



Animal Care Australia

2023

# MINUTES REGISTER 2023




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# Committee Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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2	<b>Prev Minutes/Action</b>	Nil
3	<b>Current Inquiries/ meetings</b>	16th January 2023 – with Gold Coast Council to confirm meeting to discuss Bird Restrictions in Council By-laws. Attended by Michael & Sam  31st January 2023 - Abigail Boyd, NSW Greens - attended by Michael & Karri  6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 – with Hon. Nicola Centofanti, M.L.C. - South Australian Opposition - to outline ACA's concerns with the SA Veterinary Services Bill. Meeting attended by Michael
4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	19th December 2022 - Kim Filmer - NSW Chief Animal Welfare Officer - advising the release of the next phase of Puppy Farm campaign advertisements  20th December 2022 - NSW Department of Primary Industries - advising of Public Consultation – Statutory Review of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015  21st December 2022 - Morgan Oss, Advisor to Robbie Katter MP State Member for Traeger QLD - advising of update to and enactment of the QLD Animal Care & Protection Act - also thanking ACA for our input and assistance in writing of amendments to the Act to, exempting trained professionals from the prong collar ban. The Katter amendments failed despite support from the Opposition.  12th January 2023 - Hon. Nicola Centofanti, M.L.C. - South Australian Opposition - requesting ACA's input & feedback on the SA Veterinary services Bill  18th January 2023 - Mr Chris Minns MP, NSW Labor Leader and Leader of the Opposition in NSW - acknowledge receipt of SECOND request to met to discuss Labor's animal related policies.  20th January 2023 - Andrea Kubin, Manager Wildlife Programs & Regulation Conservation Programs Branch NSW National Parks & Wildlife - advising release of Public Exhibition: Draft Protected Specimens Code of Practice  23rd January 2023 - NSW Portfolio Committee 2 - Use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales - Government response received  24th January 2023 - received link to Pet friendly Aged Care Survey - Companion Animal Network Australia  2nd February 2023 - THE HON. NICOLA CENTOFANTI, M.L.C. - South Australian Opposition - confirmation of meeting to outline ACA's concerns with the SA Veterinary Services Bill. Meeting to be held Monday 6th February 2023 - to be attended by Michael  7th February 2023 - NSW Department of Primary Industries - invitation to complete a Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey.

		<p>10th February 2023 - Biosecurity &amp; Food Safety NSW Department of Primary Industries - acknowledged receipt of submission to NSW Biosecurity Act Revision.</p> <p>13th February 2023 - PIRSA - acknowledging receipt of submission to PIRSA Legislative Reform Team for the SA Veterinary Services Bill</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>3rd January 2023 - Andrea Kubin, Manager Wildlife Programs &amp; Regulation Conservation Programs Branch NSW National Parks &amp; Wildlife -submission for Proposal to change Reptile Rehoming Procedures.</p> <p>12th January 2023 - Felicia Evans, Gold Coast Council to confirm meeting to discuss Bird Restrictions in Council By-laws. Meeting to be held Monday 16th January 2023 - attended by Michael &amp; Sam Davis</p> <p>12th January 2023 - to the Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC - acknowledging request to review SA Veterinary Services Bill</p> <p>13th January 2023 - Hugh Carter, Assistant to Senator Malcom Roberts - providing statistical information on RSPCA Inspections as previously discussed.</p> <p>18th January 2023 - Chris Minns, Leader of Opposition NSW, SECOND request to meet to discuss Labor Policies following a phone conversation with his Office effectively dismissing ACAs first request (27th October 2022).</p> <p>30th January 2023 - Abigail Boyd, NSW Greens - confirming meeting. Meeting held 31st January 2023 - attended by Michael &amp; Karri Nadazdy</p> <p>2nd February 2023 - to the Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC - acknowledging request to meet to discuss ACA's concerns with SA Veterinary Services Bill. Meeting held 6th February 2023 - attended by Michael</p> <p>10th February 2023 - Biosecurity &amp; Food Safety NSW Department of Primary Industries - submission to NSW Biosecurity Act Revision.</p> <p>13th February 2023 - PIRSA - submission to PIRSA Legislative Reform Team for the SA Veterinary Services Bill</p>
6	Membership	<p>Supporters: Jolly Pets Sharon Milne Robert Britton</p>
7	Treasurer	Balance: \$6265.58 - following Honorarium payment to Michael Donnelly (\$1000)
8	Species Reports	See Appendix
9	General Business	<p><b>Social media presence</b> – Karri discussed using Tik Tok. Committee supported. Rachel &amp; Karri to be primary posters.</p> <p><b>Time for a Symposium</b> – Sam discussed the need to expand the publics knowledge of who ACA is. Committee agreed to discuss the matter further via a post in the FB Group.</p> <p><b>Election mailout to Independent Candidates</b> - Committee agreed. Sam offered to source a list of primary Independents that ACA could focus on.</p> <p><b>Election approach for ACA</b> – requires further discussion between Michael &amp; Karri..</p> <p><b>For the purpose of ACA keeping up with moving opinions, discussion and positions were determined on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Pets on Transport</li> <li>b) Pets in Aged Care Facilities</li> <li>c) ACA lobbying the Federal Govt to have more animals recognised as Assistance Animals</li> <li>d) ACA seeking direction of Federal Office of Animal Welfare and its intention to enact federal standards for companion animals</li> <li>e) Artificial Insemination being restricted/banned</li> <li>f) Banning on breeding brachycephalic breeds</li> </ul>

