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Committee Meeting 14th February 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting - Monday 14th February 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Kylie Gilbert
Apologies		
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil action required
3	Incoming Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd December 2021: NSW State Development Committee: Official invitation to submit to Animal Welfare Policy in New South Wales Inquiry • 4th January 2022: Dr Sarah Zito Senior Scientific Officer RSPCA Australia responding to request for information relating to a Forum on Puppy Farming held in 2010. Results were not as expected. According to participants at the time, these minutes are not a true reflection of what was agreed to • 11th January 2022: Clem Harris Director Strategy and Policy NSW Department of Primary Industries - advising of the release of the draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022. • 28th January 2022: Select committee of the NSW Legislative Council - Official invitation to submit to the Inquiry into puppy farming in New South Wales. • 31st January 2022: Response from Mark Slater, CEO AWL (NSW) to organise a meeting. • 8th February 2022: NSW Department of Primary Industries - Stakeholders Satisfaction Survey. • 8th February 2022: Portfolio Committee 2 - official invitation to submit to the Use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales. • 17th December 2021 - response from Amy Minahan - Acting Chief of Staff NSW Agriculture Minister - referring ACA to RSPCA for data on the Puppy Farm Taskforce. • 31st December 2021: Acknowledgement of receipt of ACA submission to NSW DPI Consultation Paper: Licensing and regulation of cat and dog breeders. • 3rd January 2022: Acknowledgement of receipt of ACA's response to Macedon Ranges Shire Council – Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 • 17th January 2022 - acknowledgement of receipt of Constitution Update and Financial Statements. Customer Service Officer, Registry and Accreditation Better Regulation Division Department of Customer Service • 23rd January 2022 - acknowledgement of request to meet the new Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western NSW • 23rd January 2022 - acknowledgement of request to meet the new Minister for Local Government

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th December 2021: from Scott Meyers RSPCA NSW - responding to information request relating to the seizure of and euthanising of a Great Dane. Advising the matter is a criminal investigation and no comment forthcoming 20th December 2021 - to RSPCA Aust seeking information about a meeting in held in 2010 with key stakeholders, to define a puppy farm. 31st December 2021 - sent response to NSW Licensing and regulating cat and dog breeders Consultation Paper. 13th January 2022 - received, cancellation of scheduled meeting with QLD RSPCA CEO Darren Maier. 17th January 2022 – follow up response requesting the lodgment of previous Financial Statements for years 2019 and 2020.
4	Outgoing Corro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th December 2021: confirmation of meeting with Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW DPI. 14th December 2021: lodgement of Constitution Update and Financial Statements. Customer Service Officer, Registry and Accreditation, Better Regulation Division Department of Customer Service 17th December 2021: Request to Amy Minahan - Acting Chief of Staff NSW Agriculture Minister - seeking data on RSPCA's Puppy Farm Taskforce. 20th December 2021: Email to Scott Meyers & Steve Coleman RSPCA NSW - seeking information relating to the seizure of and euthanising of a Great Dane 17th January 2022 - followup response lodging previous Financial Statements for years 2019 and 2020. 1st February 2022 - confirm meeting date & time with Mark Slater CEO AWL
5	Membership	Supporters: Marc Egan Jennifer Skinner Janine Robinson Clare Uren Suzanne Hamilton Julie Deem Veronica Wark Teresa Clark Vicki Whiteman Robina khor-Hill Puppy Connect Australia Michelle Parker Brien
6	Treasurer	Current balance: \$6,457.68
7	Species Reports	Bird Report – see attached. Nil reports for all other species
8	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REMINDER: to complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan document Discuss the NSW Inquiries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Animal Welfare Act Charitable Organisations Puppy Farm and to review the Draft COP for Breeding Dogs & Cats Discuss the brachy breeds issue
9	Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL: complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan document Michael to release a public statement

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 8/8/22

Species Reports:

ACA Bird Report 14/2/22

Proposed National Registration Scheme for Native and Exotic Live Birds.

The latest update from Canberra this week indicates the report is currently being finalised in Canberra and next steps will be advised in the next few weeks.

I have asked that a representative from the Wildlife Trade Office in Canberra and/or from the consultants Thinkplace address our March CCBFA meeting. This may be premature so will more likely occur at our May CCBFA meeting.

I continue to remain in regular contact with the Wildlife Trade Office.

Victorian native licensing review.

I'm advised the Panel report containing recommendations for the Wildlife Act Review (including into native bird licensing) will be made publicly available when it is released with the Victorian Government's Draft Directions Paper. The Draft Directions Paper will include a response to the Panel's recommendations. This will take place in approximately April of this year.

I was made aware via Mark Godwill (VAC) – thanks Mark - that an individual aviculturist was successful after many years in having Noisy Pitta added to Schedule 3 Part B of the Wildlife Regulations 2013. This allows Noisy Pittas to be kept by "Wildlife Advanced Licence" holders under Reg 8. <https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-12/13-64sra006%20authorised.pdf>

I have made initial contact with the individual aviculturist as the legal reasoning used may prove invaluable for negotiations in Victoria and other states. I understand it relied at least in part on sections of the Australian Constitution and reciprocal arrangements between the states – but to be confirmed.

I have invited a representative from DELWP in Victoria to address a CCBFA meeting soon after the release of the Panel's recommendations. Possibly at our May meeting.

Victorian animal welfare act review

You may recall the long drawn-out process for creating a new Animal Welfare Act in Victoria. Our most recent submission to this process was back in December 2020.

Current advice indicates a draft of the proposed Animal Welfare Act will be released sometime in 2022.

There are a range of issues influenced by extreme animal rights ideologies in play in Victoria that ACA is dealing with currently. Most do not directly affect birds, however it is clear from the meetings I have attended and the

reports back to ACA from ACA Dog and other representatives that animal rights extreme views are chipping away at the ability to keep pets in Victoria. Vigilance is required.

NSW native licensing

You will be pleased to know that we have progress at long last!

The Acting Executive Director, Conservation, at NPWS rang last week to apologise for the delay and explain how the matter will progress. The current timeline is to have a draft Code of Practice out for public exhibition in the first half of the year, with the matter finalised by October 2022. She subsequently emailed to confirm as much.

Note that this NPWS Code of Practice includes animal welfare and will also list species of birds which will be on and off licence.

I have since spoken to Peter Stathis of NPWS who is tasked with employing a leader and other staff for this process. I know Peter well and we will be in regular contact over coming weeks to refine the process going forward.

There are contentious issues and others where we agree. Peter claims the risk assessment for the 32 species that were agreed to go off licence were never completed. This conflicts with advice from others including our CCBFA appointed member of the previous expert panel and the results of the 2 GIPA requests lodged on our behalf by ACA.

Nevertheless, this is progress after so many meetings with Ministers, MPs including questions to a parliamentary inquiry over the last 2 years since the reforms team was let go. Note that the first meeting about this matter was back in 2015.

NSW animal welfare legislation review, including parliamentary inquiries where ACA/CCBFA will appear.

A draft of the new NSW Animal Welfare Act (The Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022 – The Bill) is out for consultation now. The Bill is proposed to replace all current animal welfare legislation in NSW; namely the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979, the Animal Research Act 1985 and the Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986. CCBFA will write a submission and your comments are welcomed.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-reform>

There are a range of issues and political posturing going on currently that would require all night to recount, so I will briefly outline a few steps where both CCBFA and Animal Care Australia (ACA) are involved.

There are two relevant NSW Parliamentary Inquiries of relevance – one is specific to The Bill and the second is with regard to the RSPCA NSW. I will be presenting at both these Parliamentary Inquiries in my role as ACA Vice President.

