

Minutes Register 2021



ANIMAL CARE AUSTRALIA



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Committee Meeting 8th February 2021

Animal Care Australia Inc		
Date: 8 February 2021		
Time: 7.30pm to 9.00pm		
Attendees		Michael, Rachel, Karri, Kylie, Sam, Michelle
Apologies		Sue, Joanne, Helen
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Prev Minutes	Minutes from 14/12/2020 accepted as correct by all present
3	Matters Arising	
4	Treasurer	Balance \$3011.73
5	Species Updates	Native Mammals – Nil Small Mammals – Nil Reptiles – Nil
6	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 17/12/2020 - Submission to Animal Welfare Act Review - - Discussion Paper sent. * 6/1/2021 - letter to Dr David Beggs - Senior Lecturer Melb Vet Clinic inviting him to talk to ACA. * 24/1/2021 - Emails to Kim Filmer & Steve Coleman re Dog Audits - requesting a meeting. * 29/1/2021 - email of Introduction to ACA sent to Jeff Bourman SFFP Victoria * 2/2/2021 - email to Jackson Busse & Alex Hall (Adam Marshalls Office) outlining concerns with dog audits - requesting a meeting. * 4/2/2021 - email to Adam Marshalls Office highlighting full legal advice, requesting audits cease until legal issues resolved and asking for a meeting. * 5/2/2021 - email to Mark Banasiak & Phil Donato (SFFP) relating to dog audits and requesting a meeting * 6/2/2021- email to Kim Filmer & Steve Coleman highlighting subject mater of letter sent to Adam Marshall and asking for a meeting to discuss. * 8/2/2021 - email to Jenny Aitchison - Shadow Minister Agriculture (NSW) responding to her call - providing copies of communications sent to Adam Marshall, Kim Filmer & Steve Coleman.
7	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 14/12/2020 - email from Emma Hurst AJP confirming meeting for February 2021 to discuss current issues. * 15/12/2020 - receipt of submission to Animal Welfare Review Victoria * 21/12/2020 - email from Tess Vickery - AJP to advise the Review of Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 had been released. * 5/1/2021 - email from Hon Alannah MccTirnan MLC Minister for Regional Development & Agriculture confirming ACA as key stakeholder for all animal welfare issues in Western Australia * 6/1/2021 - email from David Beggs - Senior Lecturer Melb Vet School confirming willingness to discuss his welfare projects & findings with ACA. * 22/1/2021 - email from Fiona Ferguson Manager Animal Welfare QLD Agriculture - confirming ACA as key stakeholder for animal welfare in QLD, and inviting us to consult on upcoming Welfare Act Review. * 24/1/2021 - email from Kim Filmer, Chief Animal welfare Officer, DPI NSW - acknowledging receipt of concerns with Dog Audits in NSW. * 3/2/2021 -letter from Minister QLD Agriculture & Fisheries - confirming ACA as key stakeholder for animal welfare in Qld.

		* 3/2/2021 - email forwarded from Get Wild with Ministers Office response to Get Wild's earlier communication. Nothing of note - Office refers Get Wild back to the legislation and acknowledges his concerns. * 4/2/2021 - Minister Adam Marshall - Agriculture NSW - acknowledging receipt of concerns with Dog Audits in NSW.
8	Meetings / Inquiries	* Meeting scheduled with Emma Hurst (AJP) on 9/2/2021 (Michael & Sam) * Meeting scheduled with Mark Banasiak (SFFP) on 9/2/2021 (Michael & Sam)
9	Membership	Allen Mae Sophie Blue Homemade Dog Treats Catterlodge Toni Daly Pamela Haig Gail Greer Cheryl Webster Craig Phillips Nireno Kennels
11	Website & Social Media	Nil to Report
12	General Business	Motions passed regarding ACA position on audits being conducted by RSPCA Breeder Compliance Unit 1. The ACA Committee unanimously opposes random audits of animal hobbyists by state appointed officers (without good cause) 2. The ACA Committee insists the Minister ensures audits of non-business (aka hobbyist dog and cat breeders cease immediately. Moved: Sam – Seconded: all in attendance & motions were unanimously passed.
13	Actions	
14	Meeting Closed	9.00pm

Meeting Reports / Updates

17th December with Office of Local Government - ACA was pleased to learn that an entirely new Registry is being designed. The new Registry will remove the burden of Local Council delays as well as veterinary record updates by allowing breeders to update their own records and pay fees online via a Services NSW log-in. In addition a new form of breeders verification with existing breeding associations will be introduced with the aim of stopping the current ability to receive and create false breeder identification numbers.

17th December 2020 — ACA met Liz Walker (CEO) and Mhairi Roberts from RSPCA Victoria to discuss Victoria's ongoing Animal Welfare Act review as well as the recently announced proposal by Andy Meddick (AJP) to have animals from shelters handed out to rescue & re-homing organisations. ACA expressed our concern with this, as shelters & rescues in Victoria are currently non-regulated and run by volunteers who may have minimal to no training or experience in animal behaviour. We have agreed to meet regularly (quarterly) throughout 2021 to discuss any issues that arise from y the animal welfare review in Vic, and Liz also extended the invitation to contact her at any time if there are other issues of concern.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/03/21

General Meeting 10th March 2021

Animal Care Australia Inc General Meeting Date: 10 March 2021 Time: 7.30pm to 8.20pm	
Attendees	ACA – Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Sue Kowalczyk, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert Guests - John Wade, Donna Furlonger, Sandra McLean, Kylie (Rachel's friend)
Apologies	Helen Toovey
Agenda topics	

ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Prev Minutes	Minutes from 8/2/2021 accepted as correct by all present
3	Presidents Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACA proposing to define an Animal Trade rather than defining a hobbyist breeder - AJP Proposed Puppy Farm amendments will be in line with Victoria (capped at 10 fertile females) - Greyhound Welfare & Integrity – ACA focused only on life after racing (ie retirement). Working with organisation on a new training program for breeders to retrain retiring/rehomed dogs - Animal Welfare Act reviews in NSW, VIC & WA – ACA has responded to public consultation. Proposal is that a whole new Act (POCTA in NSW) will be drafted & released for public/stakeholder consultation. New Act would include 3 Acts which covers all aspects including Code of Practices (likely to be 2023) - WA Stop Puppy Farm legislation is on hold due to upcoming State Elections - ACA is now recognised in all States/Territories as a Key Stakeholder - Ongoing discussions throughout 2020 around caring for animals during Covid19 lockdowns - NSW Pet Registry – submission to their consultation process. New registry is being designed with improved breeder functionality (timeline 12 – 18 months) Continuing in 2021 - To pursue a definition of animal trade rather than a hobbyist nationally as required - To follow WA Stop Puppy Farm legislation - Animal Welfare Act Reviews in NSW, VIC, WA & QLD - Campaign for RSPCA to be accountable nationally to an independent ombudsman style person (Minister in NSW chose to not include) - Change in animal husbandry in VIC to stop the council limits of 5 animals per property. Dogs & Cats are now included if they are kept by a breeder - Communicating the flaws of the Pet Registry in QLD - Submit to NSW Horse Trail Review - Continue to pursue Rabbit Vaccine (RHDV) - Continue to respond to council restrictions on pet keeping (quite a number of councils in 2020 began reviewing their Animal Policies which impacts on the keeping of animals)