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		<p>g) ACA calling out the Aust Veterinary Assoc as an AR-aligned organisation</p> <p>h) Banning of greyhound &amp; horse racing - we will need a position as we will get dragged into it by our membership (particularly greyhounds)</p>
10	<b>Actions</b>	<p>Create Tiktok account. Action: Michael</p> <p>Create a PINNED post on FB Group for Symposium discussion.</p> <p>Transfer our 'positions' into the positions document and circulate it for feedback - so please keep an eye out for it. Action: Michael – follow through: Committee.</p> <p>Circulate the 'political party welfare policy' document for your feedback - so please keep an eye out for it. Action: Michael - follow through: Committee</p>

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**Michael Donnelly – Chair**

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Appendix: Species Reports:

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<b>Apologies</b>		Michelle Grayson & Kylie Gilbert
<b>Guests</b>		Sandra Mclean
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4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	<p>17th February 2023 - Cassie Jacobs - Policy Officer   Policy &amp; Strategy   Real Estate and Housing - NSW Better Regulation Division   Department of Customer Service - confirming review of Bill for tenancy laws and pets in rentals is being finalised and will be presented to Parliament in 2023 after the election.</p> <p>17th February 2023 - Mark Banasiak - NSW Shooters, Fishers &amp; Farmers Party - acknowledging receipt of ACA submission for Code of Practice for Protected Animal Specimens. Mark thanked us for bringing this to his attention and thanked us for yet another accurate on point response to the propose COP.</p> <p>27th February 2023 - NSW Parliament Secretariat - Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission – Government response received</p> <p>28th February 2023 - NSW Consultation paper release - Five-year independent statutory review of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 - received</p> <p>1st March 2023 - submission on the role of the Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports acknowledged and receipted.</p> <p>3rd March 2023 - Office of the Hon Dugald Saunders MP, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Western New South Wales - responding to ACA letter regarding the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021. Thanking ACA for reporting our concerns and for our ongoing communications with his Office as a key stakeholder.</p>
5	<b>Outgoing Corro</b>	<p>16th February 2023 - submission to NSW Protected animal specimens draft code of practice (Code): public consultation.</p> <p>16th February 2023 - to Mark Banasiak, NSW Shooters, Fishers and Farmers - copy of ACA submission to Protected animal specimens draft code of practice (Code): public consultation</p> <p>1st March 2023 - email to Phoebe Fuller - PA to Penny Sharpe MLC NSW - following up on communications relating to no response from Labor Party on their Party Policies for upcoming Election.</p>
6	<b>Membership</b>	Nil
7	<b>Treasurer</b>	Current balance: \$6,265.58
8	<b>Species Reports</b>	Nil

