

Gift Acceptance Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this Gift Acceptance Policy is to provide guidance to Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland (WRI) staff, volunteers, and donors regarding the acceptance of gifts in support of our mission to promote and advance wildlife rehabilitation, welfare and protection.

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Scope:

This policy applies to all forms of charitable contributions received by Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland, including but not limited to cash, securities, real estate, personal property, and in-kind donations.

Guidelines:

Mission Alignment:

All gifts must align with the mission, goals, and values of Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland. Donations that support our efforts to promote wildlife protection, conservation, education, and rehabilitation will be considered for acceptance.

Legal and Ethical Compliance:

WRI will comply with all relevant laws, regulations, and ethical standards governing charitable organisations in Ireland. Donations will not be accepted if they entail illegal activities, impose unreasonable conditions, or compromise the integrity and reputation of WRI.

Acceptable Forms of Gifts:

WRI may accept a variety of gifts, including but not limited to:

- Cash donations
- Marketable securities
- Real estate (subject to review and approval)
- Personal property with significant value or utility to the organisation
- In-kind donations of goods or services that support our programmes and operations

Restrictions and Limitations:

Donors may specify restrictions on the use of their gifts, provided that such restrictions are consistent with WRI's mission and objectives. Gifts with restrictive conditions will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Gift Valuation and Acknowledgment:

WRI will provide donors with prompt acknowledgment of their gifts and, where applicable, with documentation for tax purposes. The valuation of non-cash gifts will be determined in accordance with relevant tax regulations and industry standards.

Refusal of Gifts:

WRI reserves the right to decline gifts that are incompatible with our mission, pose undue financial or operational burdens, or are not in the best interests of the organisation. Decisions regarding the acceptance or refusal of gifts will be made by the Executive Director in consultation with the Board of Directors.

Review and Revision:

This Gift Acceptance Policy will be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect changes in legal requirements, organisational priorities, and best practices in charitable fundraising.