The area where CCBFA will be most heavily involved will be the negotiations surrounding codes of practice aka standards and guidelines for birds. I regularly speak with NSW DPI, in particular the Chief Animal Welfare Officer, Kim Filmer, with whom I have the utmost respect. I spoke with Kim regarding this matter as recently as yesterday. As I have tried to make clear numerous times, we are better to ensure we are self-regulating effectively, transparently and united such that government will see no reason to enforce draconian regulation upon us. Our recently approved, professionally presented Bird Sale CoP is an example of how we can show government we are self-regulating. The Bill includes a “Minimum Care Requirement” for all animals (water, feed,

shelter, exercise) which will apply if the Bill is passed – it is my view that this is sufficient in our circumstance in terms of legal requirements. Our CCBFA ratified codes, such as the bird sale code, would be ratified as policy by NSW DPI but will not be law. That is, RSPCA inspectors will enforce the “Minimum Care Requirement” but will have no role in enforcing our codes.

I cannot stress heavily enough the need for clubs to be united whilst this process and negotiations are finalised during 2022 and 2023.


ACT native (and exotic) bird regulation.

Bruce Goleby reported that the ACT government officer within the Office of the Conservator has confirmed changes will be made to remove the common aviary species from licence. The holdup is due to a lack of staff and resources rather than any opposition to the changes.

The changes in broad terms reflect the CCBFA submission to the Conservator of Flora and Fauna back in September 2019.

<https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ccbfa-act-exempt-020919.pdf>

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Apologies		Joanne Payne
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>21st March - Animal Welfare Act Inquiry - ACA invited to provide testimony</p> <p>Puppy Farm Inquiry - 27th & 28th April scheduled. 7th & 8th April - still to be confirmed. ACA currently has not been invited.</p> <p>Charitable Organisation Inquiry - 28th March - still to be confirmed. ACA currently not invited.</p> <p>Animals in Research Inquiry- submissions close - 31st March.</p> <p>Meeting with Minister Tuckerman - Minister, Office of Local Government on Monday, 28 March at 1.00 pm to be held in Room 926 at our Parliamentary office on Macquarie Street.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>5th February 2022 - Kiri Collins</p> <p>Head of Built Environment & Infrastructure, President – Australia & New Zealand Laboratory Animals Association - responded confirming ANZLAA will be responding to the NSW Inquiry & offering an opportunity to discuss more. Chat/meeting TBC.</p> <p>9th March 2022 - confirmation of receipt of Puppy Farm Inquiry submission</p> <p>11th March 2022 - invitation to attend as witness to the Animal Welfare Act Inquiry.</p> <p>18th February 2022 - follow-up from meeting with AWL - confirming all dogs received at shelter are listed as cross-breeds unless pedigree papers are provided when dogs are seized or surrendered. From Jan 2020 to Jan 2022 there were 883 dogs rescued/sheltered of most breed types.</p> <p>18th February 2022 - Dr Melanie Latter BVSc(Hons1), GradCertPolicyAnalysis, MANZCVS, PhD National Manager, Policy and Veterinary Science - Australian Veterinary Association replied to request for Aust data on brachy breeds. Data response was not from an AVA study but a report conducted on a survey of PetSure Insurance customers/claims. Opted not use this documentation for any ACA material as it does not cover a specific enough cross section of dog breeders/owners.</p> <p>25th February 2022 - response received in writing to phone call with Danielle Cleal - Department of Primary Industries NSW - regarding whether a private keeper of reptiles who supplies those reptiles to a researcher to conduct a study in relation to animal behaviour be required to obtain an animal research supply licence under s42(1) of the</p>


		Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022? Her response included in our submission to Animal Welfare Act Inquiry. 2nd March 2022 - confirmation of receipt of Charitable Organisations Inquiry submission. 3rd March 2022 - confirmation of receipt of Animal Welfare Act Inquiry submission
5	Outgoing Corro	21st February 2022 - Kylie contacted Australian and New Zealand Laboratory Animal Association to organise a meeting/chat. 28th February 2022 - submission for Animal Welfare Act Inquiry submitted 28th February 2022 - submission for Charitable Organisations Inquiry submitted 6th March 2022 - submission for Puppy Farms Inquiry submitted
6	Membership	Kathy Spiteri Nicole Celeban Krystal Lewis Debbie Hawkins Karen Todd Karen Davis Deborah Niblett Sam Kelly Norma Meaney Donna Cahill Rachel Player Meg Lindley Elke Wooderson Christine Markus Professional Dog Trainers of Australia Inc Kathy Ranki Eydis Konradsdottir
7	Treasurer	Current balance: \$6,476.72
8	Species Reports	Nil reports for all species
9	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email usage & storage • Discuss the Research Inquiry • Discuss Welfare Inquiry attendance - points needing to be covered • Moving forward from here re: South Aust Election, and Federal Election. • ANZLAA meeting - discussion.
10	Actions	Karri: Election chart to be created Michael: Memes for election covering AR issues

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 08/08/22

Committee Meeting 11th April 2022

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Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Michelle Grayson, Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne
Apologies		
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	Thursday 14th April 2022 - Joanne and Michael meeting with NPWS to discuss issues with reptiles rescue/rehoming and the inspections of venomous license holders - carried over from last year and finally scheduled. Lost property consultation (includes livestock) postponed to 29th April
4	Incoming Corro	23rd March 2022 - confirmation of ACA attendance as witnesses to the Inquiry into the Charitable Organisations in NSW. 25th March 2022 - confirmation of ACA attendance as witnesses to the Inquiry into Puppy Farms in NSW. 31st March 2022 - invitation and confirmation for ACA to participate on the NSW NPWS Species List Advisory Committee. 31st March 2022 - confirmation for Reptile Rep and President to attend meeting with NSW NPWS to discuss concerns expressed late 2021 with reptile rehoming and license inspections. 15th March 2022 - confirmation of meeting with Australian and New Zealand Laboratory Animal Association to discuss submission and NSW Inquiry into Animals used in medical research. 22nd March 2022 - story and photographs received relating to Emmett the Emu being objected to physical harm by RSPCA Inspector & wildlife expert. 24th March 2022 - response received from NSW Ombudsman's Office to questions from ACA relating to their past investigations into complaints against RSPCA/AWL. No complaints individually recorded - but 'may' have been included in the category of 'other' - but extremely unlikely. 15th March 2022 - received invitation from the Office of Local Government (OLG) to attend an online consultation workshop to implement the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (PSUP Act)
5	Outgoing Corro	16th March 2022 - accepted invitation from NSW Office of Local Government to attend the workshop to implement the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (PSUP Act)
6	Membership	Supporters: Meryl Campbell


		Troy Hovenden Tracey Dierikx
7	Treasurer	Current balance: \$6,486.24 Expenses: Special note and thank you to Michelle Grayson who paid for and renewed our PO Box for another year as a donation to ACA.
8	Species Reports	Nil reports for all species
9	General Business	REMINDER: to complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief update on the NSW Inquiries • Discuss the Submissions process moving forward - Karri Nadazdy • Website update - incl survey and new animal welfare sections • Discuss new positions to join ACA, incl Show Coordinator
10	Actions	Karri: Create outline of Submissions process Michael: Commence creation of STAT (State & Territories Advisory Team)

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 08/08/22

General Meeting 9th May 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc General Meeting - Monday 9th May 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Kylie Gilbert
Guests:		Sandra McLean
Apologies		Michelle Grayson & Joanne Payne
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>Monday 9th May - Rachel & Michael met with the team running the NSW Wildlife Licensing reforms. ACA rejected as a welfare organisation and will participate as a native wildlife keepers group.</p> <p>29th April - Consultation on regulation under the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 - Animals Act – see attached appendix for meeting report</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>14th April 2022 - from State Development Committee NSW - Animal welfare policy in New South Wales - Post-hearing responses - 21 March 2022. Questions on notice and transcript corrections.</p> <p>20th April 2022 - Portfolio Committee 4 - 2021 inquiry into the approved charitable organisations under POCTAA - Post-hearing responses - 28 March 2022 - No questions on notice or transcript corrections</p> <p>28th April 2022 - Puppy Farm Select Committee - Inquiry into Puppy Farming in New South Wales – Post-hearing responses – Thursday 7 April 2022 - Transcript corrections & questions on notice</p> <p>29th April 2022 - Animal Welfare Victoria - Release of consultation report on the introduction of mandatory reporting requirements under the Code of Practice for the Management of Dogs and Cats in Shelters and Pounds.</p> <p>21st April 2022 - from Deb Jackson Associate Publisher C&I Media – Pet Industry News Convenience & Impulse Retailing Australia & New Zealand - acknowledging our introductory letter and request to be contact as a point of information for animal welfare based articles.</p> <p>21st April 2022 - Kristin Leigh Coalition for the Protection of Race Horses - The National Horse Traceability Register has lost its way, request to join their campaign to have the NHTR continue to be introduced.</p>