4	Treasurer	Balance \$3,160.67 Upcoming Bill for PO Box for \$136 for yearly renewal (due 31/3/21)
5	Species Updates	<p><u>Native Mammals</u> - Native Mammals licencing portion is on hold until all other area's (native animals) is progressed</p> <p><u>Small Mammals –</u> - Nothing significant to report - Still working Rabbit Vaccine - Some clubs are starting to plan for upcoming shows</p> <p><u>Birds (Full notes are below Minutes)</u> - Wollondilly Council Meeting – Council looking to implement a DA for anyone to be able to sell animals - Council West of Mackay in QLD looking to cap number of birds people can keep (capped at 15) - Native Animal Licencing – supplementary question added to Budget Estimates - NSW Bird Code of Practice close to completion - Parrot Exports – issues with media stories about illegal exports falling within the current legal parameters</p> <p><u>Dogs</u> - NSW Breeder Compliance Audits - VIC Planning Act – looking to change laws to incorporate animal - WA – Unsure of what is currently happening, all gone quiet - QLD – chatter around a few issues coming up</p> <p><u>Horses/Livestock</u> - Horse Register working group has met – but no current progress other than initial set up. Was given 18 months to review & come up with recommendations – so half way through with no real progress or action happening - Local issues around Windsor area with riding trails being closed - Some events are up & running</p> <p><u>Reptiles</u> - Communicating with OEH regarding rehoming of reptiles – multiple requests/approvals required at different stages which can take months/years.</p> <p><u>Cats</u> - AICC working on a checklist re Breeding Code of Practice for their Association</p>
6	Guests Questions	<p>Donna: Joined in response to the issues with Dog Breeding Audits in NSW. Raised a personal experience with Pet Registry & trying to get an incorrectly entered puppy changed. Pet Registry won't remove animals off 'your' list unless a new owner claims them – which they don't do as there is no benefit for them</p> <p>John: ACA is more forthcoming with information than his cat registering body. If an office bearer of ACA is unable to attend for any reason, can the delegate provide a species update to the ACA president. Michael confirmed that it does happen but there was no</p> <p>Sandra: Very supportive of what ACA is doing</p> <p>Kylie: Didn't have much knowledge about ACA until talking to Rachel. Very supportive of what ACA are doing. Agrees that capping numbers for breeders is useful.</p>
7	Meeting Closed	8.20pm

Committee Meeting 10th March 2021

Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Date: 10 March 2021 Time: 8.20pm to 10.32pm		
Attendees		ACA – Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Sue Kowalczyk, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		Helen Toovey
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	8.22pm
2	Prev Minutes	Minutes from 8/2/2021 accepted as correct by all present
3	Matters Arising	
4	Outgoing Corro	<p>* Jenny Aitchison - NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture - providing information on the dog audits and ACA's position on the matter - as per request by telephone.</p> <p>* Shooters Fishers & Farmers Party Ministers & Local Members for both Houses as well as Labor Party's - Jenny Aitchison & Mick Veitch - advising of proposed amendment to definition of an animal trade in POCTAA as well as copies of 8 case studies of Notices Of Compliance issued for frivolous non-applicable breaches of compliance. Also attached</p> <p>ACA's response to proposed Penalties in NSW for Animal Cruelty</p> <p>* Phil Donato - Shooters Fishers & Farmers - response to request for further information about case studies, and dog audits.</p> <p>* Anneliese Oldcastle - ACA Legal advisor - several communications to resolve and finalise position to be taken with the re-defining of an animal trade, suggested documentation & responses to Ministers Office.</p> <p>* Mark Banasiak - Shooter Fishers & Farmers - email outlining the history of the Native Wildlife Licensing Review in NSW seeking assistance to pursue Minister Kean via Budget Estimates testimony.</p> <p>* Email to NSW Minister for Agriculture's Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Advisor, Chief Animal Welfare Officer, Director Strategic Projects - Animal Welfare Action Plan (DPI) and Deputy General Counsel NSW Legal Counsel to provide ACA's original definitions & explanations of an animal trade.</p> <p>* Email to Shooters Fishers & Farmers with Supplementary Questions for NSW Environment Minister Matt Kean asking to explain the delay in implementing the Native Wildlife License Review. Copied to Shadow Minister Environment & other Labor Ministers.</p> <p>* Email to Jenny Aitchison NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture with Supplementary Questions for NSW Agriculture Minister Adam Marshall asking for confirmation of a new definition of animal trade and other related matters. Copied to Shooters Fishers & Farmers</p>
5	Incoming Corro	<p>* Agriculture Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions - acknowledging further information relating to change of Planning Law definitions needed.</p> <p>* Jenny Aitchison - NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture - acknowledging receipt of information relating to the current dog audits. Jenny was unsure of the exact issue and requested insight.</p> <p>* Phil Donato & Mark Banasiak - Shooters Fishers & Farmers - acknowledging</p>

		<p>receipt of information relating to the current dog audits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mark Banasiak - Shooters Fishers & Farmers - providing contact details for SFFP Victoria and also confirming his referral to them on our behalf. Mark Banasiak - Shooters Fishers & Farmers - acknowledging receipt of first draft for amendment to POCTAA of an animal trade definition * Phil Donato - Shooters Fishers & Farmers - seeking further information as follow-up to dog audit issue. * Pets and Animal Welfare Animal Welfare Victoria - Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions - confirming the matter with Planning Law definitions in Victoria IS NOT a welfare issue and needs to be pursued with the Planning Ministers office. * Jenny Aitchison - NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture - Agriculture and Western Sydney portfolio was the subject of the Budget Estimates by Portfolio Committee 4 of the Legislative Council - seeking Supplementary Questions for Adam Marshall to respond. * The Working Gundog Association of Australia WGAA - implying support of our efforts to have dog audits ceased however also implying that this is the responsibility of Australian National Kennel Club & Dogs NSW. * Mhairi Roberts Policy and Advocacy Manager - RSPCA Vic - scheduling first meeting for 2021 * Jim Jeffrey - National Discipline Chairman SSAA Working Gundogs – acknowledging ACA reply to previous correspondence - requesting to be updated. * Victorian Parliament Mail - response to request for Wildlife Exhibitor Funding/Assistance - confirming Grants had been provided. NB: This is response to our communications from May 2020. * Steve Coleman - CEO RSPCA NSW - cancelling all 2021 meetings * Statutory Review of NSW Strata Schemes Laws - advising an extension of one month for Strata Review responses as well as addition of a survey directly relating to pets kept in strata. * Helen Toovey - ACA Cat Representative - resignation due to ill health * Anneliese Oldcastle - ACA Legal advisor - several communications to resolve and finalise position to be taken with the re-defining of an animal trade, suggested documentation & responses to Ministers Office. * Australia Post - PO Box Renewal due 31/3/2021 at cost of \$136.00
6	Meetings / Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 26/2/21 – Adam Marshall’s staff & legal counsel – definition of animal trade hasn’t been rejected, but needs further work. * 19/4/21 - Meeting with RSPCA VIC scheduled
7	Membership	<p>Supporters:</p> <p>Sina Castiglione Sue Evans Margaret Aldous Joanne Haygan Sandra O’Neill Kerrie Miller Claire Watson Julie McGrath John Wade Carol Dawson Hillview Kennels Tom Kolovos Chris Darwen Letisha Pelchen Sandra Himsley Allison Norman Ichi Go Stunts Lyndy Morris Diana Thomsen Donna Furlonger Rebecca Saleh Deb Willett Miriam O’Callaghan Michelle Tunbridge Kathy Potts Jamie Grech Nicole McKenzie Jody Lalor Claire Diiorio Sharon Black Sandy Evans Careerhouse Tanyia Richards Donna Williams Patricia Evans Kim Davidson Julie Henville Shane Brinkworth Helen Frew Kristin Carroll Wendy Slatyer Helen Schleijsper Cathy Vaughan Beverly Jones Pet Care Associates (90+ affiliates)</p>

8	General Business	<p>* Draft policy wording - "The ACA Committee currently opposes all random audits of animal hobbyists by state appointed officers"</p> <p>- ACA does not support compulsory compliance audits unless it is part of an Associations membership rules</p> <p>* Discussions on how those not meeting requirements would be caught & idea's captured were:</p> <p>- RSPCA having a Welfare Officer team & their focus would be to improve welfare for animals in commercial & non commercial breeders to specific requirements for each</p> <p>- DPI to take over the compliance checks to Code of Practice as they do this for other Codes/Species</p> <p>* Nomination of Michelle Grayson as Cat Delegate by Helen Toovey – unanimous approval from committee members present</p>
13	Actions	NIL
14	Meeting Closed	10.32pm

Species Reports

Birds

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- RSPCA NSW compliance audits

The RSPCA NSW inspectorate was tasked by Minister for Agriculture, Adam Marshall to crackdown on puppy factories. Significant additional funding was provided to RSPCA NSW for this task late in 2020. RSPCA NSW employed 6 additional inspectors.

