

LEAVING A **GIFT** TO THE WILDLIFE DISEASE ASSOCIATION

A gift to the Wildlife Disease Association in your estate plans will enable the Association to ensure the excellence of the Journal of Wildlife Diseases, continue to provide free access to the Journal within economically challenged countries, recognize outstanding member contributions, provide student scholarships that work to empower the next generation of wildlife disease professionals, and ensure we keep membership costs as low as possible

Leaving a planned gift to the Wildlife Disease Association,
is easy to do today, or as part of your estate planning.
(WDA is a 501 C3 non-profit, tax-exempt ID # 36-6098737)

Here are two of the easiest ways to give:

1. *A charitable contribution today, of long-term appreciated securities* — i.e. stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds that have realized significant appreciation over time — is one of the most tax-efficient of all ways to give. This method of giving has become increasingly popular in recent years. Some key advantages:
 - a. Any appreciated securities with unrealized long-term gains (meaning they were purchased over a year ago and have a current value greater than their original cost) may be donated to a public charity and a tax deduction taken for the full fair market value of the securities — up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your individual situation.
 - b. Since the securities are donated rather than sold, capital gains taxes from selling the securities no longer apply. The more appreciation the securities have, the greater the tax savings will be.

If this is the path you would like to take, feel free to contact WDA's Investment Manager, Jacobson & Schmitt Advisors (Madison, WI) at 1.877.662.7503. They will work with your current Investment Advisor to facilitate a simple transfer of securities.

2. *A charitable contribution in the future, as designated by your Estate Plan/Will*. This can be accomplished by working with your Estate Attorney to designate WDA as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate, upon your passing. This can be done by listing WDA as a beneficiary of your IRA or within your Will or other estate documents. It's essential you consult with your Estate Attorney regarding your individual situation.

Can I direct my gift?

Yes, your gift to the WDA can be designated to one of the WDA's "Cause Specific Funds", the WDA General Fund, or, for a gift of \$25,000 or more you can create a new cause-specific fund determining how you would like your gift to advance the mission of the WDA. Brief descriptions for the current 'Cause Specific Funds' are listed below.

How are WDA donors recognized?

With your permission, we would like to include you in our list of donors published in the last WDA newsletter of the year and on the WDA website. We would also like to feature our donors, their stories, and careers on our website. Please feel free to contact us if you have other ideas!

We are here to help and want to make your planned giving experience at WDA understandable, easy to accomplish, and meaningful to you and your family. We look forward to hearing from you!

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WDA Cause Specific Funds

Journal of Wildlife Diseases (JWD) Endowment Fund

Established in 2011 as part of an effort to set aside sufficient funds to endow the cost of publishing JWD and assuring its worldwide distribution. Our initial endowment goal of \$300,000 has been met, now WDA is building a cushion so that we can ensure that the Endowment will meet the needs of our growing membership.

Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Award

Is jointly managed by the WDA and the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV). This award is periodically conferred for exemplary contribution to or achievement combining wildlife disease research and wildlife management policy implementation or elucidating particularly significant problems in wildlife health.

Herman Founders Fund

Has combined funds donated in the names of Carlton Herman, one of WDA's primary founders and first President, and Merton Rosen. The fund periodically supports cutting edge speakers on wildlife health at the annual WDA conference.

WDA Student Awards and Activities

Support future wildlife scientists. The WDA annually gives 4 awards for excellence in research, scholarship, and oral or poster presentations. In addition, we partner with 2 allied organizations on published manuscript awards, including one which is focused on aquatic animals and the other on the ability to explain to the public why their research matters.

Help our 30+ Student Chapters based around the globe to thrive and grow. Monthly webinars from wildlife experts, small grants for chapter activities, and travel assistance to WDA meetings as well as student only workshops are some of the amazing programs this fund annually supports. Give to help our students stay engaged and connected.