



WOULD EXMOOR BE THE SAME IF THERE WERE NO MORE EXMOOR PONIES?

The Exmoor pony is one of the oldest of British native pony breeds and yet the number of ponies has been severely threatened in recent times. Many ponies taken off the moor do not find homes easily and face an uncertain future. By remembering The Moorland Mousie Trust in your will you would be helping us continue our vital work to ensure the survival of this very special rare-breed of pony.



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Patron: HRH The Duchess of Cornwall

A gift in your will can help ensure that unhomed Exmoor ponies have a safe and secure future for years to come

LEAVING A LEGACY

Leaving a legacy to The Moorland Mousie Trust in your Will would help us continue our work to ensure the future of the rare-breed Exmoor pony. Most particularly your gift will help the surplus foals bred on Exmoor each year which require specialist handling, and veterinary care. The Trust works with these foals to ensure that they are healthy and comfortable with being handled and then re-homes them to ensure that they have a secure future.



In leaving a legacy to the Trust you will be remembered for your support of our work and for your contribution to the survival of one of Britain's oldest native pony breeds.

The Moorland Mousie Trust receives no government funding and relies on donations and legacies to survive. You can be assured that your gift, no matter how small, will help us to help the ponies and assist in the future survival of both the Trust and the breed.

TYPES OF LEGACIES

- Pecuniary Legacy - a fixed sum of money
- Specific Legacy - a specific item of value such as a property, shares, a piece of jewellery, painting etc
- Residuary Legacy - the whole or a percentage of your estate after providing for loved ones and allowing for administration expenses



ABOUT MAKING A WILL

Making Provision for those you care about

Making a Will ensures that your estate is distributed in exactly the way that you wish. It will enable you to provide for loved ones, family members and charities that you support. Many people believe that their spouse or next of kin will inherit even if they do not have a Will, but this is not always the case. Making a Will can give you peace of mind and save your loved ones from dealing with the problems that may arise if you die intestate. We recommend that you consult a solicitor/professional advisor to make or change your Will.

Inheritance Tax issues

By making a Will you will be able to include provisions to reduce any inheritance tax payable on your estate. If the value of your estate exceeds a specific amount* then it will be liable for inheritance tax. By leaving the residuary of your estate, above the tax threshold, to charity your family can be spared from paying inheritance tax. Charities are exempt from this tax and therefore less of your estate will go to the taxman and more towards helping the causes you believe in.

* Inheritance tax thresholds vary in the Chancellor's budget.

Points to consider when making your Will

- Estimate the value of your estate
- Contact a solicitor or professional advisor
- Decide on who you would like to benefit
- Specify your funeral arrangements

Keeping your Will up to date

Any changes in your circumstances, such as deaths, divorces or new children can affect your Will and in some cases make it invalid. It is a good idea to check your Will regularly to ensure it is up to date and continues to reflect your wishes. If you wish to add a legacy to an existing Will a solicitor can advise you on adding a Codicil.

Remembering The Moorland Mousie Trust in your Will would help us so much with our work with the Exmoor ponies and would certainly help to ensure the long-term survival of these lovely creatures.

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL HELP THE MOORLAND MOUSIE TRUST

By leaving us a gift in your Will you will be helping us to continue the work we do to ensure the future of the rare-breed Exmoor pony, such as:

- Taking in the surplus foals born on Exmoor each year, handling them and ensuring their veterinary health. Without us, the vast majority of these foals would go for slaughter
- Working with and monitoring foster homes and conservation grazing schemes to provide future homes for the foals so that a broad spectrum of people can continue to enjoy and learn about the ponies
- Operating the Exmoor Pony Centre as a destination for the public to come and meet and learn about the Exmoor ponies and their importance to the history and biodiversity of the moor itself.

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR A BEQUEST

“I give to The Moorland Mousie Trust , Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9QE (Registered Charity No. 1116710)

- a) the sum of £ (amount in figures and in words) OR
- b) (a specific item) OR all my property known as (name of property) and situated at (location of property) OR
- c) all (or a share of) the residue of my estate

and I direct that (i) my bequest be applied by The Moorland Mousie Trust for its charitable purposes and (ii) the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of the Trust shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

We advise that your solicitor/professional advisor checks the final wording.

**Thank you for remembering The Moorland Mousie Trust in your will.
As it is helpful for us to know your intentions, we would be grateful if you could let us know about this legacy.**

If you would like more information about the work we do before preparing your will then please contact us.

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