The Minister's task force was renamed by RSPCA NSW from "Puppy Farm Taskforce" to "Breeder Compliance Unit". This renaming succinctly summarises the issue. RSPCA NSW inspectorate holds the view that anyone who has bred a puppy in the last 3 years is subject to a compulsory compliance audit. These audits are being performed based on a code of practice designed for commercial breeders of dogs and cats.

ACA identified the definition of animal trade in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act 1979 (POCTAA) as the issue. ACA obtained legal advice indicating many of the audits were potentially unlawful. ACA is working with government to redefine animal trade to better distinguish between hobbyist and business. This redefinition is important for all who keep and breed animals, including aviculturists. ACA has submitted 3 versions of an amendment to the Minister. Shooters Fishers Farmers Party (SFFP) MP Mark Banasiak (with support of Labor and others) will move a final version of the amendment in the upper house during the session commencing March 16 2021.

- Wollondilly council DA for hobbyist animal breeders matter

Overzealous council officers are wishing to interpret the term commercial too broadly such that any animal breeder (including birds) must obtain development approval. Cr Judith Hannan will move that no such overregulation occurs. I am advising and will attend the public forum on March 9 2021 at Wollondilly Council Chambers at Picton from 6.30pm to ensure the matter is swiftly resolved.

- NSW Native Animal Licensing

Further to our February meeting – current licensing conditions do NOT currently permit the use of the current NPWS online record system as detailed in clause 5 and 6.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/.../maintain-a-licence>

5. The licensee shall keep at the nominated premises, a true and accurate record in the native animal keeper record book supplied, for each of the holder's acquisitions (including native animals bred – see below) and disposals (including death and escape) of native animals. The record shall be completed in accordance with the instructions contained in the native animal keeper record book.

6. The record referred to in condition 5, shall be made in the native animal keeper record book immediately following each acquisition or disposal. In the case of native animals bred by the licensee, the record is to be completed within 7

days of birth or hatching for reptiles and mammals. For birds, the record shall be made within 7 days from fledgling. For amphibians, the record shall be made within 7 days of resorption of the tadpole's tail.

CCBFA could give consideration to recommending members do NOT use the NSW NPWS online system until the reforms to licensing CCBFA has recommended are implemented. The reforms include updates to licence conditions that enable use of a suitable NPWS online record keeping system.

- Bird Sale CoP draft comments

Bruce Goleby has draft edits to include all wire show cages for larger parrots.

The meeting discussed the no open air venue proposed standard S2.2. Those affected will work on possible solutions to present to the May meeting. It is critical that all clubs are in agreement with the code prior to implementation. This is the way to ensure we can continue to self-regulate this aspect of aviculture thus avoiding forced regulation from government. We aim to have the final code agreed to later this year, and widely known and distributed prior to implementation for 2022.

- Parrot Exports – KPMG review

KPMG's Independent Review into the regulation of the export of native and exotic birds (KPMG Review), commissioned by the federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment was completed in December 2020. The KPMG Review is here...<https://www.environment.gov.au/.../kpmg-native-and-exotic...>

The KPMG Review, to which I provided evidence, was released to the media mid-February and was followed by outrageous reports in the Guardian and other media that have little resemblance to the recommendations within the review. Federal environment Minister Sussan Ley appears to have been influenced by these media reports on this matter. CCBFA continues to promote a sensible import/export system to minimise illegal smuggling and poaching.

We are pleased with Recommendation 8 of the KPMG review which aims to introduce our suggested blood spot parentage DNA tests to prove birds for export are captive bred.

Please refer to my letter to Federal Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley MP dated 23/02/21, emailed to all clubs and found on our website at the following URL... <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/.../ccbfa-minister-letter-230221...>

The above letter to the Minister is in response to the KPMG Review and also to the Minister's words quoted by the media. The letter was read out in full by me (Sam Davis) during our March CCBFA meeting.

In response to this letter Daniel Gowland of PRIAM published an email to numerous recipients, including journalists. Lloyd Marshall then republished much of the Daniel Gowland email together with further comment in his March edition of Talking Birds.

CCBFA has been made aware by a number of our affiliate clubs that Lloyd Marshall subsequently sent an email concerning the matter to an unknown number of CCBFA affiliated clubs.

I consider both the Daniel Gowland email and the Lloyd Marshall published text to be defamatory to me personally in a range of areas. The matter is now in the hands of my solicitor who has sent a "Concern Notice" under the Defamation Act 2005 to both the Gowlands/PRIAM and Lloyd Marshall t/a Talking Birds magazine. Currently we await suitable offers to make amends. Claims of club's being involved in protracted legal action are nothing more than sensationalism. CCBFA or I personally have received no letters indicating litigation.

I stand by all my comments and assertions made in my letter to Minister Sussan Ley MP dated 23/2/21. I hold substantive documentary evidence to support all claims made in this letter. Might I reiterate, the purpose of my original letter was to strongly state my (and CCBFA's) ongoing frustration that media

outlets continue to denigrate the legal export of captive bred birds which then influences public and political opinion to the detriment of the work I and CCBFA are engaged in to stamp out illegal poaching and smuggling.

Further to the ACTP matter (and in the hope it will be put to rest) I humbly request all carefully consider the following statement reproduced from the outcomes summary of the 5/9/2019 Workshop on Live Native Bird Exports for Exhibition. The last session of the day included a short presentation and discussion from Monica Collins – Chief Compliance officer from the Department of Environment and Energy. Ms Collins provided an overview of the compliance activities and

outcomes undertaken by the Department before specifically addressing allegations regarding native bird exports for the Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots (ACTP)¹.

Ms Collins stated that the Department has considered each of the eight allegations as they have been received, and to date has found no evidence to support the allegations. As part of this process, in February 2019 the Office of Compliance requested information from German authorities, facilitated by Australian and German INTERPOL National Central Bureaus, regarding the possible sale of Australian native birds by ACTP. On 12 May 2019, the Brandenburg Land Criminal Police Office and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation confirmed that all birds in question are still under the control of ACTP.

¹ ACTP is a registered zoo and not for profit organisation under German law.

“...no evidence to support the allegations” and the KPMG review (apart from the 2 trivialities addressed in my letter) also found no evidence.

CCBFA acknowledges there are deficiencies in the current system of proving native birds intended for export are captive bred. To be clear, CCBFA supports the introduction of economical DNA tests using blood spots from the captive parents and from the birds to be exported. DNA testing proves parentage which proves that the birds are captive bred. We are pleased the KPMG review recommends such a system.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/05/21

Committee Meeting 10th May 2021

Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting Date: 10 May 2021 Time: 7.45pm to 9.50pm	
Attendees	Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies	Sue Kowalczyk
Agenda topics	

ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.45pm
2	Prev Minutes	Minutes from 10/3/2021 accepted as correct by all present
3	Matters Arising	
4	Treasurer's Report	Balance: \$4,587.42 Aust Post PO Box renewal of \$136 was DONATED and paid for by Michelle Grayson The NSW GIPA Application of \$30 was DONATED and paid for by Michael Donnelly
5	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12th March: Correspondence sent to all NSW Ministers assisting with the Redefinition of Animal Trades in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 providing updated definition preferences and background information. - 17th March: Email to Jenny Aitchison NSW Shadow Minister Primary Industries advising of suggested alterations to POCTA Amendment Bill removing animal trading of dogs & cats from schedule 2 of the Regulations - 18th March: Acknowledgement to Jackson Busse Chief of Staff for Minister Marshall for his update on our proposals presented to the Minister, and for the opportunity to meet the Minister. - 29th March: QLD Land transport of horses – consultation on Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines - submission sent. - 30th March: Response to phone chat with Kim Filmer - Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW DPI - forwarded copies of comments and suggested amendments for Breeding Dogs & Cats Code of Practice. Amendments supplied by Kylie & Michelle - Dog & Cat Reps. - 7th April: Statutory Review of the NSW Strata schemes Laws_submission sent.
6	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11th March: Confirmation received for meeting with Adam Marshall - Minister for Primary Industries NSW. - 29th March: Notification of Assistance Animals - A Nationally Consistent Approach – received - 30th March: Acknowledgement of GIPA application - 7th April: Notification of review of the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 (the ACPA) - QLD. - 7th April: Receipt of Strata Review submission NSW - 11th April: Request for feedback on proposal to develop national skills standards for Companion Animal Incident Management from Skills Impact. - 15th April: Agreement to postpone meeting with RSPCA VIC due to insufficient

