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MEDIA RELEASE

RE: The Animal Justice Party direction on keeping and breeding animals in captivity.

ACA has examined the Animal Justice Party's policy and website and have found many issues that do not support the keeping and breeding of domestic animals including dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, fish, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, etc.

Having met with the Animal Justice Party it is clear they hold the belief that no animal in a domestic environment should be bred from; following this to its natural conclusion the Animal Justice Party therefore believes that no animal should be kept in a domestic household. This is contrary to one of the most important functions of animals in giving companionship and indeed, meaning to the lives of so many otherwise lonely and stressed humans.

The very fact that the Animal Justice Party believes that no avian should be kept in a cage displays the ignorance of the fact that some species of animals would be extinct if it wasn't for those cared for and bred in a domesticated environment.

The notion of not wanting people to keep animals appears to be the object of the Animal Justice Party as they disagree with any breeding of animals in captivity and therefore we recommend that you examine their policies very closely, scrutinizing their logical conclusion because their premise of a love for animals seems to be based on not keeping any animals, even those that are domesticated and want to be close to humans.

ACA looks forward to further dialogue with the Animal Justice Party.

Kind regards,

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“Animal welfare by the experts—those who keep, care for and breed animals”

Mission Statement

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is the peak body advocating higher welfare standards for keeping animals in Australia as pets and companions.

ACA provides continued development of animal welfare standards and Codes of Ethics for animal husbandry, breeding, training, sale and sporting exhibitions for a wide range of animal species. This is to promote and encourage high standards in all interactions with animals in our care.

ACA also provides education to our members, the general public and government to encourage responsible pet ownership, and the respectful treatment of all animals in our community.

Objects

- To represent animal groups as the peak animal welfare body.
- To engage Government on all levels of animal welfare issues.
- To provide expert animal welfare advice to legislators.
- To clarify the difference between animal rights and animal welfare.
- To promote higher animal welfare outcomes.
- To support grass roots hobbyists/animal keepers.
- To develop strategies and educate the general public in the best care for all animals.