane, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1EY**

**“ I believe there is only one rational route forward for both human and animal medicine and that is by working together. Cancer and infection don’t care whether you are a dog or a human - these diseases kill humans and animals every day across the world. Would it not make sense to study these diseases in humans and animals and at the same time?”**

**“I have committed my entire life and everything I stand for to this goal. The future of our children and the planet they inherit depends on what we do right now.”**

**Professor Noel Fitzpatrick, Founder and Trustee, Humanimal Trust.**