The Justice Circle

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Forever Protecting Animals

Make your legacy one of justice & kindness

A Guide to Legacy Giving



ANIMAL JUSTICE

Leading the legal fight for animals in Canada

A message from our Executive Director

Dear Friend,

As a fellow animal advocate, I know how personal this fight is. I went to law school because I realized the legal system was a powerful tool to shape our society and animals desperately needed people in their corner. Today, I feel incredibly fortunate that we get to use that power to fight for the most vulnerable among us. Serving as Animal Justice's Executive Director is more than my dream job—it's the embodiment of my deepest values.

It has often been an uphill battle. We've faced new "ag gag" laws designed to hide industrial-scale cruelty and punish whistleblowers. We've confronted the industry-dominated body that sets voluntary codes of practice for farmed animals, while standing in the way of true, enforceable animal protection laws. We've seen the horrors inside laboratories, factory farms, slaughterhouses, and breeding mills.

But because of this work, the ground is already shifting.

We've won landmark victories that felt completely out of reach just a few years ago. Industries are fighting back because we are such a threat to the entrenched systems that have enabled cruelty for far too long.

I hope with my whole heart that I will live to see animals legally recognized as sentient individuals with real rights and protections. But when that future still feels far away, I find comfort in the decision I made to include Animal Justice in my own will.

Thank you for considering joining the Justice Circle. Together, we can ensure that the animals will always have lawyers and this fight lives on for as long as it takes.

With deep gratitude,

Camille

Camille Labchuk



Why Leave a Legacy for Animals?

Leaving a gift in a will is a powerful expression of compassion and a lifelong commitment to systemic change. It's an extraordinary way to ensure that the legal battles we have begun together will be fought—and won—for decades to come.

We aren't just fighting cruelty, we are rewriting the rules. Animals deserve laws that offer meaningful protections, and those laws must be rigorously enforced. Most Canadians are shocked to learn how far our laws lag behind international standards. But we could be a country that stands as a global leader in animal protection, where animals are treated with dignity, respect and kindness. It's up to us to make sure that our legal system reflects our values and protects the most vulnerable individuals.

What Will Your Legacy Achieve?

Animals deserve a legal system that stands up for them, and we have the power to demand it. Your gift will become a legal advocate and a tool for lasting change.

Your generosity will fund:

- Taking animal abusers to court
- Demanding stronger, modern animal protection laws from all levels of government
- Exposing the hidden cruelty that is rampant in places like the meat, dairy, and egg industries
- Pressuring industries that exploit animals to update their policies and practices
- Holding agencies accountable when they fail to enforce the few animal protection laws that exist
- Mobilizing a powerful national movement to win stronger protections for animals



Your Impact:
Exposing Truth & Changing Laws

The historic victory at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario stands as a powerful testament to the lasting, systemic change your legacy can achieve.

In 2025, two courageous whistleblowers approached Animal Justice with a shocking and heartbreaking secret. On a hidden floor of St. Joseph's Hospital, dogs were being subjected to agonizing, hours-long cardiac arrest experiments. Later, they were killed. These tests were completely hidden from the public and even most of the hospital's own staff.

Our investigations team immediately went to work, providing the whistleblowers careful guidance and support. We confidentially partnered with an investigative journalist to break the story nationwide. What took place in secret for decades was suddenly on front pages from coast to coast.



The exposure of the St. Joseph's lab triggered a massive public outcry. The hospital and politicians immediately felt the pressure from thousands of Canadians. Within days, the hospital permanently shut down its dog testing program and rehomed the dogs. Months later, Ontario passed groundbreaking legislation banning most invasive medical testing on dogs and cats province-wide.

Victories like these take legal expertise, confidential investigative support, and a relentless pursuit to get animals' stories to the public. By leaving a legacy gift, you make sure that Animal Justice always has the resources, agility, and strength to turn raw compassion into binding law.