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9	<b>General Business</b>	<p>* <b>Election update</b> – provide by Michael</p> <p>* <b>(Independent?) Office of Animal Welfare</b> – for the purpose of our position document and the upcoming election memes – what is our position?</p> <p>* <b>Animal Welfare Policy &amp; Position Statement Approval</b> – approved by Committee.</p> <p>* <b>Reminder for Moreton Bay Council and SA Animal Welfare Policy – both due.</b></p>
10	<b>Actions</b>	<p>Copies of letters and media releases for 'Cost of Living' agenda to promote ACA and get us known in each State to be emailed to Committee for approval - Actioned by Michael</p> <p>Draft statement of ACA's support of an Office of Animal Welfare to be drafted and sent for comment, approval &amp; insertion into the Animal Welfare Policy &amp; Position Statements - Actioned by Michael</p> <p>ACA to officially support NSW SFFP's call for Inquiry into NPWS</p> <p>ACA to request Vic SFFP sponsor an ePetition to get the Planning Law changed/investigated by Parliament.</p>


**Minutes Accepted and approved:**



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# Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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<b>Apologies</b>		Sam Davis,
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1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	18th April 2023 - Emma Hurst, Animal Justice Party NSW - to discuss Puppy Farm legislation - Michael, Kylie & Michelle to attend
4	Incoming Corro	<p>13th March 2023 - Clare Kinsella, Director, Communications and Media Relations, Suicide Prevention Australia - acknowledging support of our letter to the Reserve Bank of Australia and request for support from Suicide Prevention Australia. Michael spoke to Clare and agreement made to maintain contact if Cost of Living Crisis worsens.</p> <p>15th March 2023, Stacey - Communications Division - RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA - acknowledged receipt of ACA letter highlighting animal welfare concerns require to be considered when RBA making further interest rate rises. Advised letter had been forwarded to the Governor of RBA.</p> <p>15th March 2023 - email from 'Shane' requesting assistance with Local Council and their request for him to remove parrots from his property. Email forwarded to ACA Bird Rep to pursue.</p> <p>23rd March 2023 - email from 'Gracey' a foster carer with Strong Hearts Dog Rescue. - wanting to report unethical behaviour by the Rescue.</p> <p>26th March 2023 - acknowledgement of completion of survey for SA Animal Welfare Act Review.</p> <p>26th March 2023 - Moreton Bay Regional Council, acknowledgement of submission regarding Council's Local Law Review Project has been received</p> <p>26th March 2023 - Grieger, Gayle (DEW) South Aust - acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to SA Animal Welfare Act Review.</p> <p>26th March 2023 - Office of Deputy Premier / Minister for Climate, Environment &amp; Water - acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to SA Animal Welfare Act Review.</p> <p>27th March 2023, Councillor Savige, acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to Moreton Bay Council Review</p> <p>27th March 2023, Councillor Constance, acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to Moreton Bay Council Review.</p> <p>28th March 2023, Councillor Winchester, acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to Moreton Bay Council Review,</p> <p>29th March 2023, from Office of the Hon. Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries QLD - acknowledging ACA Letter seeking financial support for pet owners struggling with cost of living crisis.</p> <p>29th March 2023 - Office of Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport and City Services,</p>