5	Outgoing Corro	<p>21st April 2022 - to Deb Jackson Associate Publisher C&I Media – Pet Industry News Convenience & Impulse Retailing Australia & New Zealand - introductory letter and request to be contacted as a point of information for animal welfare based articles.</p> <p>25th April 2022 - letter to Editor Sunday Telegraph - RE: 'Puppy Farming is out of control' by Emily Burley</p> <p>26th April 2022 - to Kristin Leigh Coalition for the Protection of Race Horses - The National Horse Traceability Register has lost its way, request to join their campaign to have the NHTR continue to be introduced. ACA denied request without first being privy to their campaign and actual intentions.</p> <p>1st May 2022 - Presidents Statement reformatted as a Media Release and sent to all media - RE: 'Puppy Farming is out of control' by Sunday Telegraph</p> <p>5th May 2022 - response to Animal welfare policy in New South Wales - Post-hearing responses - 21 March 2022. Submitted responses to Questions on notice, transcript correction and a Supplementary Submission</p>
6	Membership	Nil
7	Treasurer	<p>Current balance \$6,247.52</p> <p>Expenditure this past month included Renewal of web hosting: \$120 and reimbursement to Karri for printing of flyers & lollies for attendance at Illawarra Expo: \$142.98 Expenses paid by Michael & authorised by Sam</p>
8	Species Reports	Nil reports for all species
9	General Business	Discuss report provided by anonymous ex-RSPCA worker in relation to whether we can use this moving forward
10	Actions	<p>Committee to review CV from Tracey Dierikx with view to joining ACA Committee on a probationary timeframe.</p> <p>Committee to review RSPCA abuse document - with view to determining when & how we use the information.</p>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 08/08/22

Appendix:

29th April - Consultation on regulation under the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 - Animals Act

Karri Nadazdy, ACA Horse & Livestock Representative, was ACA's delegate in the Impounding Act Review Workshop, hosted by BD Infrastructure on behalf of OLG. The meeting was held via Zoom on 29th April, 2022. Other attendees included councils from across NSW, LLS, DPI, NSW Farmers, NSW Police, RSPCA NSW, and Sydney Botanic Gardens, among others.

The new act is Outcomes focussed, and the workshop discussed draft changes to:

1. Situations where animals are found lost or abandoned
2. Penalties and who is responsible
3. Arrangements for moving animals into and out of care

The definition of Animal (for the purposes of this Act) included livestock, horses, native animals kept domestically, and companion animals other than cats and dogs, who are addressed under POCTA/Animal Welfare Reform. Cats and dogs in National Parks ARE covered under this Act, and Sydney Botanic Gardens proposed that botanic gardens be included to protect conversation and scientific study that occurs in botanic gardens. The definition also excludes feral animals, but how feral animals can be identified proved to be an issue discussed and not resolved in the workshop.

OLG stated that 1 in 41 road fatalities were a result of collisions with animals - primarily native animals, followed by stray livestock. This is a key issue of this review.

It was acknowledged that unattended did not mean 'not under supervision' or legally unattended (such as legal access rights to travelling stock routes).

The new draft allows owners and caretakers to be held legally responsible for an animal, and is believed to be the first time an Act allowed for multiple people to be held responsible for different offences of the same incident (ie landowners can be charged with some offences in an incident, while the animals owner for another, and the personal employed for something else.)

Fines are separate to fees, and allow some discretion for first time offenders, those struggling financially, and sufferers of mental illness.

This is also the first Act to introduce Compounding Fees - where the fine increases with the number of animals involved in the incident up to a maximum cap. Straying livestock can sometimes involve 500 animals or more, at significant cost to councils to transport and feed while impounded. ACA pointed out that this could have unintended consequences if the cost of recovery exceeds the animals worth or the owner's ability to pay. Owners may not reclaim their animals. It was acknowledged that this an issue for companion animals and horses, rather than livestock.

In response, Scott Myers of RSPCA stated: "We just want the animals to be cared for, first and foremost - Not to be fining people."

A new fine of \$660 is being proposed for NOT claiming an impounded animal within 7 days. Some councils said they would like to see this apply to all animals, including Cats & Dogs. ACA pointed out that this would lead to increased welfare issues, with companion animals and horses, as owners may then claim animals to avoid the large fine, but then dump animals somewhere else, where they are less likely to be found and reported.

Scott Myers agreed that this could be an issue for horses in particular. He said that horses are the most abandoned animals in Australia, even though the numbers are small, often due to agistment owner and horse owner disputes, but that livestock were considered to have higher value and were very rarely abandoned. He also said that "abandonment was not a big problem for companion animals".

The statement that "if the cost of impounding animals exceeded the value of those animals, they could be destroyed" in the current Act has been removed and was a key reason this Act was being reviewed at this time.

The 7 day holding period before impounds could rehome animals was legislated by parliament and not able to be extended by this Act, as requested in ACA's submission. The 7 days will begin from when an owner was notified OR it was determined that the owner could not be found. Animals could not be euthanised before a further 14 days had passed and attempts were made to rehome, give away or sell the animal. There was some discussion on what Give Away could mean, and whether this phrase should be removed.

The final step for Arrangements for Animals in Care, includes what happens to the profits when animals are sold from impound. In this Act, animal owners have 6 months (some stakeholders wish to reduce the time to up to 3 months) to claim those profits (note that there may not be any profits). Issues with cross overs into other Acts were discussed, from Stock Welfare panels, POCTA, and cross border issues with conflicting council laws. ACA flagged the National Horse Traceability Register as one to be incorporated into the Act when its finalised. Non animal Acts were also discussed, such as the Mental Health Act that could impact who is held responsible, whether animals should be seized or not from a person's custody, and to acknowledge that some people simply cannot comply with legislation regardless of how much they want to. A desire to not disadvantage animal owners with financial, mental health, cultural, education or other circumstances was a goal of this review.

OLG is not required to review this Act periodically, but does intend to consult stakeholders every 5 years on whether any further changes should be made.

ACA also raised animal rights issues that could affect the Impounding Act in future - in particular the intentions of AJP to recognise sentience, afford animals personhood and remove animals from property status. This would effectively remove all animals from the Impounding Act and leave no one responsible for them. While it may not happen any time soon, provisions need to be considered now so that owners will remain responsible for their animals. Many attendees were not aware of this issue, and felt it was a concern. There was some discussion that changing public expectations of how animals are managed needs to be recognised.

Positive outcomes


1. Most of ACA's concerns outlined in our original submission are being addressed to our satisfaction.
2. Horses are being recognised as an issue in that they do not currently fit into livestock nor companion animal legislation and have unique welfare problems that are not being adequately addressed.
3. Meetings are productive and welfare oriented when no animal rights groups are in attendance!

Issues to address:

No concerns that can be rectified at this point, other than to review the wording in the final drafts cannot be misinterpreted.

The Briefing Paper is now open for comment by stakeholders and submissions close 16th May 2022.

