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'Coats for Cubs' welcomes donations of mink, other furs

Q: My elderly mother is moving to an assisted living facility in January, and my sister and I have been helping her decide what to keep, what to give to friends and family and what to donate.

She has a mink coat, plus a stole and evening jacket made of other furs. Neither of us wants them, but for ethical reasons, we both feel uncomfortable allowing someone else to wear them. On the other hand, it seems like a waste to put them in the trash.

Can Action Line come up with alternative suggestions?

Maggie B.,

Coral Gables

A: Here's one: Donate them to the Humane Society of America's Coats for Cubs program. Recognizing that many people find themselves in your situation, it has a program that accepts fur donations that, in turn, benefits American wildlife.

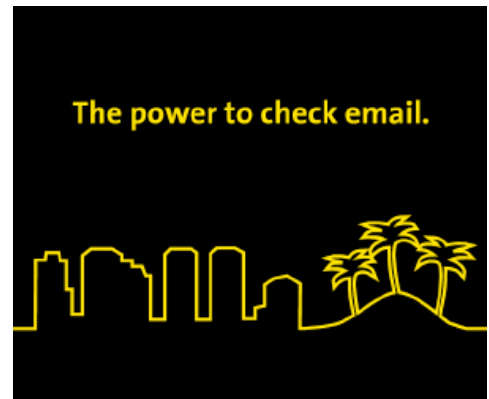
Donated fur is distributed to more than 200 wildlife rehabilitators in the U.S. and Canada who use it to keep orphaned and injured wildlife warm.

The HSUS website, www.hsus.org/furfree/campaigns/c4c, says, "The furs are cut into an appropriate size for the animal, whether it be a bobcat, fox, raccoon, squirrel, or rabbit, and placed inside the animal's enclosure. The furry blanket becomes a surrogate mother to orphaned animals, reducing stress and giving comfort."

The program accepts small items, too, such as fur trim used on hats, purses, collars and cuffs.

Send items to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20037, Attn: Coats for Cubs.

If you want to be sure they arrive safely, include a note asking for an acknowledgement. Don't forget to provide your name and address. If you itemize deductions, the letter can be used as a receipt; but under new IRS rules, when you file your taxes, you may need to include paperwork from a professional appraiser stating the fur's fair market value.



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