

The Tracks You Leave Behind

LEGACY AND FINANCIAL PLANNING NEWS
FOR FRIENDS OF DEFENDERS

Alaska's Wolves Still Under Attack

Alaska's wolves were dealt a critical blow in 2008 when hard-fought efforts to end the state's brutal aerial-gunning program were defeated by deep-pocketed special interests. At least 50 wolves have been gunned down this winter; more than 800 have been killed in the past five years.

"We faced an approximately \$750,000 campaign from our opponents, including Safari Club International and a \$400,000 state-funded campaign approved by Governor Sarah Palin and the Alaska legislature," said Nick Jans in August. Nick is co-chair of Alaskans for Wildlife, Defenders' grassroots partner in the region.

In another tragic development, Alaska Board of Game employees killed 14 wolf pups last summer at den sites on the southern Alaska peninsula. When the Board met this fall, they had an opportunity to address the public's strong opposition to these shootings. Instead, they took the unthinkable step of approving this brutal practice, known euphemistically as "denning."



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"Despite these setbacks, we have no intention of backing down," said Defenders' President Rodger Schlickeisen. "With your continued support, we are pressing for passage of new federal legislation that should put an end to the wolf carnage in Alaska." If enacted, this new legislation—the Protect America's Wildlife Act, or PAW Act—will close a loophole in the Airborne Hunting Act that Alaska officials have exploited to allow wolves to be gunned down from planes. It will also prevent programs like Alaska's from spreading to places like the Greater Yellowstone region.

Visit our Web site at www.defenders.org to learn more about the many wolf conservation programs your legacy support makes possible.



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Lifetime Income for You ... And Protection for Wildlife Today

If your goal is to maintain or possibly increase your income, and you would also like to make a gift to save wildlife, you can achieve both by establishing a charitable gift annuity with Defenders of Wildlife.



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With a Defenders charitable gift annuity, you receive at least three benefits: 1) a fixed income for life; 2) an income tax deduction in the year you make the gift; and 3) the satisfaction of knowing you are protecting wolves, sea otters, and many other animals that need your help to survive.

**Once your payments begin,
they continue for life**

Easy to Establish

Charitable gift annuities provide an attractive rate of return that will never change after the gift is created — and they are easy to establish.

The minimum gift amount is \$5,000, and you can fund your annuity with cash, appreciated stock, or mutual funds. You can set up the annuity to provide for yourself or other important people in your life, such as a spouse, adult children, or other relatives and friends.

An annuity gift agreement is a simple contract between you and Defenders of Wildlife.

Your payments become one of our general obligations, fully backed by all our assets.

The benefits of a Defenders of Wildlife charitable gift annuity are so attractive that many of our donors have established more than one annuity, providing for themselves and other loved ones, too. In fact, more than one-third of our annuity participants have already made multiple gifts. One donor has even established twelve annuities with Defenders. Just imagine how her generosity is helping wildlife and the habitats they need to survive!

Is It Right for You?

Here's how a charitable gift annuity works: When you fund a Defenders gift annuity with cash or marketable securities, you will receive a set dollar amount in return each year. You can choose to begin your annuity payments immediately or defer them to a future date of your choosing. You can also decide how often you would like to receive your annuity payments. Once your payments begin, they continue for the rest of your life and provide the security of an income stream you can never outlive.

A Challenge for Wildlife

Establish a new Charitable Gift Annuity with Defenders by April 15th, 2009, and help Defenders earn a \$45,000 challenge grant from the Earth Friends Wildlife Foundation. The foundation has partnered with Defenders to raise awareness and support for America's wildlife.



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Sample Annuity Illustrations

Sample single-life illustrations are shown below for both immediate payment and deferred gift annuities. Two-life annuity rates are also available.

Immediate Payment Annuity Illustration

Your annuity rate will depend on your age (at nearest birthday) when you make your gift; the minimum age is 60.

Your Current Age	Amount Donated	Rate	Annual Payments to You	Charitable Tax Deduction
65	\$10,000	5.3%	\$530	\$3,589
75	\$10,000	6.3%	\$630	\$4,613
85	\$10,000	8.1%	\$810	\$5,715

Deferred Gift Annuity Illustration

If you want the income from your gift to begin on a future date, you can set up a deferred gift annuity. Your rate will depend on your current age (the minimum age is 40) and the period of time you wait for your annuity payments to begin (the minimum age is 60). By deferring your payments, you will enhance your rate.

Your Current Age	Age Payments Begin	Amount Donated	Rate	Annual Payments to You	Charitable Tax Deduction
50	60	\$10,000	7.5%	\$750	\$3,252
55	65	\$10,000	8.0%	\$800	\$3,974
60	70	\$10,000	8.6%	\$860	\$4,808

Your Tax Benefits

Whether you choose an immediate or deferred charitable gift annuity, you will receive an income tax deduction for a portion of the value of your gift in the year you make the gift. Plus, part of your annuity will be either completely tax-free or taxable as capital gain (maximum 15% through the end of 2010), depending on the asset you donate.

How to Request Your Personalized Gift Annuity Illustration

You can request a confidential personalized gift annuity illustration — either immediate or deferred, single or double-life — by phoning Defender's Jim Luerssen toll-free at 1-800-915-6789, visiting our Web site at www.defenders.org, or simply returning the enclosed reply card in the envelope provided.

REMEMBERING DEFENDERS IN YOUR WILL

If you have already decided to include Defenders in your will or other estate plans, please don't forget to provide the following language to your advisor: "I bequeath _____ (describe dollar amount, property to be given, or percentage of your residuary estate) to Defenders of Wildlife (Tax ID # 53-0183181), a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia with its principal office at 1130 Seventeenth St., NW, Washington, DC 20036."

If you don't already have a will, you can learn more about how to get started at our user-friendly Web site, www.makeawill.org.

No access to the internet? Don't worry. You can request a copy of *Getting Started on a Will* by calling us toll-free at 1-800-915-6789.



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Hear What Your Fellow Defenders Say

CREATING LASTING LEGACIES FOR WILDLIFE



To ensure that someone will ‘speak up for wildlife’ after she’s gone, **Barbara Long** of San Antonio, Texas, has named Defenders of Wildlife as a beneficiary of her Individual Retirement

BARBARA LONG Account. “Defenders opened up my world to all of the wildlife on our planet,” says Barbara. “I know they love the animals as much as I do.”



When **Bob and Harriet Jakovina** of San Jose, California, sat down to write their will, it was Defenders’ strong focus on endangered species that lead them to designate the organization to

BOB AND HARRIET JAKOVINA receive a percentage of their estate. “Our love of animals brought us together and it has been an important part of our lives,” says Harriet. “It’s good to know our bequest will help support wildlife for years to come.”



“With my children settled, and grandchildren in college, I just think it made sense to establish my two charitable gift annuities with Defenders of Wildlife,”

BETTY CHAFFIN says **Betty Chaffin** of Modesto, California. “Putting my money where it can save wildlife is so much better than leaving it in the bank where it’s not really doing any good.”



“Wolves are such a vital part of our ecosystem,” says **Bonnie Keith**, “and Defenders is just unwavering in their commitment to protecting them.” Bonnie, who lives in Chino Valley, Arizona,

BONNIE KEITH says it is this steadfast commitment that first drew her to Defenders, and later to include us in her estate plans.

For more information . . .

ABOUT LIVING TRUSTS OR OTHER WAYS TO REMEMBER DEFENDERS IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS, PLEASE CONTACT:



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