		<p>matters to discuss. Meeting to be re-scheduled at a time to be decided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16th April: Meeting dates with RSPCA QLD received and confirmed. Dates to be: 20th April, 19th July, 18th October 2021 and 17th January 2022. - 16th April: Thank you receipt from Tess Vickery - Animal Justice Party acknowledging ACA's Strata Review submission and thanking for our support. - 29th April: Notification of the Review of the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975 received. - 29th April: Response from GIPA Application - some requested reports provided successfully. ACA notes there appears to be missing document/correspondence requested but not provided. - 29th April: Engagement Report released - proposals for new animal welfare Act VIC - received.
7	Meetings / Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting was held 27th April with Darren Meir CEO RSPCA Qld - Meeting scheduled Tues 11th May with Pet Care Advocates. ACA has been invited to contribute to PCA's development of a Code of Practice for their members/organisation. Kylie & Michelle both were invited and will be attending/contributing throughout the process. - Meeting with Adam Marshall - Minister for Primary Industries NSW - 16th March
8	Membership	<p>Supporters:</p> <p>Anne Durrant Leoney Prichard Clare King Michelle Bryant Judy Russell Diane Rose Peta Griffiths Mandy Holmes Sherree Mostert Lois Evans Anne Jones Juanita Marchesani Belinda Bardot Sue Wollard Sharon Jeffries Suzy Whymark Lee Edwards Elaine Soane Danielle Mair</p>
9	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payment Approvals: Domain & website hosting renewal: \$120 & Renewal of Zoom subscription: \$209.90 – both payments approved committee in attendance. - Upcoming Welfare & Wildlife Act Reviews: Everyone to provide feedback. - Constitution: Each person to spend 1 week reviewing the document & providing suggestions or comments. - Succession Planning: Representatives to start attending meetings (rather than just Michael & Sam). - Consideration to be given to have a campaign person to work on small projects
10	Actions	NIL
11	Other	No General Meeting as there were not RSVP's from members/supporters outside the Committee.
12	Meeting Closed	9.50pm

Species Reports

Native Mammals: I have requested input from the Marsupial Society (Vic) to the review of the Wildlife Act in Victoria. MS were unaware of the review and appreciated the heads-up. Will follow-up before the deadline.

Small Mammals: New development with the RHDV Rabbit vaccine. It is however a very sensitive and confidential subject. Brief update provided but no timeline/plan etc has been discussed.

Cats - a few whispers of things coming through about some councils in NSW & QLD looking to limit the number of cats you can have (both as pets & breeders). Also a cat breeder in ACT has been pulled up for not meeting certain sections of the ACT Domestic Animal Act for not having required permits & to get the permits will cost approx. \$1k. Working on getting more specific info.

Dogs: Planning Act capping the number of 5 animals on your property. Ombudsman believes that nothing can be done

against the Minister who is refusing to act. Two level approach – continue to contact Minister as well as campaigning at lower level to write to their members.

Birds: Local laws in place (one for what you can do without a permit and the second what you can have if you have permit). In specific case, the council didn't have the second policy so there was no way to have more than the set number.

"Model" by-laws don't give any guidance on pricing for permits or how to set them.


Horse: Continuing to work on various things

Minutes Accepted and approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael Donnelly – Chair 12/07/21

General Meeting 12th July 2021

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc</h2> <p>Date: 12th July 2021 Time 7.30pm</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		Sue Kowalczyk
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Prev Minutes	Accepted by all present
3	Matters Arising	<p>Meeting Updates:</p> <p>June 22nd – Impound Act Review with Office of Local Govt – attended by Karri. See Reports annexure attached</p> <p>June 30th – Kim Filmer to discuss Breeding COP Review. See Reports annexure attached</p>
4	Treasurer	Current balance: \$4,245.45 Website hosting bills paid. Approval provided for payment of Domain Renewal: \$59.85 - NB renewing 3 domain names. animalcareaustralia.org.au; animalcareaustralia.net.au & animalcareaustralia.com.au
5	Species Updates	See Species Reports annexure attached
6	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st June - Submission to Victoria's Taskforce on Rehoming of Pets 21st June - Correspondence to Victorian Grants Minister Thomas - outlining our disappointment in funding being given to Shelters with no allocation of funding for education of public on responsible pet ownership. 27th June - Request to PIRSA to ensure ACA is included in Review of Veterinary Act Review (SA) 30th June - Media release - Victoria Braces for animal welfare crisis.
7	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27th May - Notification received for Taskforce into Rehoming of Pets in Shelters 27th May - Notification of NSW Impound Act Review meeting to be held 22nd June 15th June - received NSW Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 4 - Industry entitled Use of exotic animals in circuses and the exhibition of cetaceans in New South Wales. Report from NSW Govt. 23rd June - acknowledgement from Lisa Munday MLA, Member for Dawesville of receipt of email communication to all Members of the WA Parliament relating to WA Stop Puppy Farm Legislation. 24th June - request to meet with Review Panel for NSW Pets in Strata Legislation. 24th June 2021 - response received from Senior Policy Officer - NSW Office of Local Government acknowledging ACA's feedback to the changes for the NSW Impound Act and meeting attended by ACA's Horse & Livestock Representative.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th June 2021 - received confirmation of GIPA follow-up and advise from Regulatory Officer Information and Privacy Commission NSW that they would be pursuing our claim for further information and advised that process would take up to 40 working days. 28th June - acknowledgement of receipt of ACA's submission to Vic Wildlife Act Review
8	Membership	Supporters: Teresa Wolfe Rebecca Green
9	Website & Social Media	
10	General Business	Discussion on applications received for President's Assistant position. Committee felt applicants were not suited to the role.
11	Actions	MD to advise applicants of unsuitability.

Reports:

Impound Act Review meeting with Office of Local Government

Office of Local Government NSW Stock impounding review Stakeholder workshop just concluded and it was quite promising. Most attendees were LLS, and council representatives such as rangers, with us and RSPCA representing welfare (I'm not sure if AWL had a rep as they were not mentioned). No animal rights groups were invited

We were the only organisation present representing animal owners and not the impounders.

The direction of the Act review is supporting all of our recommendations in our submission:

- review the Act in line with current community expectations, and develop separate Guidelines under the Act
- increase education of animal owners,
- review penalties and rewards.

- There was a lot of discussion about establishing council owned pounds, that could be used as impounding space for non-animal property as well. Some rural areas do not have pound within a couple of hours drive, and the Act does not allow them to agist the animals either, which adds to their costs and woes.

- Definitions of Animal, Abandoned and the powers of impounding officers are currently vague and need clear definitions. Nothing was raised that I feel we need to be concerned about, or act on urgently. The review is continuing for another 12 months or so, and there will be further opportunities to provide input before the final version is released.

****Conflicts with other Acts will be an issue that we will need to be conscious of and check for species specific conflicts.****

Education of animal owners and how to do it was a question that was asked, and supported, but no one offered any practical solutions, so I spoke up and referred to the suggestions in our submission, incl using social media to reach non-english speaking communities. This was well received.

There was almost no awareness of the Horse Traceability Register discussions, and when the discussion about how to identify horse owners arose, I was able to fill them in on the current progress with that.

Overall very positive, and the discussion fit in perfectly with our submission, so we were regarded quite favourably. 😊

Some of my notes that came from this for us to be aware of:

- Councils primary concerns with impounding animals is 1) the risk to public (and council employee) safety, and 2) the cost of keeping animals while meeting welfare standards until owners are identified/located or court proceedings end.

Biosecurity conflicts (councils don't possess the paperwork to sell animals for slaughter) was a primary issue, and the high cost of keeping horses fed and housed were the main complaints.