*Photo taken by a whistleblower in the St. Joseph's Hospital secret laboratory. **Sugar** (pictured here) tragically died during a cardiac experiment. The exposé resulted in the remaining dogs being saved and these experiments on dogs being permanently shut down.*

When you join the Justice Circle, this is who you're fighting for:

- **Companion animals** like dogs, cats, and rabbits who are exploited by an almost entirely unregulated commercial pet trade.
- **Wild animals** who have been labelled as "nuisance" species who are hunted, culled, and poisoned in outdated programs, often using taxpayer dollars.
- Over three million **monkeys, rabbits, dogs, rats, mice, and other animals who are confined in laboratories** and used in experimentation in Canada every single year.
- Over 860 million **cows, chickens, pigs, and other land animals who are slaughtered** in the Canadian food industry annually and have no federal legal protections on farms, as standard farming practices are considered exempt from general animal cruelty laws.
- Over 8 billion **aquatic animals who are killed each year in Canada including lobsters, fishes, crabs, and clams**. These individuals often die in horrific and painful ways such as suffocating, being crushed, or being frozen to death.
- Millions of **animals who are treated as nothing more than disposable byproducts of the farming industry.** This includes newborn male calves killed off from the dairy industry, day-old male chicks ground up alive in macerators, and all those who suffer severe injuries or illnesses on farms and during transport every year, very rarely receiving any medical attention.
- **Whistleblowers who now face devastating and unjust penalties in some provinces simply for showing the true reality of what animals endure.** By fighting dangerous agricultural ag gag laws, we protect the brave individuals who are able and willing to document the rampant animal abuse in factory farms and slaughterhouses.



Canada has some of the weakest animal protection laws in the Western world. But together, we are going to change that. A kinder and more just future is possible.



What are the benefits of joining the Justice Circle?

- Being part of a special group of generous and compassionate people who care deeply about making the world a better place for animals
- A gift in your will is a simple step now that makes a big difference in the future
- You can make sure that your family and loved ones are taken care of first, and still make a meaningful gift to animals
- You may be able to make a larger impact than you thought possible
- You may be able to reduce taxes on your estate
- You can make changes to your wishes at any time

Hear what legacy donors have to say:

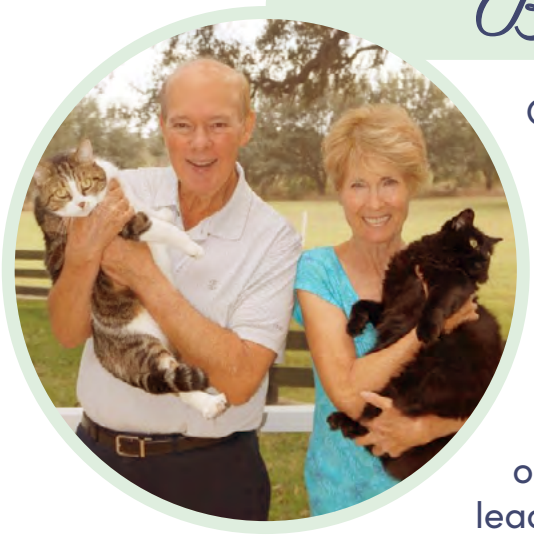
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I've been taught compassion for animals from a young age, and for as long as I can remember, I've wanted to end animal cruelty. As I grew into adulthood, I had the sad realization that I might not see that end in my lifetime, but that I would do everything humanly possible to plant seeds, volunteer, and donate as much as I can to organizations working towards my vision.

As I was preparing my will, I realized that I can continue the work after my time on this planet is done. I'm not wealthy, but whatever is left over upon my passing can help others continue the work. And one of the most passionate, tenacious and effective organizations I've had the privilege of helping is Animal Justice. Hence, they're included in my will—I hope they'll be in yours too!

Bob & Judy



Canada has done the least among nations to improve the lives of animals who suffer at our hands. We use them for experimentation and testing, food, clothing, and entertainment. We must speak up for animals as they cannot speak for themselves.

For those who can, we strongly ask you to consider naming Animal Justice as a beneficiary in your will. This organization, comprised largely of lawyers, has excellent leadership, a shared vision, and skilled staff members.

We once thought that our purpose in life was to accumulate wealth and subsequently distribute it to family members. Now we realize our goal is to use the money we have for the betterment of all living beings and the planet.

Lisa Eckel



Animal Justice fights for legislative change and legal protections that deliver real progress and meaningful outcomes for animals in this country. That's why a gift in my will felt like one of the most impactful contributions I could make, in alignment with the values I hold close. Legacy giving allows me to make a much larger contribution than I ever could during my lifetime, helping ensure the Animal Justice team has the resources to keep fighting for animals who can't fight for themselves. It gives me peace to know that standing up for animals is now part of my legacy.