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1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	No June Meeting
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>14th June QLD Inquiry into the Animal Care & Protection Act Amendments Bill - report posted in FILES section - clearly we were ignored. Need to wait for decision from Qld Govt and for the Amendments to be moved on the House floor. ACA has no ability to achieve amendments to the Amendments Bill, as opposition don't hold the power to stop the Bill.</p> <p>27th June 2022 - Meeting with Sarah Bird, Policy Advisor to Dugald Saunders, NSW Minister for Agriculture. Meeting went well - full report posted in the FB Group.</p> <p>5th July 2022 - Meeting with NPWS (NSW) as part of the Species Licensing Advisory Committee - to discuss the re-commencement of the NSW Native Wildlife Licensing Review.</p> <p>1st June 2022 - telephone meeting with Nathan Olivieri - founder of RightPaw. Both parties in agreement regarding NSW Puppy Farming Inquiry and CA Act Amendment - both parties agreed to work together moving forward. RightPaw also has veterinary practitioners which will be made accessible to ACA for consultation when need arises.</p> <p>9th May 2022 - NPWS Species List Advisory Committee Introductory meeting - attended by Michael and Rachel.</p> <p>7th June 2022 - Consultation meeting for the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) review of rehoming practices in NSW.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>26th May 2022 - Sarah Bird- PolicyAdvisor / Parliamentary Liaison Officer for Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western NSW - Acknowledgement and confirmation of request for a meeting.</p> <p>23rd June 2022 - Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions - acknowledgement of request for information regarding Victorian Local Council Management Plans. ACA</p>

		<p>received follow-up call on June 27th - no actual schedule of Management Plans exists and no further follow-up to ACA of additional information.</p> <p>27th June 2022 - Janelle Brooks - Director, Conservation Programs National Parks and Wildlife Service. Written confirmation that ACA is to partake on the National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS) Species List Advisory Committee.</p> <p>28th June 2022 - Monica Burnell, Producer, Sky News Weather - request for ACA to be interviewed for segments on Keeping dogs and cats warm in winter.</p> <p>30th June 2022 - Warren Peart, Welshpool, Victoria. ACA cc:d on an email to Jeff Bourman (SFFP) - Request for assistance on commencing an Inquiry into Local Council & RSPCA Victoria powers following a euthanised pet dog. Michael Donnelly, contacted the Council, Mr Peart (not the registered dog owner) and followed up with Jeff Bourman.</p> <p>10th May 2022 - Hon Mick Veitch MLC - Chair Puppy Farm Inquiry - request for ACA Code of Ethics and procedure for when a member is found to be in violation of the COE.</p> <p>11th May 2022 - Elle Kohler, Senior Project Officer, Conservation Programs Branch. Receipt of minutes from introductory meeting for the NPWS Species List Advisory Committee - attended by Michael and Rachel</p> <p>26th May 2022 - receipt of Supplementary Submission received by the NSW State Development Select Committee - Animal Welfare Act.</p> <p>31st May 2022 - receipt of submission to QLD Animal Care & Protection Act Inquiry</p> <p>31st May 2022 - Animal Welfare Victoria- Report on Taskforce for Rehoming Pets</p> <p>2nd June 2022 - Sheree Brittain - Office Management and Marketing - invitation to attend a Consultation meeting for the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) review of rehoming practices in NSW.</p> <p>9th June 2022 - Invitation to appear at public hearing – Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022 QLD</p> <p>9th June 2022 - receipt of submission to the draft Upper Lachlan Development Control Plan - Dog and Cat Boarding and Breeding Chapter.</p> <p>15th June 2022 - release of the report of the Standing Committee on State Development, entitled 'Animal welfare policy in New South Wales – First report'.</p> <p>15th June 2022 - Animal Welfare Victoria - Mandatory reporting of animal fate data by shelters and pounds Report released.</p> <p>24th June 2022 - Select Committee on Puppy Farming in New South Wales acknowledge receipt of Supplementary Submission.</p> <p>10th July 2022 - acknowledgement from Jeff Bourman SFFP Vic to not pursuing the Peart euthanised dog issue.</p>
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5	Outgoing Corro	<p>29th May 2022 - acknowledgement of application from Teale Shapcott to apply for STAT member and advice that application would be assessed at next Committee meeting.</p> <p>31st May 2022 - reach out to Nathan Olivieri - RightPaw to discuss collaboration on all things dog breeding/puppy farming.</p> <p>7th June 2022 - media release - ACA President in Top 30 Most Influential people in Pet Industry</p> <p>9th June 2022 - email to Jeff Bourman to discuss Andy Meddick Rabbit Meat Ban. Jeff responded by phone to advise of outcomes.</p> <p>18th June 2022 - Transcript Proof - 14 June 2022 - Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022 - and Supplementary Submission sent to QLD Standing Committee</p> <p>28th June 2022 - response to Sky New Weather for request to provide interviews. Michelle & Kylie to provide interviews.</p>
6	Membership	<p>Members: Shih Tzu Club of Victoria Inc.</p> <p>Supporters: Brenden Mckensey Janice Humphries Puppi-lovers Teale Shapcott Matthew Gerry Elizabeth Cole Emma Durham Karen Edwards</p>
7	Treasurer	<p>Current balance \$6310.63 Expenditure: 15th June 2022 - auto-renewal subscription for Zoom - charged to Michael Donnelly (cc) and re-imbursed - \$230.89</p> <p>27th May 2022 - VentralP transfer of email accounts & management - charged via ACA Paypal account - \$297.36</p> <p>This past month included Renewal of web hosting: \$120 and reimbursement to Karri for printing of flyers & lollies for attendance at Illawarra Expo: \$142.98 Expenses paid by Michael & authorised by Sam</p>
8	Species Reports	<p>Nil reports for all species</p>
9	General Business	<p>REPEAT REMINDER: to complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the need for STAT • Committee approval of invoice: \$497.35 - for update of website and renewal of the 3 reserved domain names. • Website update - incl survey and new animal welfare sections • Discuss approach for future Supplementary Submissions following our 'confidential' submission status. • Reminder to provide input for Tasmanian Animal Welfare Act Amendments Bill

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Renewals - process for ensuring a higher up take of renewals. • Update on the Sky News Interviews • Update on Peart euthanised dog case - as outlined in Correspondence In. • Reminder: Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement document
10	Actions	<p>Michael: Send Membership Reminders when due</p> <p>Committee to receive a spreadsheet of non-renewed Members at the end of August for individual follow-up of MEMBER organisations only.</p>


Note: Minutes Attendance list amended to include Tracey Dierikx

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 08/08/22

Committee Meeting 8th August 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting - Monday 8th August 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Joanne Payne Tracey Dierikx
Apologies		Michelle Grayson & Kylie Gilbert
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Adjust July Minutes to include Tracey Dierikx as an attendee.
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	17 th August 2022 - Meeting for NSW Native Wildlife Licensing - Michael to attend. Meeting with NSW DPI Consultation on Puppy Farming - Kylie to attend and advise of dates etc
4	Incoming Corro	29th July 2022 - Jason Eggerton - CEO DOGSVic - response to request to meet to discuss upcoming Vic Elections and our two organisations working together to achieve a change in the Vic Planning Laws & Council Animal Management. - He is going on annual leave and "will think about it" 14th July 2022 - Notification of Council Adoption of Revised Chapter to Upper Lachlan Development Control Plan – Animal boarding or training establishment, including boarding and/or breeding kennels for dogs and cats in rural areas. 26th July 2022 - acknowledgement from Chris Steel MP ACT - Minister for Cities & transport to ACA's request to be added to their Animal Welfare Advisory Council 5th August 2022 - response from Bronwyn Chapman - Acting Coordinator Environmental Programs Murrindindi Shire Council - on their measures to implement the Fox Control Program
5	Outgoing Corro	24th July 2022 - submission to Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania - RE: Draft Animal Welfare Act Amendment Bill 2022. Note also sent to Tasmanian Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Shadow Minister for Environment as their portfolios overlap the Minister for Natural Resources and Environment. 26th July 2022 - request to Chris Steel MP ACT - Minister for Cities & transport for ACA to be added to their Animal Welfare Advisory Council.