		<p>ACT Legislative Assembly - - acknowledging ACA Letter seeking financial support for pet owners struggling with cost of living crisis.</p> <p>29th March 2023 - Office of Mark Parton MLA - Shadow Minister for Transport and City Services, ACT Legislative Assembly - acknowledging ACA Letter seeking financial support for pet owners struggling with cost of living crisis.</p> <p>29th March 2023 - Office of Paul Kirby MLA Member for Port Darwin - Northern Territory Government - - acknowledging ACA Letter seeking financial support for pet owners struggling with cost of living crisis.</p> <p>31st March 2023 - from Anjali Gupta - Subject: Non sufficient capability to look after a dog Message Body: Hi, there is a woman at the regent hotel in the Kensington- Randwick area who has a dog inside the pub which is noticeably terrified.</p> <p>4th April 2023 - letter from the Office of the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries outlining services in Queensland to assist those struggling during the cost of living crisis</p> <p>5th April 2023 - letter from Animal Welfare Team Conservation and Wildlife Branch, National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia, outlining services to assist those struggling during the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>9th April 2023 - Julian R Schöller - (Chair- ACF(Inc.) Legislative Watchdog Committee) - seeking further information about ACA and how the Australian Cat Federation could receive data from ACA in order to complete their own legislative responses. Forwarded to ACA Cat Rep for follow-up.</p> <p>12th April 2023 - Office of the Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, SA - outlining services to assist those struggling during the cost of living crisis</p> <p>14th April 2023 - from Emma Hurst, Animal Justice Party NSW - acknowledging receipt of request to meet and referring to her Personal Assistant to negotiate meeting time/date. Zoom Meeting to discuss Puppy Farms - set for 18th April.</p> <p>14th April 2023 - Lorraine, Senior Executive Director Biosecurity and Animal Welfare, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Northern Territory - outlining services to assist those struggling during the cost of living crisis.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>16th March 2023 - Media Release - THINK OF THE ANIMALS TOO! - Calling on Animal Welfare Ministers to provide financial Assistance for animal welfare assistance during cost of living crisis.</p> <p>23rd March 2023 - response to email from 'Gracey' a foster carer with Strong Hearts Dog Rescue. - wanting to report unethical behaviour by the Rescue. Referred to Animal Welfare Victoria, Local Council and RSPCA Vic. Advised if they did nothing to contact ACA back to pursue politically.</p> <p>26th March 2023 - submission to Moreton Bay Regional Council -Review of Animal Management Local Law</p> <p>26th March 2023 - ACA submission to SA Animal Welfare Act Review sent to Office of Deputy Premier &amp; Minister for Climate, Environment &amp; Water - Susan Close MP; to Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development ; to Nicola Centofanti - Shadow Minister; and to Gayle Grieger (Department of Environment &amp; Water) &amp; Anthony Freebairn, (DEW)</p> <p>29th March 2023 - letter from ACA to all State &amp; Territory Ministers responsible for Animal Welfare - seeking financial support for people struggling to maintain basic animal care during the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>31st March 2023 - response to Anjali Gupta - Subject: Non sufficient capability to look after a dog Message Body: Hi, there is a woman at the regent hotel in the Kensington- Randwick area who has a dog</p>

