

## Thinking about leaving a gift in your will – consider the ICZ

The ICZ is a non-profit organization composed of national zookeeper organizations from around the globe. Our goal is to improve the professionalism of zookeepers worldwide, which in turn would improve animal welfare in zoos throughout the world and ultimately assist conservation.

The ICZ relies on a variety of donations and fundraising for its continued activity.

Leaving a gift in your Will to the ICZ, whether large or small, will have a positive impact on our ability to continue our work in improving the welfare and conservation of animals worldwide.

### How to leave a gift in Your Will

A bequest is an instruction in your Will to leave a gift (money, property or other asset) to a specific person, organisation or charity. Your Will is an important document that must be properly prepared and executed and we recommend that you seek legal advice when writing or updating your Will to ensure that your wishes are met.

There are several types of bequests, which include:

Residuary: The remainder of your estate

Percentage: A percentage of your estate

Pecuniary: A fixed cash amount

A specific asset: A fixed asset such as shares, real estate or other particular items of value

Alternate: in the event that your Executor is unable to distribute some part of your estate (for example if a nominated beneficiary predeceases you).

Once you have decided on the type of gift you would like to leave the next steps are:

Consult a solicitor

Make your Will or update it. A codicil can be added to your existing Will noting the change (This can be done via written/email exchange and signing the amendment at the solicitor).

Include in your Will the type of gift you wish to give to the ICZ.

Legal advice is always recommended when writing a will but suitable wording may include

“ I give and bequeath to the International Congress of Zookeeping – incorporated in Australia (ACN601 481 074) the sum of \$X direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being or a Proper Officer of the ICZ authorised to act on his/her behalf shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest”.

Please note contact for the ICZ as [www.iczoo.org](http://www.iczoo.org) – email [info@iczoo.org](mailto:info@iczoo.org) or contact for more information.