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Frugal Lovers Give Their Fortune to Donkeys, Among Others

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You never would have known that this couple was worth millions until they gave it all away.



In light of [World Animal Day](#) today, we want to recognize a loving couple who lived their lives very modestly and had such a deep love for animals that when they died, they gave their entire fortune to animal charities.

Gordon Hardy (passed in February of this year), and his wife Jean (passed in 2008), didn't spend their earnings on big houses and fancy dinners — or *anything* for that matter. Hardy wore the same suit everyday, which was one of the only items of clothing he owned. (The nursing home discovered this when they helped him move into their accommodations.)

The couple's neighbors also didn't know they were living next to a pair of millionaires since they didn't even own a TV. The Hardys weren't interested in spending money, so instead, they saved it. The couple never had any kids but gave their £1.4 million (\$2.2 million) fortune to the [PDSA](#), the [Blue Cross](#) and the [Donkey Sanctuary](#).