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- Impounding officers have no real powers under the Impoundment Act, like POCTAA does. Companion animals are covered under POCTAA, and were not of real concern under the impoundment act. Stray and free roaming cats were discussed (the act specifies impoundment of "Unattended animals"), yet, strangely, roaming dogs were not mentioned...
 - It is currently cheaper for owners of impounded livestock to deny ownership/not reclaim them. They wait for them to go to saleyards, and then buy them back, which is cheaper than paying impounding fees and penalties, which puts a burden on councils who have to wait for holding times etc to process the animals at their expense. One council held a group of neglected horses for over 12 months at a cost of over \$120,000 waiting for the court process and they were not compensated.
 - The Act is likely to have a new name focussed on desired Outcomes rather than Processes - 2 suggestions are Cleaner Public Spaces Act (doesn't reflect animals - this act includes abandoned vehicles, trailers, shopping trolleys, and private property) or the Responsible Animal Ownership Act (doesn't describe the property impoundment) - they need name suggestions!
 - POCTAA is being reviewed by the same dept so they don't anticipate any conflicts
 - Definitions are required for what animals are included in this Act (currently its "hooved animals" which excludes a large number of livestock such as alpacas and emus, and the LLS definition (image screenshot) was proposed to replace it.)
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACA:

Fairfield Council raised issues with found/abandoned Birds and exotic reptiles and not knowing who to contact, as they are not currently included in the impounding act, nor POCTAA. They are concerned they are open to legal action if they take responsibility for these animals and sell them on or euthanise them (several expensive parrots were used as the example) - several other councils supported this as a ongoing issue that they feel is neglected as RSPCA refuse to take the animals as well.

There's a real opportunity here for ACA to provide guidance/resources on what to do with these animals, and help us to develop positive relationships with more councils before they make other dumb animal proposals. I was able to briefly describe the conflicts between Acts, animal enforcement agencies and bird and reptile clubs who are willing to help and that this was an opportunity to repair those gaps and this is something ACA should definitely follow up on.

This then lead to a discussion about lack of cooperation between agencies to assist in animal emergencies (as the impounding officers have no powers to force them, RMS refuse to assist with traffic control when animals are on motorways, for example, creating an OHS issue for council staff and a welfare issue for the animals involved). This is what lead to the horse that was hit by 2 vehicles in 2 separate councils 5km apart last week.

This is definitely an issue we need to start addressing in future submissions for everything, really - interdepartmental and agency cooperation is a big part of the problem from what was described today.

NSW Breeding Dogs & Cats Code of Practice under Review – meeting with Kim Filmer

Meeting was very positive. Kim needs ACA to respond to the Standards highlighted in a table (which has been sent to Michelle & Kylie) and I've received their feedback from that. The meeting today has highlighted that we will need to expand on the responses to cover some specific areas of concern - such as what is the definition of 'enclosure' - currently missing from the COP. Also see whether we can find more suitable wording for 'staff' and 'facility' and so on.

A couple of notable points from today:

This is just a quick fix (band aid) to the current COP. A full review of the COP will still occur some point in 2023.

The RSPCA is currently undergoing an audit of their inspectorate practices and methods with the view to streamlining and bringing all inspectors into the one procedural process of carrying out inspections, which includes an automatic (via Ipad) reporting system for breaches and notifications of what is required to be fixed. This is then provided to the breeder (in writing) so that they can follow up on those things requiring correction.

Kim made it very clear that she will be watching how this revised version of the COP goes moving forward and whether it fixes the issues or not.

We were invited to provide re-written versions of the 'problematic' Standards as part of this consultation should we wish to take our consultation response in that direction.

It is still the intention to release the new combined Welfare Act before the end of this year. The regulations will be reviewed next year - followed by the COP's.

So moving forward from here ... Kylie & Michelle have provided their comments to me of the table and I will combine those and then send that to everyone for review.

Following that I would like for Michelle, Kylie, and myself to have a zoom meeting within the week and go through that combined document as well as to discuss the use and context of the words 'staff', 'facility', 'enclosure' and one that Kim used today ... 'carer'.

During that meeting we should also discuss the opportunity to provide a new version of the current Standards and whether that might work for us.

Once that meeting is done, I will then formulate a full response to Kim.

Species Reports:

Native Mammals: ACA submitted to the Victorian Wildlife Act Review. Liased with Marsupial Society of Victoria to engage their perspective

Cats: OLG have a new Pet Registry prototype that is ready to be tested by selected breeders.

Birds:

Queensland Council's bird and other animal numbers issue

ACA will draft model local law tables and then lobby Qld state government to have these included in the model local law documents. The aim is to correct the issue for all Qld councils. Currently many councils have local laws restricting keeping of a range of species (not just birds) to ridiculously low numbers and then a permit for higher numbers - in some cases the permit fees are exorbitant.

Victoria Review of the Wildlife Act 1975 - Native Animal Licensing

An initial meeting with some of the expert panel was held on 28/5/2021 via video conference. Was great to have a number of bird representative bodies present including NFSA, VAC and CCBFA. The meeting was very positive, I'm confident the panel heard and will consider our situation.

The 3 main points we are pushing are as follows.

1. Remove all common species from licencing as has occurred in Qld and will occur in NSW and ACT.
2. Create an avicultural advisory/consultative committee.
3. Ensure animal welfare matters are dealt with by animal welfare Victoria, and hence are excluded from the Wildlife Act review process.

Our full submission is on our website at the following link. Many thanks to all who contributed and supplied feedback.

<https://www.ccbfa.org.au/.../ccbfa-vic-wildlife-act-1975...>

NSW Native Animal Licensing

On 28/5/21 we were given a commitment by the NSW NPWS Director of Conservation that an update would be provided within 2 weeks. No update was forthcoming. On 30/6/21 I emailed the Director again requesting the update and included the Minister's Chief of Staff in the email. In this email I requested the Minister proceed with the regulation change to remove common species from licence as has been agreed by all parties, as follows.

This means the following AGREED 32 species move to the exempt list in Reg 2.22 here -

<http://classic.austlii.edu.au/.../bcr2017400/s2.22.html>

CCBFA is in contact with the vast majority of affected class 1 licence holders and we are more than happy to inform the bird keeping (and wider community) the change has occurred - there is no need for NPWS to incur any costs whatsoever.

1. Barnardius zonarius Mallee ringneck, Cloncurry parrot
2. Columba leucomela White-headed pigeon

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3. *Geophaps plumifera* Spinifex pigeon
 4. *Geophaps scripta* Squatter pigeon
 5. *Glossopsitta porphyrocephala* Purple-crowned lorikeet
 6. *Glossopsitta pusilla* Little lorikeet
 7. *Heteromunia pectoralis* Pictorella mannikin
 8. *Lonchura castaneothorax* Chestnut-breasted mannikin
 9. *Lonchura flaviprymna* Yellow-rumped mannikin
 10. *Neochmia modesta* Plum-headed finch
 11. *Neochmia phaeton* Crimson finch
 12. *Neochmia temporalis* Red-browed finch
 13. *Neophema chrysostoma* Blue-winged parrot
 14. *Neophema petrophila* Rock parrot
 15. *Neophema pulchella* Turquoise parrot
 16. *Northiella haematogaster* Blue bonnet, Naretha blue bonnet
 17. *Phaps elegans* Brush bronzewing
 18. *Phaps histrionica* Flock bronzewing
 19. *Platycercus caledonicus* Green rosella
 20. *Platycercus elegans* Crimson rosella
 21. *Platycercus venustus* Northern rosella
 22. *Poephila acuticauda* Long-tailed finch
 23. *Poephila cincta* Black-throated finch
 24. *Poephila personata* Masked finch
 25. *Polytelis anthopeplus* Regent parrot
 26. *Polytelis swainsonii* Superb parrot
 27. *Psephotus chrysopterygius* Golden-shouldered parrot
 28. *Psephotus varius* Mulga parrot
 29. *Psitteteles versicolor* Varied lorikeet
 30. *Stagonopleura guttata* Diamond firetail
 31. *Taeniopygia bichenovii* Double-barred finch
 32. *Turnix melanogaster* Black-breasted button quail

Later in the afternoon of 30/6/21 I received a reply from Atticus Fleming who is the Deputy Secretary of NSW NPWS (he is in charge of NPWS). Atticus indicated a brief would be on his desk by the end of the week and with the Minister shortly after.