		<p>26th July 2022 - Murrindindi Shire Council - highlight welfare concerns on their measures to implement the Fox Control Program</p> <p>29th July 2022 - Jason Eggerton - CEO DOGSVic - request sent by Kylie (Dog Rep) to meet to discuss upcoming Vic Elections and our two organisations working together.</p> <p>3rd Aug 2022 - email to Kim Filmer (Chief Animal Welfare Officer NSW DPI) to acknowledge her phone call and her request to have Kylie represent ACA in their consultation of Education Response to Puppy Farms and Puppy Buying/selling in NSW</p> <p>6th August 2022 - Pets In Strata document sent to Channel 7 News (Adelaide), ABC News (online) and to Minister Elise Archer Tasmanian Minister for Consumer Affairs in response to Pets In Strata stories and the Tas Govt expressing interest in reviewing legislation.</p>
6	Membership	<p>Supporters: Gavin Bedford Sally Johnson Ben Dierikx Liechelle McMahon</p>
7	Treasurer	Current balance \$6,402.50
8	Species Reports	Nil reports for all species
9	General Business	<p>REMINDER: to complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan and Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement documents</p> <p>Update on road trip to Rockley Valley Park Breeding Facility</p> <p>DPI Puppy Farm Education to commence.</p>
10	Actions	<p>Committee to record (with permission) the visit to Rockley Valley Park Breeding Facility.</p> <p>ACA to consider completing a GIPA request for information relating to animal cruelty complaints and PINs from the RSPCA NSW. CCBFA currently in the process of requesting bird info, and ACA to await outcome prior to making similar request.</p>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 12/09/22

STAT Sub-committee Meeting 8th August 2022


		Animal Care Australia Inc STAT Sub-Committee Meeting - Monday 8th August 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Joanne Payne Tracey Dierikx, Ben Dierikx, Leichelle McMahon
Apologies		Michelle Grayson, Kylie Gilbert & Teale Shapcott
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil.
3	General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACA Committee members introduced to STAT 2. STAT members introduced and provided insight into their reasons for joining STAT and their hopes moving forward 3. Michael outlined responsibilities and expectations of STAT 4. Michael invited members to advise when local issues arise to feel free to request ACA investigate & respond 5. No correspondence (except the Council pro-forma supplied) are to be sent by STAT without Michael (or Karri's) permission. NB: Responses to Council replies to pro-forma to be the exception.
10	Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STAT to co-ordinate how email system will function 2. Members to split the Council spreadsheets among themselves to commence the process of recording when Animal Management Plans are due 3. Karri will oversee & co-ordinate STAT functions

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 12/09/22

General & Committee Meeting 12th September 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc General & Committee Meeting - Monday 12th September 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
Apologies		Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>16th September 2022 - Animal Welfare Victoria Briefing - Kylie to attend on the 16th September. Michael & Michelle to attend 3rd October</p> <p>Animal Law Conference 10th September - attended by Karri & Tracey. Report to be added in due course.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>10th August 2022 - Office of the Hon Elise Archer MP, Consumer Affairs Minister, Tasmania- responding to our Pets in Strata communication.</p> <p>23rd August 2022 - Office of the Hon Dugald Saunders MP, NSW Agriculture Minister- acknowledging receipt of correspondence opposing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Sentience) Bill</p> <p>25th August 2022 - puppyfarms@parliament.nsw.gov.au - acknowledging request to make correction to the Puppy Farm Inquiry Report where ACA was misquoted as the source of information.</p> <p>26th August 2022 - reply from Matt Vincent, Executive Director, Planning Reform, Dept of Environment, Land, Planning & Water, Victoria - advising they have no intention of amending the Planning Laws to remove animal number restrictions.</p> <p>29th August 2022 - City of Gold Coast Council - acknowledging receipt of submission to change of Local Laws (Animal Management Plan)</p> <p>31st August 2022 - Office of the Hon Dugald Saunders MP, Minister fo Agriculture NSW - acknowledging receipt of letter supporting puppy farm education initiative and suggesting corrections to DPI website information.</p>

		<p>2nd September 2022 - email from Tim Williams (ACA Supporter) requesting information about the Companion Pets Party</p> <p>2nd September 2022 - announcement of OFFICIAL: Release of the Plan for Victoria's new animal care and protection laws</p> <p>5th September 2022 - Received draft of the NSW Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill). Request to consult on the draft.</p> <p>5th September 2022 - receipt of OFFICIAL: Q&A session invitation: Plan for Victoria's new animal care and protection laws</p> <p>29th August 2022 - Office of Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport and City Services, Aust Capital Territory - acknowledging ACA request to join the ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Council</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>21st August 2022 - correspondence to The Hon Dugald Saunders (NSW Agriculture Minister), Hon Mick Veitch (Shadow Minister) and Hon Mark Banasiak (SFFP) opposing the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Animal Sentience) Bill 2022.</p> <p>22nd August 2022 - responded to the NSW Native Wildlife Licensing Review - SLAC Member link to Risk Based Tool feedback questionnaire - supporting the tool and advising some concerns.</p> <p>25th August 2022 - Mick Veitch, NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture, requesting a meeting to discuss all things 'Puppy Farms'</p> <p>25th August 2022 - email to puppyfarms@parliament.nsw.gov.au requesting corrections made to NSW Puppy Farm Inquiry Report - correcting ACA being attributed to making a particular quote - incorrect attribution - should have been Animal Defenders Office, not ACA</p> <p>28th August 2022 - reply to request from OurDogs (UK) to comment on the NSW Puppy Farm Report</p> <p>29th August 2022 - Office of Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport and City Services, Aust Capital Territory - requesting further dates available to join the ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Council</p> <p>30th August 2022 - to The Hon Dugald Saunders (NSW Agriculture Minister), and Dr Kim Filmer, NSW Chief Animal Welfare Officer, supporting the Puppy Farm Education Initiative and advising suggested changes to the DPI website information</p>


		11th September 2022 - Kris Duthie, Director Legislative Reform, Agriculture Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions confirming attendance of Michael, Michelle & Kylie to the Q&A session invitation: Plan for Victoria's new animal care and protection laws
6	Membership	Supporters: Tom Whitehouse Fido & Felix Diane Osbourne Members: Queensland Finch Society
7	Treasurer	Current balance \$6,994.76
8	Species Reports	Nil reports for all species
9	General Business	REMINDER: to complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan and Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement documents Approval of updated Operations Manual & Committee determined we no longer require individual policy documents, as they now all are in the Operations Manual Discussion on Emergency Contact Kits & merchandise & promotional material – no-one available to provide packing or distribution so deemed not necessary at this point in time. Animal Welfare League visit discussed. Due to another season of their Network Ten show, this visit to be organised after production wrapped.
10	Actions	Michael to update ACA website with new Operations Manual & remove old policy documents

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/10/22

STAT Sub-committee Meeting 12th September 2022


		Animal Care Australia Inc STAT Sub-Committee Meeting - Monday 12th September 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Leichelle McMahon
Apologies		Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne, Ben Dierikx, & Teale Shapcott
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil.
3	General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leichelle provided an update on the issues still awaiting an outcome with the Queensland Animal Care & Protection Act. Parliament still yet to debate outcome of the Committee into the Amendments and also to vote on the Bill. 2. Council updating progressing.
10	Actions	

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 10/10/22

Committee Meeting 10th October 2022


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Apologies		
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>17th October: SLAC NSW Native Wildlife Licensing - Michael to attend</p> <p>13th October: NSW Office of Local Government - Rehoming & Euthanasia Rates consultation - Michael, Kylie & Michelle to attend.</p> <p>27th September 2022: Meeting with Mick Veitch to discuss all things relating to Puppy Farm Inquiry, AJP Puppy Farm Amendment Bill and future Labor Party Puppy Farm legislation.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>5th October 2022: Receipt of NSW Rehoming Practices Report from CIE Consultancy Group</p> <p>6th October 2022: Receipt of phone chat request from Robert Britton - Companion Pets Party - requesting ACA to partner with CAP. Michael advised Mr Britton that ACA already had discussion with the CAP CEO, John Hutchison. Michael also stated ACA supports the intent of CAP - to take votes from AJP - and also cautioned to ensure their Ho To Vote Cards included SFFP and excluded both AJP and The Greens, and the other minor parties with AJP-based animal welfare policies. (This conversation seemed to over-whelm Mr Britton. Clearly, CAP Board don't communicate with each other.)</p> <p>7th October 2022: Receipt from Kellyville Pets of their response to the NSW Puppy Farm Inquiry Report.</p> <p>13th September 2022: acknowledgement from Whittlesea City Council of ACA of letter regarding their Epping Animal Welfare Facility.</p>

