

RSPCA FACTS

We are Australia's oldest Animal Welfare Charity. Established in 1873, we've been protecting and caring for animals for over 125 years.

We are not a government funded charity. Most people think the majority of the RSPCA's budget is paid for by your taxes. This simply is not true. Nationally, it costs over \$80M a year to maintain the RSPCA, we get less than 2% of this from the Government. The rest we must find by running events like Cupcake Day for the RSPCA.

We do more than just rescue cats and dogs. We do rescue tens of thousands of cats and dogs every year, but we also care for and protect other companion animals, native animals and livestock breeds. We actively lobby government and decision makers to change and abolish unfair or cruel animal practices, and we operate Australia's largest squad of law enforcement officers dedicated to policing offences against animals.

We support the community. We have numerous community support programs running in all states. These programs include Humane Education, Pet Protection and Emergency Boarding. We also work with other welfare agencies and emergency services when called upon.

We help those who can't help themselves. Nationally, our Inspectorate investigates over 48,000 cruelty complaints each year. Many of these complaints can be addressed on the spot by giving pet owners guidance and information on how to better care for their pets. However, when owners deliberately neglect their animals, our Inspectors have the power to seize the animal and prosecute the owner for neglect or animal cruelty.



Thank you for supporting the RSPCA.