We await further progress.

NSW Bird Sale CoP - Vote

Clubs have now had a further 2 months to review the second draft and there has been no further edits suggested.

Motion:

That CCBFA affiliate clubs endorse the current draft as the new “NSW Bird Sale and Auctions Code of Practice (Standards and Guidelines)” with implementation from 1st September 2022.

Moved:

Seconded:

A list of species permitted to be sold in wire cages and not permitted to be sold in wire cages is being finalised. This list will be on the CCBFA website and accessible via QR code. A footnote to S4.7 will direct users to this list.

CCBFA will now...

1. Contact all clubs to determine the number of copies each requires.

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2. Print copies of the code and distribute to clubs to distribute to their members and at sales.
 3. Create a QR code for easy access to the complete code via smart phones.
 4. Design and print A3 signage for club use to promote the new code at events.

USA Exports – CITES, Goldfinches and other species

The Ukraine has approached CITES to list a number of their native species under Appendix III of the convention. The only species of significance to Australia is the Goldfinch, which is currently exported in significant number from Australia to the USA.

CITES Appendix III species require a permit to be issued from the source country stating that the birds are from a legal source. No CITES documentation is required at the receiving end. We have uncovered that this is not the case for Appendix III species birds entering the USA, however there is a list of a number of our native parrots including Rosellas that are on an exempt list and therefore are able to enter the USA.


I am assisting Canberra who are speaking with their USA counterparts to resolve the matter. CCBFA is assisting as it has consequences for exporting birds more generally to the USA.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 09/08/21

Committee Meeting 9th August 2021

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc</h2> <p>Date: 9th August 2021 Time 7.30pm</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		Sue Kowalczyk
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Prev Minutes	Accepted by all present
3	Matters Arising	<p>Meeting Updates: Meeting with Kim Filmer - Chief Animal Welfare Officer - NSW DPI - Wednesday 11th August to discuss the Animal Welfare Review Discussion Paper. We provided some feedback on the key points the Committee discussed on Monday night - and most were acknowledged and accepted. What was highlighted to us today is the passing of a motion made by Mark Banasiak in Parliament requiring an Inquiry in to the compliance organisations be held annually. Note this motion was passed without the support of the Liberal/National Party. There will be a further opportunity to review the proposed Act in it's draft form, and the new Act is still required to be presented to Parliament before the end of 2021.</p>
4	Treasurer	Current Balance - \$4600.14
5	Species Updates	Native Mammals: Marsupial Society (Victoria) has had to changed its website details to marsupialsaustralia.org after losing its domain to person/s unknown.
6	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th July 2021 - ACA submission to revision of NSW Breeding Dogs & Cats Code of Practice. 26th July 2021 - to Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW DPI - requesting information for dog & cat grooming to continue (under essential welfare requirements) during NSW Covid lock down.
7	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th July 2021 - receipt of ACA's response to revision of NSW Breeding Code of Practice for Dogs & Cats. 19th July 2021 - GIPA request issued to an Investigative Officer - advising a reply to be received by no later than 10th September 2021 21st July 2021 - NSW Better Regulation Office - advised ACA's feedback on legislative changes to the Pets in Strata legislation would be recommended as part of the legislative update.


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th July 2021 - Matthew Crane, NSW DPI - correspondence received confirming dog & cat grooming is permitted in NSW during lock down - with criteria set out. • 3rd August 2021 - Chief Animal Welfare Officer - NSW DPI - release of the Animal Welfare Review Discussion Paper seeking consultation & feedback. • 5th August 2021 - PetPals Directory founder - Rebecca Green providing proofs for new pet directory website with support of ACA and links to ACA website etc.
8	Membership	Supporters: Rebecca Green Ebby's Greys Rosemary Magro Border River Pet Resort
9	Website & Social Media	
10	General Business	Discussion on applications received for President's Assistant position. Committee felt applicants were not suited to the role.
11	Actions	Karri, Rachel & Sam to continue review of ACA Constitution

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 13/09/21

General Meeting 13th September 2021

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc</h2> <p>Date: 13th September 2021 Time 7.30pm</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		Sue Kowalczyk
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Prev Minutes	Accepted by all present
3	Matters Arising	<p>Meeting Updates:</p> <p>Meetings held with: Mick Veitch - Shadow Minister for Agriculture; Mark Banasiak - Shooters Fishers & Farmers Party; and Emma Hurst - Animal Justice Party to discuss overview of Discussion Paper. Main highlights - ALP & AJP support a change of compliance organisations under a different department - all 3 support greater accountability of compliance organisations. All 3 support the Act should not be presented without the Regulations, SFFP want the current Discussion Paper thrown out and started again. AJP want to remove the ability of a judge to consider the probability of an abuser to keep their animals when issuing an interim disqualification and also question the length of statutory limitations. SFFP question wording surrounding organisations that can be compliance organisations stating it allows for ARE to join those ranks.</p> <p>Meeting held with Adam Marshall's (NSW Minister for Agriculture) new Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to introduce ACA and outline concerns with the NSW Discussion Paper.</p>
4	Treasurer	<p>Balance: \$5,110.03</p> <p>Invoice received 10th September from CML Lawyers value: \$1000 - for costs of representation & legal advice during NSW Dog Audits. This cost donated by ACA member who wishes to remain anonymous. Committee approved payment of invoice.</p>
5	Species Updates	Native Mammals: Advice received from Victoria that new netting legislation protecting native wildlife to come into effect from Wed 8th September. Netting now must be finer with smaller gauge to prevent trapping.
6	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th August - request to Office of NSW Agriculture Minister to meet with new Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor • 11th August - request to meet with Mick Veitch, NSW Shadow Minister Agriculture & Mark Banasiak Shooters Fishers & Farmers Party to discuss the Welfare Act Discussion Paper. • 25th August - email to Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer, highlighting confirmation and concern over an audit on a cattery during lockdown.


7	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th August - David Haslett - Compliance & Licensing NSW DPI - provided links to the NSW Government licensing and fees rebate program for exhibited animal keepers etc • 12th August - Information and Privacy Commission NSW - advising our appeal against information previously provided by DPIE was insufficient was FOUNDED and ordering DPIE to provide additional documentation. • 16th August - Mary-Anne Thomas MP Victoria - acknowledging request by Kylie (ACA Dog Rep) for assistance with getting grooming included as an essential service in Victoria. • 19th August - Advice received from NSW Better Regulation Department of Customer Service, confirming new laws governing the keeping of animals in strata schemes in NSW will come into effect on 24 August 2021. • 24th August - advice received from Mary-Anne.Thomas MP Victoria - quoting the current restrictions in Victoria with no offer of further assistance • 24th August - Bernard Bratusa, Chief of Staff Office of the Hon Adam Marshall MP NSW, acknowledging concerns raised about the Discussion Paper and providing assurances on review of definition of premises/dwelling as well as power of entry by compliance officers. • 25th August - Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer, NSW DPI acknowledgement of issue concerning a cattery being audited by RSPCA during a lock down. Visit was not an audit and was a response to a complaint. No welfare issues were found and a follow. • 26th August - Susan Chandler Senior Advocacy Officer, Australian Veterinary Association response to Kylie's (ACA Dog Rep) communications requesting further information on AVA's position with the restrictions in Victoria. Response acknowledged AVA members are overloaded and they too were lobbying Vic Govt for additional groomers to be considered essential • 31st August - Tess Vickery, Office of the Hon. Emma Hurst MLC, Animal Justice Party - outlining changes needed to NSW legislation & Discussion Paper outlawing the possession & distribution of bestiality and crush videos. • 3rd September - Clem Harris Director Strategy and Policy, NSW DPI, responding to phone conversation outlining the concern raised by the SFFP that might allow ARE's to be considered as compliance organisations. • 3rd September - Department of Planning, Industry & Environment providing response to GIPA Review appeal. No additional document was provided to support the NPWS claim that Native Licensing was remaining status quo due to welfare concerns. • 10th September - Ethan Constantinou Shooters Fishers & Farmers Party Victoria providing link and announcement of ePetition to get grooming an essential service in Victoria
8	Membership	Supporters: Tom Scott