		<p>13th September 2022: First test run of Risk-based Tool for NSW Native Wildlife Licensing Review. Test samples were for Crimson Rosella and Pictorella Finch.</p> <p>13th September 2022: NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on State Development entitled 'Animal welfare policy in New South Wales – First report'.</p> <p>13th September 2022: NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No. 4 - Customer Service and Natural Resources entitled '2021 Inquiry into the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979'.</p> <p>14th September 2022: Mayor Cr Mark Riley, Councillor South Ward, Moreland City Council - response to ACA letter regarding the Epping animal Welfare Facility advising the Councils have appointed an ethics committee to oversee the running of the facility.</p> <p>20th September 2022: Megan Connor - PA for Hon Mick Veitch MLC - NSW Shadow Agriculture Minister and Chairman of the NSW Puppy Farm Inquiry, acknowledging request to meet and arranging a suitable date.</p> <p>29th September 2022: South Australia, Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, acknowledging request to meet with Minister Scriven to discuss Puppy Farm legislation and animal welfare reviews etc</p> <p>29th September 2022: VIC Minister for Agriculture, Gayle Tierney, to discuss animal welfare review and concerns in Victoria during lead-in to state election.</p> <p>29th September 2022: Receipt from Federal Senator Malcolm Roberts, to discuss the outcome of Federal request for information regarding the RSPCA and measures for moving forward.</p> <p>29th September 2022: Receipt from Robbie Katter Office, acknowledging request to meet to discuss QLD Animal Care & Protection Act amendment to allow prong collars to be used by trainers, and to discuss the issues with RSPCA QLD.</p> <p>30th September 2022: access granted by SEEK Volunteer to allow ACA to advertise our volunteer positions.</p> <p>5th October 2022: response from Hon Mark Banasiak NSW Shooters, Fishers & Farmers acknowledging receipt of ACA Report on the Prohibition of Convicted Persons Amendment Bill - congratulating on "another comprehensive analysis from ACA"</p> <p>27th September 2022: Cassie Jacobs, A/Senior Policy Officer Policy & Strategy Real Estate and Housing NSW - acknowledging ACA's inclusion in consultation on residential tenancy laws to allow renters to have pets</p>
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5	Outgoing Corro	<p>13th September 2022: letter to Mayors of Whittlesea, Moreland and Darebin City Councils seeking Councils not adopt the RSPCA Victorias 3 day holding period for shelter dogs and cats at their Epping Animal Welfare Facility.</p> <p>14th September 2022: response to Mayor Riley's reply advising of an Ethics Committee in place at Epping Animal Welfare Facility, seeking ACA consultation on that Ethics Committee.</p> <p>17th September 2022: email to Hon Jeff Bourman VIC Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party, seeking a meeting to discuss upcoming Vic State Election and providing the SFFP with ACA's suggested Animal Welfare Policy document for political parties.</p> <p>19th September 2022: followup email to Megan Connor, PA for NSW Shadow Minister, Hon Mick Veitch, requesting a meeting.</p> <p>20th September 2022: ACA acceptance to attend MSW Office of Local Government Workshop on Rehoming and Euthanasia of Shelter Dogs and Cats</p> <p>21st September 2022: email to Stephen Albin CEO Animal Welfare League NSW, acknowledging meeting to combine with meeting of the Shelter Manager in the near future.</p> <p>21st September 2022: Email to Animal Welfare League requesting contact details for the AWL Board of Directors.</p> <p>22nd September 2022: Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, NSW Shadow Minister Environment requesting a meeting to discuss Labor's policy on native wildlife licensing.</p> <p>22nd September 2022: Hon Cate Faehemann MLC, NSW Greens Party to discuss matters relating to the keeping and breeding of pets and animals in NSW, particularly improving the animal welfare standards.</p> <p>22nd September 2022: Hon Mark Latham MLC and Hon Rod Roberts, One Nation NSW, to discuss matters relating to the keeping and breeding of pets and animals in NSW, particularly improving the animal welfare standards.</p> <p>22nd September 2022: Mr Justin Field NSW Independent, to discuss matters relating to the keeping and breeding of pets and animals in NSW, particularly improving the animal welfare standards.</p> <p>27th September 2022: Cassie Jacobs, A/Senior Policy Officer Policy & Strategy Real Estate and Housing NSW - requesting inclusion to the recently announced consultation on residential tenancy laws to allow renters to have pets</p> <p>29th September 2022: Nicola Centofanti MLC South Australia, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development, requesting meeting to discuss SA's</p>
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		<p>impending puppy farm legislation and to continue stakeholder relationship developed with previous SA Premier</p> <p>29th September 2022: Hon Clare Scriven MLC South Australian Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development requesting meeting to discuss SA's impending puppy farm legislation and to develop a stakeholder relationship</p> <p>29th September 2022: Hon Gayle Tierney MLC, Victorian Minister for Agriculture to discuss animal welfare review and concerns in Victoria during lead-in to state election.</p> <p>29th September 2022: Hon Peter Walsh MP, Victorian Shadow Minister for Agriculture, to discuss animal welfare review and concerns in Victoria during lead-in to state election.</p> <p>29th September 2022: to Federal Senator Malcolm Roberts, One Nation Party, to discuss the outcome of Federal request for information regarding the RSPCA and measures for moving forward.</p> <p>29th September 2022: to Robbie Katter, Katters Australia Party (QLD) request to meet to discuss QLD Animal Care & Protection Act amendment to allow pron collars to be used by trainers, and to discuss the issues with RSPCA QLD.</p> <p>4th October 2022: to Hon Mick Veitch MLC, sending ACA Report on NSW POCTAA, Prohibition for Convicted Persons Amendment Bill 2022</p> <p>4th October 2022: to Hon Mark Banasiak MLC, Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party and to Hon Rod Roberts MLC One Nation NSW, sending ACA Report on NSW POCTAA, Prohibition for Convicted Persons Amendment Bill 2022</p>
6	Membership	Nil
7	Treasurer	Current balance \$7,119.76
8	Species Reports	Nil reports for all species
9	General Business	<p>REMINDER: to complete the Draft Council Animal Management Plan and Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement documents</p> <p>Karri raised question regarding what is deemed to be a Conflict of Interest for a Committee member. Extensive discussion covered possible scenarios. Committee agreed the best move is for any Committee member who may believe something they are about to take on (role, job, etc) should be presented to Committee for discussion. If deemed to be a Conflict then a formal written notice to be completed, along with a determination by Committee, and that process recorded in the ACA Conflict of Interest Register.</p>
10	Actions	Committee members to complete their review of the Draft Council Animal Management Plan and Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement documents

STAT Sub-committee Meeting 10th October 2022


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Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Leichelle McMahon
Apologies		Ben Dierikx & Teale Shapcott
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil.
3	General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leichelle provided an update on the issues still awaiting an outcome with the Queensland Animal Care & Protection Act. Parliament still yet to debate outcome of the Committee into the Amendments and also to vote on the Bill. 2. Council updating progressing.
10	Actions	

Both Committee & STAT Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 14/11/22

