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those who keep, care for and breed animals”

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ACA calls for amendment to POCTAA

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"Hobbyist breeders targeted instead of puppy factories ... not what the Minister announced"

Following ongoing consultation, on behalf of Animal Care Australia, the Shooters Fishers & Farmers Party, supported by the Labor Party has commenced the process to move an amendment to POCTA to achieve the following:

- a) To remove existing ambiguity as to which entities are and are not animal trades.
- b) To reinforce that non-business entities are not animal trades.
- c) To require inspectors to have sufficient evidence that an entity is indeed an animal trade prior to any inspection.
- d) To reinforce that non-business entities are not required to comply with the *Animal Welfare Code of Practice--Breeding Dogs and Cats* , published in August 2009.

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About Animal Care Australia

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is a national incorporated association lobbying for and advocating for higher welfare outcomes for animals by educating hobbyists and keepers and lobbying governments.

ACA was founded in early 2018 to establish an organisation run solely by volunteers to lobby for real animal welfare. With extreme animal rights and animal liberationist ideologies influencing government legislation, regulation and policy at our expense and to the detriment of our animals and pets, it has become necessary to provide government with a balancing voice.

By uniting the broad spectrum of animal groups, collectively we offer an experienced, sensible approach to animal welfare. We estimate our foundation ACA clubs currently represent well over 150,000 members and that is just in NSW alone!

By educating our members and the general public about the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect for their needs, and promoting the humane treatment of animals to improve animal welfare outcomes, Animal Care Australia is in the unique position of lobbying and advocating for all animals within our care.

Animal Care Australia provides priority to the following:

- lobbying government for stronger welfare outcomes
- lobbying government to increase education of the public in animal welfare and best care techniques
- educate the public on handling their animals with kindness & respect and the importance of their needs
- educate the public in the differences between animal welfare and animal rights