		<p>inside the pub which is noticeably terrified. ACA advised the complaint needed to be taken up with the Hotel Manager/Staff - or followed up with the Police if she believed the dog was in any actual danger.</p> <p>9th April 2023 - to Julian R Schüller - (Chair- ACF(Inc.) Legislative Watchdog Committee) - advising ACA does not provide data for non-members, and suggesting the ACF join ACA in order to access our Cat Advisory Group where they could contribute and see other responses to any legislative reviews. Her additional questions would be followed up by our ACA Cat Rep.</p> <p>13th April 2023 - to Emma Hurst, Animal Justice Party NSW - to request a meeting following her social media post calling for compassion and a wish to work together.</p> <p>14th April 2023 - to Legislation and Canine Health &amp; Wellbeing Committee (Animal Welfare Victoria) - seeking explanation as to why ACA was not included on this Committee.</p>
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9	General Business	<p>Discuss Puppy Farm/Kitten Mill document sent for comment</p> <p>Discuss Councils document sent for finalisation</p> <p>Discuss strategies for NSW following election</p> <p>Discuss strategies for Victoria in readiness for review of Domestic Animal Act</p> <p>Discuss meeting with Emma</p>
10	Actions	<p>Discuss Puppy Farm/Kitten Mill document sent for comment - Committee to review documents and return to Michael.</p> <p>Discuss Councils document sent for finalisation - - Committee to review documents and return to Michael.</p> <p>Discuss strategies for NSW following election - requests to met with Ministers will be sent as soon as portfolios finalised.</p> <p>Discuss strategies for Victoria in readiness for review of Domestic Animal Act - Kylie to advise Committee as soon as Review commences.</p> <p>Discuss meeting with Emma - Puppy Farm Bill to be discussed with Michelle &amp; Kylie in attendance.</p> <p>Action to pursue Inquiries in Victoria into the change of the Planning Laws and an Accountability of RSPCA Inquiry. Letter to be sent to Jeff Bourman - SFFP Vic - to be actioned by Michael.</p> <p>ACA to review our current promotional material and obtain more from Vistaprint - including pop-up banners for use at Expos &amp; Shows. Michelle to seek information about a Community Donation system from Office Works that might secure some free promotional material. Once order is completed and delivered - organise a catch-up dinner to share out the promotional material etc.</p>

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4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	<p>19th April 2023 - Stephen Le Bas, Project Manager and Product Owner, NSW Pet Registry Upgrade project, NSW Office of Local Government - responding to ACA email requesting further information about Pet Registry Workshop and why we were not invited to participate.</p> <p>21st April 2023 - Tess Vickery - NSW Animal Justice Party - request availability for second meeting to discuss items from Emma Hurst's 'to-do-list' Meeting confirmed for 3rd May 2023</p> <p>21st April 2023 - Jackson Stiles, Senior Adviser, Office of The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Agriculture, Victoria - acknowledge ACA request to meet with Minister to discuss animal welfare, puppy farms &amp; planning law effects on shelters etc.</p> <p>21st April 2023 - Stacy Giannini, Manager, Engagement and Education   Pets and Animal Welfare   Animal Welfare Victoria - responding to ACA email requesting further information about the Legislation and Canine Health &amp; Wellbeing Committees - DAWG update. Advised ACA was not a regulatory body and therefore was not invited. Flaw in this response is the MDBA is a regulatory body in Victoria and they were not invited either.</p> <p>21st April 2023 - Electoral Office of Ron Hoenig acknowledging request to meet and advising Ministers Parliamentary staff are yet to be appointed - matter will be forwarded to them once commenced and to be followed up by his Office at a latter date.</p> <p>21st April 2023 - acknowledgement of receipt of ACA submission to Statutory Review of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</p> <p>24th April 2023 - Stephen Le Bas, Project Manager and Product Owner, NSW Pet</p>