Committee Meeting 14th November 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting - Monday 14th November 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
Apologies		
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>13th October 2022 - Rehoming Practices Review, NSW Office of Local Government - Michael attended.</p> <p>17th October 2022 - NSW NPWS SLAC Meeting - Michael attended.</p> <p>18th October 2022 - Puppy Education and Awareness workshop - attended by Kylie & Michael</p> <p>20th October 2022 - meeting Senator Roberts to discuss the outcome from the Senators questioning of the viability of the RSPCA during Federal Budget Estimates. Michael & Karri attended.</p> <p>14th November 2022 - Meeting with THE HON. NICOLA CENTOFANTI - Shadow Minister Primary Industries - South Australia. Kylie, Michelle & Michael to attend.</p> <p>28th November 2022 - Meeting with Andrea Kubin - Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation, NPWS, NSW - to discuss the failing policy for rehoming reptiles in NSW. Joanne & Michael to attend.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>11th October 2022 - Sheenagh Langdon - Office Manager for Senator Malcolm Roberts, acknowledging and scheduling a meeting with the Senator for 20th October 2022.</p> <p>11th October 2022 - from Ben Cronly - Office of Cate Faehrmann, NSW Greens - referring our meeting request with Cate to Abigail Boyd as the carrier of The Greens animal welfare portfolio.</p> <p>11th October 2022 - Meeting date for NSW NPWS SLAC Meeting - to be held on the 17th October 2022.</p> <p>12th October 2022 - Xavier Healy, Policy Advisor for Peter Walsh, Shadow Minister Agriculture Victoria - acknowledging meeting request. Phone conversation followed to</p>

	<p>determine Peter wishing to delay until after the Victorian Election in order to more clearly debate his position on the animal welfare concerns raised by ACA.</p> <p>13th October 2022 - Meeting confirmed with The Hon Nicola Centofanti - Shadow Minister Primary Industries, South Australia</p> <p>17th October 2022 - Deb Jackson, Associate Publisher - C&I Media – Pet Industry News. Acknowledging receipt of Pet Industry Leaders article to be published December 2022.</p> <p>17th October 2022 - to Peter Walsh Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Victoria - providing ACA's submission to to the Victorian Animal Welfare Action Plan review and outlining our concerns.</p> <p>17th October 2022 - submission to Animal Welfare Victoria's Animal Welfare Action Plan 2022.</p> <p>19th October 2022 - to Sarah Bird, Office of Dugald Saunders, NSW Agriculture, sending copies o previous correspondences and submissions relating to the Companion Animals Act Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill and Puppy Farm Inquiry, following phone request for assistance.</p> <p>21st October 2022 - office of Robbie Katter MP QLD - meeting confirmation.</p> <p>21st October 2022 - Advice received for Review into the risk of rabies during the import of dogs and cats</p> <p>21st October 2022 - Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health, entitled 'Use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales'. The report tabled.</p> <p>25th October 2022 - from Andrea Kubin - Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation, NPWS, NSW - acknowledging request to meet to discuss the failing policy for rehoming reptiles in NSW.</p> <p>25th October 2022 - official advice from NSW Fair Trading of review into Pets in Rental Homes.</p> <p>25th October 2022 - Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer, NSW DPI - thanking ACA on our attendance at the Puppy Education & Awareness workshop.</p> <p>26th October 2022 - Phoebe Fuller, Office of Penny Sharpe MLC, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council - acknowledging meeting with Penny.</p> <p>26th October 2022 - Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries acknowledging receipt of the National Land Transport of Horses Review submission.</p> <p>1st November 2022 - from Deb Kalashnikoff Executive Assistant - Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC - Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, South Australia - advising our request to meet for discussion about SA's Puppy Farm Legislation has been raised to the Deputy Premier's (Susan Elizabeth Close MP) Office instead.</p> <p>2nd November 2022 - acknowledgement from Morgan Oss, Advisor to ROBBIE KATTER MP QLD, advising receipt of ACA's suggested amendments to the Animal Care &</p>
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		<p>Protection Act - and noting they will be taking up our suggestions to draft formal amendments.</p> <p>8th November 2022 - advice received that the South Australian Dog & Cat Management Board had already commenced introducing breeding restrictions with no public consultation.</p> <p>9th November 2022 - response from South Australian Dog & Cat Management Board that no public consultation is intended to implement further breeding restrictions (ie Puppy Farm Legislation).</p> <p>10th November 2022 - Minutes from NSW NPWS, Licensing Reforms Team received for previous Species Advisory Committee Meeting. Minutes are farce- incomplete and not reflective of conversations that took place during the meeting. Note: ACA to respond declaring our disdain with the minutes and the process unfolding.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>17th October 2022 - Deb Jackson, Associate Publisher - C&I Media – Pet Industry News, sending Pet Industry Leaders article to be published December 2022.</p> <p>25th October 2022 - response to Andrea Kubin, Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation, NSW NPWS - confirming the need to meet and discuss the failing policy for rehoming reptiles.</p> <p>26th October 2022 - submission to Department of Agriculture and Fisheries QLD, for Improvement of welfare for transporting horses review.</p> <p>27th October 2022 - response to the NSW Labor Party Amendments to the Companion Animals Act (Puppy Farm) Bill - sent to: Minister Saunders, Primary Industries, Mark Banasiak ,Shooters Fishers & Farmers Party, and Mark Latham One Nation.</p> <p>27th October 2022 - to Chris Minns, Leader of the Opposition in NSW requesting meeting to discuss the sidelining of Mick Veitch and how that will affect Labor's animal welfare policies moving into the election and beyond.</p> <p>27th October 2022 - to Abigail Boyd, NSW Greens - requesting meeting to discuss animal welfare policy and the Independent Office of Animal Welfare</p> <p>27th October 2022 - to Mick Veitch, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries NSW, with ACA's response to his proposed amendments to the Companion Animals Act Amendments (Puppy Farm) Bill</p> <p>31st October 2022 - to Robbie Katter MP QLD suggested recommendations for possible amendments to the "Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022". Amendments included provisions for Codes of Practice to be developed with stakeholders; corrections to definition of a prong collar and exemptions for their use under certain circumstances; any changes to Regulations must be consulted with stakeholders; pecuniary interests of inspectors to include declaration of beliefs, ideologies and philosophies that conflict with the Act; redefining of the word 'place' within powers of entry to exclude any dwelling used for residential purposes; and other minor clarifications.</p> <p>2nd November 2022 - letter to Penny Sharpe, NSW Shadow Minister for Environment providing requested documentation and ACA's position on some matters relating to the rehoming of reptiles and native wildlife licensing in NSW.</p>

		8th November 2022 - to Dog & Cat Management South Australia requesting information regarding public consultation to occur on their breeding restrictions.
6	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pets Need A Life Too - Gillian Shippen - birds, cats, dogs, farm, horses, small & native mammals * Kelly Irving - dogs * Jackie Salkeld - reptiles * Russ Stott - dogs
7	Treasurer	Current balance: \$7,154.28
8	Species Reports	All submitted a AGM – see Annual Report.
9	General Business	<p>Sentience and ACA’s approach:</p> <p>Karri highlighted her conversation with David Mellor (co-creator of the 5 Domains) and how sentience fits into aspects of animal welfare – that is – you can’t have welfare without sentience and you can’t have sentience without welfare.</p> <p>Discussion surrounded the use of the terms ‘Animal Welfare, Care & Protection’ in reference to creating animal welfare Acts/policies.</p> <p>Karri proposed ACA look at the New Zealand model (authored by David Mellor) and adopt a version of this into ACA’s Animal Welfare Policy & Position Statement.</p> <p>Sam suggested that once adopted this statement should also be incorporated into a document to be sent to all relevant politicians in order to assist them in understanding the difference between ‘Animal Welfare’, ‘Animal Rights’ and the currently misused ‘Animal Protection’.</p> <p>ACA to reclaim the term of ‘Protection’ its originally intent context.</p> <p>Karri requested clarity on ACA’s position on this proposal and Committee supported reviewing and adopting a version of the NZ use of the terms – but not necessarily adopting or promoting all aspects of the NZ Animal Welfare, Care & Protection Act.</p> <p>Protection:</p> <p>Further discussion and reservations highlighted the need for ACA to be careful when referencing the use of ‘protection’ vs ‘animal protection’ due to the latter being an animal rights motto now widely used (and even condemned by ACA)</p> <p>It was determined we would develop the above definitions and statement and then re-visit our approach to the use of ‘protection’ in memes etc.</p> <p>Sam also thought it would be a good option to invite David Mellor to meet with ACA. Michael suggested this could be beneficial once our statement and definitions had been drafted, in order for David to critique and advise.</p> <p>ACA having a policy/position statement based on and reviewed by a world-wide recognised author/creator would go a long way to cementing our position into animal welfare acts and the mindsets of politicians.</p> <p>January Meeting:</p> <p>Michael moved a motion to not hold a January General or Committee Meeting. Motion was unanimously supported.</p>