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 11/10/21

Committee Meeting 11th October 2021

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc</h2> <p>Date: 11th October 2021 Time 7.30pm</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		Sue Kowalczyk, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Prev Minutes	Accepted by all present
3	Matters Arising	Meeting Updates: Golden Plains Shire Council meeting to be held Tuesday 12th October 2021. Sam to attend & present.
4	Treasurer	Balance: \$6074.69 Payment of \$1000 made to Clark Macnamara Lawyers for legal advice during RSPCA dog audits. Donation of \$1000 received to cover those costs.
5	Species Updates	Birds - Proposed National Registration Scheme for Birds has been and remains the focus. Meetings with Canberra and correspondence continues continually to resolve the matter. ACA's submission is appreciated. CCBFA's submission and supportive documentation is here - https://www.ccbfa.org.au/submissions/
6	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th September 2021 - submission to the NSW Animal Welfare Discussion Paper. 17th September 2021 - submission to National Registration for birds 2021 21st September 2021 - email to Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Office NSW DPI - seeking further information relating to RSPCA Inspectors visiting dog owners in Shoalhaven area in order to book appointment for a compliance audit. ACA expressed concern with the necessity to do this in person during a Covid19 Lockdown. Note: Matter was responded to by phone call from Kim Filmer. This was then followed up with phone calls with Scott Myers, Chief Inspector RSPCA NSW.
7	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th September 2021 - acknowledgement of our submission to the NSW Animal Welfare Reform - Discussion Paper. 18th September 2021 - acknowledgement of our submission to National Registration for birds 2021


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th September 2021 - invitation to respond to and present at Golden Plains Shire Council meeting to be held Tuesday 12th October 2021. 8th October 2021 - receipt of Cease & Desist Notice from RSPCA NSW General Counsel - Kathryn Jurd, requiring ACA to remove post from FB page relating to RSPCA Oversight & Accountability. NB: Image on post was changed and meme was re-posted.
8	Membership	Supporters: The K9 Professionals, Wendy Culshaw, Megan Purtill, Michaella Bugges, Murray Macpherson, Claire Caplin.
9	Website & Social Media	
10	General Business	Discuss the Draft Council Animal Management Plan document. Zoom vs public meetings moving forward? Committee determined Zoom would continue to allow national access. AGM to be held 13 th December 2021
11	Actions	Species Reps to review Draft Council Animal Management Plan document and provide input

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 14/12/21

Annual General Meeting 13th December 2021

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc Annual General Meeting</h2> <p>Date: 13th December 2021 Time 7.30pm</p>
Attendees		Committee: Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Kylie Gilbert Guests: Sandra Mclean
Apologies		Sue Kowalczyk, Joanne Payne
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.30pm
2	Appointment of Chairperson	Appointed Michael Donnelly as Chairperson
3	Species Updates	Reports provided by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Birds -- Sam Davis 2. Cats – Michelle Grayson 3. Dogs – Kylie Gilbert 4. Exhibited – Noeline Cassettari 5. Horses – Karri Nadazdy 6. Native Mammals – Michael Donnelly 7. Reptiles – Joanne Payne 8. Small Mammals – Rachel Sydenham See Annual Report
4	Election of Committee	No other nominees for any positions. Current species delegates are re-elected.
5	Special Resolution	See appendix 1 for a copy of the Resolution moved by Michael Donnelly as proposed. Seconded by Karri Nadazdy Third by Sam Davis Unanimous decision to accept.
6	Election of Office-bearers	Reappointed as currently stands. Unanimous decision by all attendees President: Michael Donnelly Vice Pres: Sam Davis Secretary: Michelle Grayson Public Officer & Treasurer: Sue Kowalczyk
7	General Business	Committee members are now appointed for 3 years. First year to have rotational terms of service to commence the process.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael – President & Native Mammals: : 3 years term : No objections • Sam – Vice President & Birds: 2 years: No objections • Michelle – Secretary & Cats: 1 year : No objections • Karri - Horses: 3 years • Rachel - Small Mammals: 2 years • Kylie – Dogs: 1 year • Joanne - Reptiles: 1 year
8	AGM Closed	7.45pm

Appendix 1: Special Resolution 1

Michael Donnelly (ACA President) moves by Special Resolution that regarding the Constitution, the membership of Animal Care Australia adopt Version 3 which has been drafted and approved by ACA Committee 31st October 2021.

Rationale:

At the advice of NSW Department of Fair Trading, this resolution is to replace the entire constitution, rather than proceed through the cumbersome method of multiple resolutions to amend the existing version.

In brief:

The main points of amendments are as follows:

Definitions:

All member and representative positions have been updated to clearly define the different memberships and representative roles refeed to throughout the constitution.

Animal Species Organisation means a not-for-profit organisation representing the interests of trainers, keepers and/or breeders of captive animals of a particular species or group of species.

Animal Species Group means a group of member Animal Species Organisations who's interest is the same species or group of species.

Committee member means a member of the ACA Committee including Species Representatives and Office-bearers.

Delegate means a representative of a member Animal Species Organisation who is appointed by that organisation as their representative and votes on behalf of that Animal Species Organisation. Delegates must be 18 years of age or older

Member means an Animal Species Organisation that agrees and declares they will strive to abide by the ACA Mission Statement and promote the ACA Objectives that has been adopted by ACA.

Supporter is a person or business who supports ACA and does not have any voting rights.

These have been updated throughout the constitution.

8 Fees and Subscriptions:

Fee structure has been updated to reflect the different member and supporter levels:

- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), a member must pay to ACA an annual membership fee:

\$100.00 for Animal Species Organisations (not-for-profit) with 51 members or greater

\$ 25.00 for Animal Species Organisations (not-for-profit) with 50 or less members

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- (3) In addition, any animal-based business, group or individual that is approved by the ACA Committee as a Supporter must pay to ACA an annual supporter's donation:

\$100.00 for large supporting business/group

\$ 25.00 for small supporting business/group

\$ 10.00 for solo business or an individual supporter

or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.

14 Composition and membership of committee

The Committee is to consist of:

- (a) the office-bearers, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting under clause 15, and
- (b) at least 5 ordinary committee members, each of whom is the nominated Species Representative of an Animal Species Group and
- (c) optionally, one or more Committee appointed persons representing a group/profession who have a capability that adds value to ACA and its Objects. The initial groups/professions under this provision will be Educators and Veterinarians.

Note. Section 28 of the Act contains further requirements concerning eligibility for membership and composition of the committee.

- (2) The Committee shall determine the Animal Species Groups and which animal species or groups of animal species each Animal Species Group represents.
- (3) If an appointed Committee member is unable to act in that capacity at any meeting, a substitute committee member may be appointed by the Animal Species Group they represent, with notice given to the Secretary.
- (4) The office-bearers of Animal Care Australia are as follows:
 - (a) the President,
 - (b) the Vice-president,
 - (c) the Treasurer,
 - (d) the Secretary
 - (e) the Public Officer (where this person does not hold one of the above mentioned positions)
- (5) A Committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the offices of President and Vice-president).
- (6) The appointment term for both Species Representatives and officer-bearers is no less than 30 months and no more than 42 months.
- (7) There is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which a Species Representatives or office-bearer may hold office.
- (8) Each member of the Committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until immediately before the election of committee members at the annual general meeting following the date of the conclusion of their elected term.