Where do I start?

STEP 1

Take Inventory

Before writing anything down, take inventory. What do you own? This may include bank accounts, investments, property, family heirlooms, or a life insurance policy.

STEP 2

Consider Your Loved Ones

Who are your loved ones, and who will care for any dependents when you're gone? Make sure they're provided for. Choose a trusted Executor to carry out your wishes (or the court will appoint an administrator).

STEP 3

Consider Your Values and Legacy

Where do you wish to have a greater, lasting impact? Once your loved ones are cared for, consider leaving a portion of your estate to a cause close to your heart.

STEP 4

Choose How to Write Your Will

There are online services which are easy, affordable, and legally-binding in Canada. Alternatively, you can work with an estate attorney to receive personalized advice. This is recommended for complex situations.

STEP 5

Document & Share

Once signed and witnessed, store your will safely and share a copy with your Executor. Let your loved ones and any included beneficiaries know what to expect.

Leaving a Gift in Your Will for Animal Justice

A bequest or gift in will is the most common way to leave a legacy gift. Use a credible online platform or work with an estate lawyer who can provide you direct advice on what makes most sense for your situation. Here is some suggested language to get you started.

For a Fixed Amount:

"I will give to Animal Justice of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the sum of $ _____ to be used in such a manner as the Board of Directors of Animal Justice shall, at its discretion, determine."

For a Percentage of the Estate:

"I will give to Animal Justice of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, _____% of my estate to be used in such a manner as the Board of Directors of Animal Justice shall, at its discretion, determine."

For the Residue of the Estate:

"I will give to Animal Justice of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the rest and residue of my estate to be used in such a manner as the Board of Directors of Animal Justice shall, at its discretion, determine."

Animal Justice is a non-profit organization (not a registered charity).

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The Justice for Animals Foundation (a registered charity)

The Justice for Animals Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that provides grants to fund the work of Animal Justice. Here are more ways that you can leave a legacy gift for animals that may have an additional tax benefit.

Life insurance policies

You can name the Justice for Animals Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. This can allow you to make a significant gift at a modest cost. There are two ways to do this:

- You can purchase a policy and transfer its ownership. When you do this, the value and any ongoing premiums you pay are eligible for tax receipts that you can use now. The Justice for Animals Foundation will receive the full payout of the policy.
- You can purchase a policy and state the Justice for Animals Foundation as the beneficiary. This can provide a tax benefit to your estate.

Registered funds (RRSPs, RRIFs or TFSAs):

- By making the Justice for Animals Foundation the beneficiary of these funds, you can make a future gift while still protecting your current financial security. Your estate will receive a tax receipt that can be applied against tax on the distribution of the rest of your estate. Because this designation takes place outside of your will, it's not subject to a lengthy probate period, or other estate fees.
- You can update your beneficiaries by contacting your fund provider and filling out a beneficiary form.





Publicly traded securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds):

- If you own publicly listed securities, you can document in your will that you want them to be transferred to the Justice for Animals Foundation as an in-kind gift. This may have a significant tax advantage, as your estate will receive a tax receipt for the fair market value of the securities, and it will eliminate capital gains tax.

Gifts of real estate or tangible property

- We may be able to accept other assets that align with your philanthropic vision and help drive our work forward. Donating appreciated real estate or valuable personal property may allow you to make a transformative impact and significantly reduce taxes to your estate. Because these gifts may require exceptional administrative and legal steps to accept, please contact our team before adding it to your will to explore these options.

An estate attorney and a financial advisor can help you determine if it's best for you to direct your gift to a charitable organization and what types of gift makes sense for you.

The Justice for Animals Foundation (previously "Animal Justice Canada") is a Canadian registered charity.

Legal name: Justice for Animals Foundation

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We are here to help you

Thank you for considering a gift to animals in your planning. Please reach out if you would like to have a confidential conversation to ask questions and explore the possibility of leaving a legacy gift to animals.



Already made a legacy gift?

We'd love to hear from you.

Knowing your intentions to leave a gift to Animal Justice or the Justice for Animals Foundation helps us better plan for our future. We'd also love to thank you properly. All information is kept strictly confidential.

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