10	Actions	Karri to commence drafting ACA definitions for the term 'Animal Welfare, Care & Protection' with a focus on the individual words: welfare, care, protection and ultimately include a definition for sentence.
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Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair 19/12/22

STAT Sub-committee Meeting 14th November 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc STAT Sub-Committee Meeting - Monday 14th November 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Kylie Gilbert ,Karri Nadazdy, Rachel Sydenham, Joanne Payne Tracey Dierikx and Leichelle McMahon
Guests		Sandra McLean
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil.
3	General Business	6. Leichelle provided an update on issues in QLD. 7. Michael advised Ben Dierikx and Teale Shapcott would not be returning to STAT from this meeting onwards.
10	Actions	1. Leichelle to seek out new STAT members. 2. No STAT meeting until February 2023

Minutes Accepted and approved:




Michael Donnelly – Chair 19/12/22

Committee Meeting 12th December 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc Committee Meeting - Monday 12th December 2022 – 7.30pm - via FB & Zoom
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Tracey Dierikx
Apologies		Sam Davis, Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne, Rachel Sydenham
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Actions	<p>This meeting did not have a quorum and did not proceed.</p> <p>It was agreed a supplementary meeting via Facebook was to be held with matters to be finalised online.</p> <p>Matters were finalised Monday 19th December 2022.</p>

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm.

Supplementary Committee Meeting 19th December 2022

		Animal Care Australia Inc Supplementary Committee Meeting – Matters Finalised Monday 19 th December 2022 – via Facebook
Attendees		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Sam Davis, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Joanne Payne, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
Apologies		
		Agenda topics
ITEM NO.	Agenda Item	DESCRIPTION
1	Meeting Chair	No Chair – completed via Facebook.
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>12th December 2022: Meeting with Lisien Loan – Director, Conservation and Wildlife, Gayle Grieger – Manager, Dog and Cat Management Board, Anthony Freebairn – Manager, Wildlife Programs, South Australia Government. To be attended by Michael, Michelle Grayson & Kylie Anne</p> <p>12th December 2022 - Meeting with NSW NPWS - Andrea Kubin, Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation. Also in attendance will be: Brittany Dickson, Louise Hatton and Natalie Izquierdo. To be attended by Michael and Joanne Payne</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>14th November 2022 - Cara Ryan A/Correspondence Officer and A/EA to Lisien Loan Director, Conservation and Wildlife, National Parks and Wildlife Service, OED Department for Environment and Water, South Australia, to schedule meeting wit ACA. Meeting scheduled for Monday 12th December 2022.</p> <p>18th November 2022 - Hon Dugald Saunders, NSW Minister for Agriculture - acknowledge ACA's correspondence related to the POCTA (Sentience Bill) .</p> <p>19th November 2022, email from Lyn Brand - President of DOGS NSW (sent to both ACA & MDBA) stating the Puppy Farm Bill to be debated before the NSW Election - attaching copy of a Draft Business Schedule for 22nd February 2023. SECOND EMAIL RECEIVED a couple of hours later - confirming ACA's reply that it is NOT to be debated until after the Election and the Business paper is pure formality to register items as business left over, to be debated under the new Parliament.</p> <p>21st November 2022 - from Agnes Beugnon - Publisher, Australian Dog Lover Australian Cat Lover confirming receipt of media release and article published relating to our Victorian Election Political checklist.</p>

		<p>21st November 2022 - From Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC (Shadow Agriculture Minister, South Australia - thanking ACA for our meeting and seeking to work together on animal welfare issues and the Puppy Farm changes in SA.</p> <p>24th November 2022 - Andrea Kubin, Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation, Conservation Programs Branch, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service to reschedule Reptile Rehoming meeting . Now to be held Monday 12th December 2022.</p> <p>25th November 2022 - Alysha Hardy (she/they) - Policy & Parliamentary Advisor, Office of Abigail Boyd, Greens Member of the NSW Legislative Council - to accept request for a meeting. Meeting to be scheduled for January 2023. TBC.</p> <p>29th November 2022 - Government response to Inquiry into Puppy Farming in NSW.</p> <p>2nd December 2022 - Report tabled – Select Committee on the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.</p> <p>6th December 2022 - Hon Dugald Saunders - NSW Agriculture Minister, to acknowledge receipt of ACA's correspondence relating to NSW Puppy Farm Education initiatives. Letter thanked ACA for our feedback and advised the DPI website had been adjusted with that feedback, also thanked ACA for our attendance at the Initiatives Workshops, and thanked Michael for taking the time to chat with Dugald about ACA's ongoing contributions to the many Amendment Bills recently debated and to provide general feedback on where things are headed.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>14th November 2022 - Morgan Oss, Advisor to ROBBIE KATTER MP STATE MEMBER FOR TRAEGER - confirming receipt and ACA's support of drafted amendments to the QLD Animal Care & Protection Act (Amendment) Bill 2022.</p> <p>14th November 2022 - Cara Ryan, A/Correspondence Officer and A/EA to Lisien Loan Director, Conservation and Wildlife, National Parks and Wildlife Service, OED Department for Environment and Water, South Australia to confirm proposed meeting.</p> <p>17th November 2022 - Trish Harrup, Executive Director, Conservation and Aboriginal Partnerships, NPWS Janelle Brooks, Director, Conservation Programs, NPWS Andrea Kubin, Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation Conservation Programs Branch Elle Kohler Senior Project Officer Conservation Programs Branch RE: Minutes for SLAC Meeting 17th October 2022 - condemning the structure of the Minutes including missing record of conversations and issues of concerns raised within the meeting.</p> <p>19th November 2022 - email response to Lyn Brand - President of DOGS NSW (cc to MDBA) stating the Puppy Farm Bill will not be debated before the NSW Election - and the Draft Business Schedule is just a formality</p> <p>21st November 2022 - Agnes Beugnon - Publisher, Australian Dog Lover Australian Cat Lover - confirming receipt of email and thanking for publishing the Victorian Election article.</p> <p>21st November 2022 - submission to Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry RE: Review of rabies virus risk in imported dogs, cats, and canine semen from approved countries Draft report</p>

		30th November 2022 - NSW Real Estate and Housing Policy Team Better Regulation Division Department of Customer Service RE: Keeping Pets in Residential Tenancies – Consultation 2022
6	Membership	Supporters: Natasha Moore Tanyia Richards Sonia Brande Rutlands Australian Cobberdogs Susan Wilkins Kokoleka Cavaliers Lindsay Bolden John Palmer Anne Briglia Kerry Wyburd Edith Kovarfi Melinda Howarth
7	Treasurer	Current balance: \$7,217.36
8	Species Reports	Reptiles: Meeting held with NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service relating to rehoming of reptiles.
9	General Business	Social media presence - to be led by Karri Nadazdy This discussion to now be adjourned until February 2023 meeting. ACA Policy & Position Statement 2022 document - Approved and will be re-labelled as our policy for 2023. Volunteers Reimbursement of Expenses- Lengthy discussion had to discuss and approve the reimbursement of ongoing expense for Michael Donnelly (and others as necessary). Agreed amount of \$1000 every six months (@31st December 2022 and 30 th June 2023). Also to be reviewed in July 2023.
10	Actions	Social media presence - to be led by Karri Nadazdy This discussion to now be adjourned until February 2023 meeting.