		<p>Registry Upgrade project, NSW Office of Local Government - requested a meeting with ACA to discuss our concerns. Teams meeting scheduled 2nd May 2023 - Michael to attend.</p> <p>1st May 2023 - Samantha Skalak, Senior Research Consultant, Orima Consultation Group - Stakeholder Workshop - Animal Welfare Victoria Pet Census - advising meeting to be held 11th May 2023.</p> <p>2nd May 2023 - Office of the Hon. Jo Palmer MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Tasmania - acknowledging ACA letter seeking financial support for pet owners struggling with cost of living crisis.</p> <p>2nd May 2023 - Animal Welfare Victoria - notification of impending consultation to develop Victoria's first state-wide cat management strategy.</p> <p>2nd May 2023, Emma Gallagher   Office of David Hodgett MP   Shadow Minister for Planning, Victoria - acknowledging request for meeting. Meeting proposed for 10th July 2023.</p> <p>3rd May 2023 - Jessica Malnersic, Office of the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, NSW, acknowledging request to meet and providing proposed dates/times.</p> <p>3rd May 2023 - Office of Chris Steel MLA, Minister for Transport and City Services, ACT Legislative Assembly - acknowledging ACA letter seeking financial support for pet owners struggling with cost of living crisis.</p> <p>4th May 2023 - Office of Emma Kealy MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Victoria to acknowledge request to meet and provide placeholder date.</p> <p>4th May 2023 - Office of the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for the Environment, NSW - acknowledge request for a meeting - but to eject request at this time - Minister is too busy with other meetings.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>17th April 2023 - request to meet with NSW Members of Parliament for the Agriculture (Hon Tara Moriarty), Environment (Hon Penny Sharpe) and Local Government (Hon Ron Hoenig) portfolios.</p> <p>19th April 2023 - request to meet with Victoria Members of Parliament for the Agriculture (Hon Gayle Tierney), Shadow Minister (Emma Kealy MP) and Planning (Hon Sonja Kilkenny) and Shadow Minister (David Hodgett MP) portfolios to discuss puppy farm legislation and planning law amendment impact, and the Local Council abuse of legislations</p> <p>19th April 2023 - Stephen Le Bas, Project Manager and Product Owner, NSW Pet Registry Upgrade project, NSW Office of Local Government - requested a meeting with ACA to discuss our concerns with pilot Pet Registry consultation.</p> <p>21st April 2023 - confirmed availability to meet Emma Hurst, NSW Animal Justice Party to discuss Emma's to-do-list.</p> <p>21st April 2023 - ACA submission for Statutory Review of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, submitted.</p> <p>22nd April 2023 - email forwarded to MDBA for their follow-up to the Legislation and Canine Health &amp; Wellbeing Committees - DAWG update.</p> <p>24th April 2023 - Jeff Bourman MP, Shooters, Fishers &amp; Farmers, Victoria - requesting assistance to initiate Parliamentary Inquires into the accountability of RSPCA Victoria and also into how the Planning Laws were amended to restrict the keeping of animals to just 5 animals.</p>
6	Membership	<p>Dog First Aid Australia</p> <p>Peter Allan</p> <p>Dog Father Dog Training</p> <p>Natasha Davies</p>




		Julie Deem Kerry Chauncy
7	<b>Treasurer</b>	Current balance: \$6,145.58 - following payment of web hosting invoice as approved in April meeting.
8	<b>Species Reports</b>	Nil
9	<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sort responses to Pet Census questionnaire</li> <li>2. Discuss Puppy Farm/Kitten Mill document sent for comment – follow-up</li> <li>3. Discuss Councils document sent for finalisation – follow-up</li> <li>4. Discuss meetings with Emma Hurst</li> <li>5. Discuss upcoming meeting with Tara Moriarty – NSW Ag Minister</li> <li>6. Outline upcoming meetings in Victoria with different Ministers</li> <li>7. Discuss the NSW Pet Registry</li> </ol>
10	<b>Actions</b>	<p>Michael to type up points for the Survey meeting, circulate and Committee to review &amp; approve</p> <p>Committee Members to look over Council and Puppy Farm documents sent prior to previous meeting and provide feedback</p> <p>Committee to review promotional material and advise Michael of what they support ready to be ordered through Vistaprint..</p>

