

Codicil form: Making a change to your will

(England & Wales)



Secret World Wildlife Rescue exists to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured, sick and orphaned British wildlife and inspire learning about the world of British wildlife, encouraging everyone to discover what they can do to protect it. Every animal is important to us, no matter how small or common they may be.

Help us care and give wildlife a second chance by including Secret World Wildlife Rescue in your Will. Legacies are the life blood of our charity, allow us to plan for the future and make Secret World Wildlife Rescue more secure. It's easy to add Secret World Wildlife Rescue to your Will. You can do this by adding a codicil now – following the example given. A codicil is a written amendment to someone's Will, saving the need to re-write the whole document. It should be signed, dated and witnessed with the same legal formalities as a Will.

How to complete your codicil form so that your codicil is valid, please follow these steps:

STEP 1

Look at the example overleaf to help you complete your codicil form.

STEP 2

Sign each page in the presence of two witnesses*, who should both sign the form as shown too. Your witnesses can't be direct family members (including your spouse/civil partner) or those who stand to benefit from your Will or your codicil.

STEP 3

Keep your codicil safe, storing it with your current original Will (but do not staple or attach it in any way).

We recommend that you seek the guidance of a solicitor when you make your Will or codicil, so that your intentions can be fully carried out.

Suggested wording

You can remember the Secret World Wildlife Rescue charity with a specific cash sum (pecuniary legacy) or part of your estate (residuary legacy). And you can leave the gift for general use, or for specific items like veterinary care, new enclosures or education.

Please choose the appropriate wording:

To leave a pecuniary legacy (specific cash sum)

I give to Secret World Wildlife Rescue, a Charity number 1097119 and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, Company number 04672215 the sum of (insert your amount in figures and words) and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Secret World Wildlife Rescue.

OR

The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of Secret World Wildlife Rescue shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift. To leave a residuary legacy (to include part of your estate) I give to Secret World Wildlife Rescue, a Charity number 1097119 and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales Company number 04672215 (enter your percentage) per cent of my residuary estate and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Secret World Wildlife Rescue.

A note about residuary gifts: this type of gift is a share of what remains in your estate after debts, legacies and administration expenses have been paid. They are extremely valuable to Secret World Wildlife Rescue but they can be more complex when it comes to tax, for instance. So we suggest you take advice first.

*The law is different in Scotland where only one witness, over the age of 16, needs to sign the form.



"I have been a patron of Secret World Wildlife Rescue for many years and have enjoyed visiting and seeing how much the charity has progressed. It has retained its ethics of best care and every single animal is important to them. Please consider leaving a legacy gift to Secret World, I know it will make such a difference to the animals in their care."

Valerie Singleton OBE –
TV presenter and
SWWR patron

If you need any information on making a Will, or amending your current one to include Secret World Wildlife Rescue, please call our CEO on **01278 768700** or our Founder Pauline Kidner on **01278 768701**.

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I: (insert your name) *SUSAN LIGHT SAMPLE*

of: (insert your address) *26 NOUVELL CLOSE, NEW TOWN, WENT, FT9 6RM SAMPLE*

HEREBY DECLARE this to be the: (first/second) *FIRST SAMPLE*

Codicil to my Will which bears the date: (existing Will date) *23RD APRIL 2018 SAMPLE*

New provision: (Insert here)

I give to Secret World Wildlife Rescue, Charity number 1097119 and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, Company number 04672215 the sum of:

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS (£500) SAMPLE

and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Secret World Wildlife Rescue.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this:

(date) *1ST DAY OF* (month) *NOVEMBER* Two thousand and (year) *NINETEEN*

SIGNED by the Testator/Testatrix:

in the presence of us both present at the same time who at the Testator/Testatrix request in (his/her) *HER* presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

(Signature of Testator/Testatrix)

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Witnessed by:

Signature: (witness 1)

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Name: (witness 1) *T. NIGHT*

Address: (witness 1) *33 HERON ROAD, NEW TOWN, WENT, FT9 6RM SAMPLE*

Occupation: (witness 1) *VETERINARY SURGEON*

Signature: (witness 2)

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Name: (witness 2) *S. JONES*

Address: (witness 2) *14 CHERRY AVENUE, NEW TOWN, WENT, FT9 6RM SAMPLE*

Occupation: (witness 2) *DRIVING INSTRUCTOR*

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I: *(insert your name)*

of: *(insert your address)*

HEREBY DECLARE this to be the: *(first/second)*

Codicil to my Will which bears the date: *(existing Will date)*

New provision: *(Insert here)*

I give to Secret World Wildlife Rescue, Charity number 1097119 and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, Company number 04672215 the sum of:

and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such estate be used for the general purposes of Secret World Wildlife Rescue.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this:

(date)

(month)

Two thousand and *(year)*

SIGNED by the Testator/Testatrix:

in the presence of us both present at the same time who at the Testator/Testatrix request in *(his/her)* presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

(Signature of Testator/Testatrix)

Witnessed by:

Signature: *(witness 1)*

Name: *(witness 1)*

Address: *(witness 1)*

Occupation: *(witness 1)*

Signature: *(witness 2)*

Name: *(witness 2)*

Address: *(witness 2)*

Occupation: *(witness 2)*

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