

# Create a Lasting Legacy: Leave a Gift in Your Will to North Island Wildlife Recovery Association.



*It's easier than you think! In a sentence or two, you can help future generations of ill, injured and orphaned wildlife.*



## They depend on Us.

Founded in 1985, the North Island Wildlife Recovery Association (NIWRA) cares for wildlife facing diverse challenges, such as:

- Raptors with broken wings
- Orphaned black bears
- Electrocuted eagles
- Vehicle collisions
- Poisoning
- Cat attacks, and much more!

Each year we admit approximately 800 animals who would suffer needlessly or not survive without help.



## We depend on You.

In addition to funding crucial medical care for wildlife in need, donations from wills have enabled us to initiate important projects otherwise beyond our reach, such as:

- **Eagle Flight Enclosure**, where rehabilitating eagles build condition and muscles in preparation for release
- **Museum of Nature**, which houses a large, curated taxidermy display of native and non-native wildlife
- **Vancouver Island Black Bear Rehabilitation Program**, which has enabled us to rehabilitate and release hundreds of black bears back into the wild
- **(NEW in 2023) Black Bear Educational Pavilion**, showcasing the lives of bears and the importance of old-growth forests to their health and survival

*NIWRA receives NO government funding. Without support from donors like you, we could not function.*

## Thank you for considering a gift to the North Island Wildlife Recovery Association.

**Our information for your Will:**

**Legal Name:**  
North Island Wildlife Recovery Association

**Full Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 364, 1240 Leffler Rd.,  
Errington, B.C. V0R 1V0

**Charitable Business Number**  
11906 0549 RR0001

If you have already included NIWRA in your will or plan to do so, we would love to know what inspired you. We invite you to contact Joyce so we can thank you personally and discuss what you hope your gift might accomplish. Joyce can arrange a visit to show you how your generosity can benefit wild animals for generations to come.

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# How to leave a gift to NIWRA in your will

## Including a gift in your will is simple.

When creating or updating your will, in addition to taking care of your loved ones, you can include a gift to North Island Wildlife Recovery Association. This is known as a bequest, and your estate will receive a charitable tax receipt as a result. Some of the most common types of bequests are shown below.

### Codicil

If you have an existing will but would like to name North Island Wildlife Recovery Association as a beneficiary, you can do so by adding a codicil. A codicil is an amending document that changes or removes an existing provision, or it can add an entirely new one. Codicils are signed and witnessed in the same way wills are and are kept with the will. If your changes are major, you should seek professional advice to determine whether you should have a new will drawn up.

### Specific gifts

Specific gifts designate a specific dollar amount to be donated to North Island Wildlife Recovery Association.

**Sample wording for a specific gift**

"I give to North Island Wildlife Recovery Association the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ to be used at the discretion of the organization."

### Residual gifts

Residual gifts designate North Island Wildlife Recovery Association as the beneficiary of part, or all, of your estate – but **ONLY AFTER** all debts, taxes, administrative expenses and specific other bequests have been paid. A residual bequest is a good choice if you are unsure of the size of your estate.

**Sample wording for a residual gift**

"I give to North Island Wildlife Recovery Association all (or \_\_\_\_%) of the residue of my estate to be used at the discretion of the organization."

*(Note that 'residue' means 'remainder')*



## Other Ways to Include NIWRA in Your Estate Planning

- ✓ Life Insurance
- ✓ Annuities: Remainder Trusts
- ✓ Securities
- ✓ 'In Memorial' Donations

*Please talk to your financial advisor.*

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*"I found an injured Barred Owl on the side of the highway on my way to work early one morning. I think it was hit by a car. I was scared to handle it, but I had to help or it would die. Thankfully, I knew I could bring it to NIWRA and they would know what to do. I honestly don't know what I would have done without you. Thank you." 🐾*