15 Election of the Committee

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- (1) Each Animal Species Group may nominate one Species Representative to represent the interests of that Animal Species Group on all issues of discussion and determination to be appointed via election. Appointed Species Representatives will constitute the Committee members of ACA

Nominations of candidates for election as Ordinary Committee Members (Species Representatives) of the Association:

- (a) the candidate must be a financial member of an Animal Species Organisation which holds current ACA membership paid in full
 - (b) must be made submitted on the prescribed form by the candidate, signed by 2 financial members of the Animal Species Group being represented.
 - (c) current Committee members are deemed to have been re-nominated unless one or both of the members who originally nominated the Committee member is no longer a member or withdraws support in writing.
 - (d) must be delivered to the Secretary of ACA at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
 - (e) if there are insufficient members of a specific Animal Species Group to meet the requirements of 15.1(a), nominations will be accepted providing they are made in writing, signed by 2 existing Committee Members.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies of the office bearers, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
 - (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
 - (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
 - (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
 - (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers of the Committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in any usual and proper manner that the Committee directs.
 - (7) Committee members, once elected, nominate and vote for office-bearers.
 - (8) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of ACA must be a Supporter of ACA.
 - (9) A member of the Committee so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

Additional changes:

A number of grammatical errors were identified and have been corrected


References to 'member' have been updated to reflect the applicable new definition as outlined above.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 17/12/21

Committee Meeting 13th December 2021

		<h2>Animal Care Australia Inc</h2> <p>Date: 13th December 2021 Time 7.45pm</p>
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		Sue Kowalczyk, Joanne Payne
Agenda topics		
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Open	7.45pm
2	Prev Minutes	Accepted by all present
3	Matters Arising	<p>Inquiries & submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * NSW Breeders Licensing Scheme Issues Paper - Deadline 24th December 2021. * NSW Inquiry into the Animal Welfare Policy - Deadline 10th February 2022 * NSW Inquiry into Charitable Organisations - Deadline 24th February 2022 * NSW Select Committee on Puppy Farms - no time line <p>Meeting Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Meeting with Kim Filmer to discuss Breeders Licensing Scheme - Tuesday 14th December. * Meeting with NSW Labor MPs Mick Veitch (Shadow Agriculture) and Greg Warren (Shadow Office of Local Govt) to discuss AJP Puppy Farm Bill - 27th October 2021
4	Treasurer	Current Balance - \$6,612.37
5	Species Updates	See ACA Annual Report
6	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th October - email to Golden Plains Shire Council requesting a time for Sam to present to the Council. Response received by phone confirming his attendance. • 14th October - emails sent to Mark Banasiak (SFFP NSW) and Mick Veitch (NSW Labor) requesting meetings to discuss the AJP Puppy Farm Bill • 14th October - email sent to Greg Warren (NSW Labor) requesting meetings to discuss the AJP Puppy Farm Bill. • 14th October - email to John Grima - Pet Industry Association Australia advising of the AJP Puppy Farm Bill and requesting we chat. Phone conversations received in response. • 19th October - email to Steve Courtney, K9 Professionals acknowledging his email and offering assistance to establish a dog trainers association. • 25th October - email to NSW Labor Ministers, Mick Veitch & Greg Warren confirming meeting

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th October - email to Rev Fred Nile & Independent Justin Field requesting they do not support the AJP Puppy Farm Bill. • 8th November - ACA's Puppy Farm Booklet forwarded to Mark Banasiak & Mick Veitch to assist in their response to the reading of AJP Puppy Farm Bill • 17th November - request sent to Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW for data relating to the RSPCA NSW Puppy Farm Taskforce • 17th November - request sent to Scott Meyers, Chief Inspector RSPCA NSW for data relating to the RSPCA NSW Puppy Farm Taskforce • 25th November - email sent to Australian Association of Pet Dog Breeders inviting them to join ACA in our fight against the AJP and also in response to the NSW Breeders Licensing Scheme proposal • 25th November - request sent to Steve Coleman, CEO RSPCA NSW for a meeting to discuss the NSW Breeders Licensing Scheme proposal & upcoming Select Committees • 26th November - email to Amy Minahan Acting Chief of Staff for NSW Agriculture Minister requesting the data for NSW Puppy Farm Taskforce. • 26th November - response to Steve Coleman's question a to whether ACA supports RSPCA NSW as a regulatory organisation for POCTAA./ • 30th November - follow-up email to Scott Meyers for the data request. • 11th December - response sent to Kim Filmer acknowledging ACA's wish to meet with her to discuss the NSW Breeders Licensing Scheme.
7	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th October - acknowledgement from Mark Banasiak - SFFP NSW to work together in response to AJP Puppy Farm Bill • 14th October - acknowledgement from Mick Veitch - Labor Party NSW to to organise a meeting to discuss the AJP Puppy Farm Bill, advising to contact Greg Warren - Labor Party as the Bill falls within his portfolio • 14th October - acknowledgement from Greg Warren - Labor Party NSW to to organise a meeting to discuss the AJP Puppy Farm Bill. • 17th October - from Blake De Bruin - Australian Pet Care Association providing feedback & comments on the AJP Puppy Farm Bill, to be taken to meetings with SFFP & Labor. • 19th October - email from Steve Courtney - K9 Professionals seeking assistance to form a Dog Trainers association and wanting to join ACA including the ACA Dog Advisory Group. • 25th October - confirmation of meeting with NSW Labor to discuss AJP Puppy Farm Bill. Meeting scheduled for 27th October 2021. • 8th November - from Blake De Bruin - Australian Pet Care Association inviting ACA to attend a meeting of other pet industry associations and businesses to form an alliance to combat the animal right movement. • 17th November - response from NSW Chief Animal Welfare Officer, Kim Filmer advising our request for the data taken from the Puppy Farm Task Force needs to be made directly to RSPCA NSW. • 18th November - response from Lauren Vartuli, PA to the Chief Inspector RSPCA NSW requesting clarification of what period of time our data request was to cover. Also advising the Task Force had been renamed the "Intensive Breeding Unit". • 26th November - email received from Katherine Schoeffel BSc(Hons) BVSc(Hons) Vice President, Australian Association of Pet Dog Breeders Inc acknowledging our phone chat and willingness for our two organisations to work together (alongside the

		<p>MDBA) to provide a united and agreed response to the AJP Puppy Farm Bill and to the NSW Breeders Licensing Scheme proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th November - response from Steve Colema n CEO RSPCA NSW, asking if ACA supports them as a regulator for NSW. This was reply to request to meet to discuss Breeders Licensing Scheme & Select Committees. • 30th November - invitation received for ACA to provide a submission to 2021 Inquiry into the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 • 8th December - response from Lachlan Malloch, Manager, Real Estate and Housing Policy NSW Department of Customer Service - to ACA's email highlighting a loophole in the Pets in Strata legislation. • 10th December - invitation to meet with Kim Filmer to discuss NSW Breeders Licensing proposal. Kylie, Michelle & Michael to attend. • 21st October - receipt for submission to Macedon Ranges Council Animal Management plan • 28th October - email & copy of submission received from Thuringowa Bird Club Inc. responding to the Townsville City Council Animal Management Plan. • 29th October - response from Mark Slater, CEO Animal Welfare League with a request to meet up soon to discuss all dog related issues in NSW • 29th October - receipt from Mayor of Townsville City Council acknowledging receipt of submission to their Animal Management Plan • 5th November - email from Shelley Hancock NSW Minister for Local Govt highlighting our participation in the review of the Impound Act and advising a Bill to progress a number of reforms arising from this review is being presented to Parliament in 2021. • 8th December - received from NSW Dept Fair Trading advising a report from the NSW Strata Schemes Development Act & NSW Strata Schemes Management Act was tabled in NSW Parliament in November 2021
8	Membership	<p>Supporters: Linda Barnett Henna Kuusisto Greg Browne Michelle Black Suzie McCowen Pauline Gill Golden Conures Australia Pauline Worthington Jessica Buckley Suzanne Grevis-James Joel Machar Rebecca Rafton Robyn Fancypants Amber Michalak Kenneth Rushforth Natalie Southam Michelle Haron</p>
9	Website & Social Media	

10	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Discussion on offer from Katherine Schoeffel to officially be ACA's Veterinary representative. Committee approved under a trial basis – to be reviewed at June 2022 meeting. * No January 2022 meeting to be scheduled. First Committee Meeting for February & first General Meeting in March.
11	Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All Committee to review the ACA Local Council Animal Plan document and to provide feedback on NSW Breeders Licensing Scheme – before Christmas Eve. * All Committee to commence responding to Terms of Reference for all three upcoming Inquiries throughout January in readiness for draft submissions.

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 17/12/21

(with no scheduled January 2022 meeting – Minutes distributed early and approved)