

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALICE MORGAN WRIGHT

Dated January 1963

Clause 17

SEVENTEETH: It is evident from my activities and interest during my lifetime and the provisions of this, my last Will and Testament, that my firm and dedicated concern has been and is devoted to promoting the protection and welfare of animals, the enhancement of a world-wide humane education and stimulating among all peoples, a compassionate understanding of their needs.

That this guiding purpose may live after me and predominate among the recipients of the bequests of this will, made in behalf on animals, I deem it proper and advantageous at this point to set forth and make known in more specific terms, my objectives relating to animals and their protection and welfare as follows:

For all friends and defenders of animals, I recommend the following objectives; and for each organization which is to receive a bequest under this my last Will and Testament, I prescribe and urge that it adopt and hold fast the specific objectives that are applicable to its field of effort:

- a) To oppose cruelty to animals in all its forms.
- b) To strive for an end to bullfighting, rodeo, and all other cruel sports, wherever practiced or advertised in art, photography and television.
- c) To defend wildlife against cruelty in hunting, trapping and poisoning.
- d) To aid or initiate programs of slaughter reform.
- e) To succor the overdriven and the underfed, the beaten and abused.
- f) To teach humane handling and care of work animals and food animals.
- g) To cooperate in efforts to find and put into practice more humane methods of catching and killing the marine fauna, especially whales and seals.
- h) To establish laws in defense of animals and to strive for their enforcement wherever such laws exist.
- i) To protest forcefully against all painful experimentation on animals, rejecting the false and arrogant doctrine that the "end justifies the means".
- j) To advance movements for the humane sterilization of pet or other cats and dogs in order to forestall their over-population.
- k) To urge that when it is necessary to put any tame animal to death, unless some better method of euthanasia is available, it be so arranged that the animal be held in the arms of some human friend while it is being given a painless preliminary anesthetic [sic], to be stroked and comforted with reassuring words until it loses consciousness, after which the lethal dose should be quickly administered.
- l) To provide for the rescue, housing and feeding of lost, stray or abandoned animals until suitable homes are found to provide for their future health and happiness.

- m) To require that parents or other guardians of children instigate the greatest possible care in avoiding any cruelty or hardship to animals with which the children are associated or come in contact.
- n) To promote insistently in institutions of learning, from childhood onward, the education of the heart and the courage to withstand any popular trend, which, in the misused name of Science, might lead to a disregard for the fundamental ethics of righteousness and compassion.
- o) To befriend all Earth's creatures on land, in the sea and in the air; to defend them against the ravages by mankind and inspire in human beings compassion for all. To recognize in animals their capacity for friendship and their need of friends.