**Minutes Accepted and approved:**



**Michael Donnelly – Chair**

# General & Committee Meeting 10th July 2023

		<b>Animal Care Australia Inc</b> <b>General &amp; Committee Meeting</b> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 – via Facebook & Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
<b>Apologies</b>		Sam Davis,
		<b>Agenda topics</b>
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Michael Donnelly
2	<b>Prev Minutes/Action</b>	Meeting scheduled for 12th June was cancelled due to public holiday. Approval to cancel via ACA Messenger Group.
3	<b>Current Inquiries/ meetings</b>	<p>Inquiry into Pounds in NSW - deadline 14th August 2023</p> <p>Inquiry into the NSW Veterinary Workforce Shortage - to close on 21st July 2023</p> <p>11th May 2023 - Pet Census Forum - attended by Michael</p> <p>25th May 2023 - Victorian Cat Management Strategy - attended by Michael. NB: This was limited to 'executive representatives'</p> <p>10th June 2023 - Meeting with potential Sponsor - Petcover Insurance - attended by Michael</p> <p>16th June 2023 - Meeting with Tara Moriarty MP - NSW Minister for Agriculture. Attended by Michael, Sam &amp; Karri.</p> <p>27th June 2023 - Meeting with Emma Keely MP - Vic Shadow Minister for Agriculture. Attended by Michael &amp; Kylie.</p> <p>10th July 2023 - Meeting with David Hodgett MP - Vic Shadow Minister for Planning. Attended by Michael, Kylie &amp; Karri.</p> <p>5th July 2023 - NSW Minister Sharpe's Environment Roundtable – Michael to attend.</p> <p>6th July 2023 - Bravecto Quntum Conference - with NSW Vets - Karri attended.</p> <p>10th July 2023 - Meeting with David Hodgett MP - Vic Shadow Minister for Planning. Attended by Michael, Kylie &amp; Karri.</p> <p>11th July 2023, Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP -meeting with Brendan Byron, Policy Advisor. Michael &amp; Karri to attend.</p> <p>21st July 2023 - Meeting with Kellie Sloane MP - NSW Shadow Environment Minister. To be attended by Michael &amp; Sam.</p>
4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	<p>9th May 2023 - Samantha Skalak - Senior Research Consultant - Orima Consultancy - acknowledging receipt of RSVP to Pet Census Forum.</p> <p>9th May 2023 - Social Research Centre (SRC) invitation to attend the development of Victoria's Cat Management Strategy.</p> <p>11th May 2023, Matt Lowe, Chief Executive Agriculture Victoria, Deputy Secretary Agriculture, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action – response to request to discuss Victoria's Planning Law change.</p> <p>12th May 2023 - Samantha Skalak - Senior Research Consultant - Orima Consultancy -</p>

	<p>acknowledging receipt of ACA's feedback on Pet Census questions..</p> <p>16th May 2023, Remy Wilson, Project Officer, Exhibited Animals &amp; Animal Management responding to ACA's equest for details about how a breeding association is recognised as an authorised breeding organisation in QLD following the attempt by Logan Shire Council to seize and desex 3 dogs that were breeding but not members of Dogs QLD . Only Dogs QLD members are permitted to keep more than 2 non-desexed female dogs in their Shire.</p> <p>18th May 2023, -Engage Victoria - announcement of the release of Update on Reforming Victoria's biosecurity legislation</p> <p>19th May 2023 - Victorian Parliament - acknowledging receipt of ACA submission to the Inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users.</p> <p>22nd May 2023 - the Hon Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Agriculture - confirming receipt of correspondence outlining concerns with animal welfare review, and how the planning laws are affecting animal owners.</p> <p>23rd May 2023, Matt Vincent, Executive Director, Planning and Building Reform advising the government has no intention of amending the Planning Law restrictions on animals, or meeting with ACA to discuss.</p> <p>24th May 2023 - Jessica Malnersic, Manager, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC - acknowledging request to meet and sending invitation to do so.</p> <p>29th May 2023, Office of Dugald Saunders, NSW Shadow Minister for Agriculture, acknowledging request for meeting and delaying the meeting due to workload.</p> <p>30th May 2023, Sharon Gao, Engage Victoria, Digital Victoria, Department of Government Services - acknowledging request for correspondence relating to consultation about changes to planning laws and referring to Planning Panels Section.</p> <p>2nd June 2023 - Adrian Williams, Senior Business Coordinator, Planning Panels Victoria - advising our request for documents relating to the consultation leading to the planning law changes will require a Freedom Of Information request.</p> <p>6th June 2023 - Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, WA Minister for Agriculture &amp; Food - acknowledging receipt of written request for compassionate assistance for pet owners during cost-of-living crisis and advising of the measures in place, that is, take it up with RSPCA WA.</p> <p>13th June 2023 - Yazmin Thomas  Business Unit Director – PR, Digital Influencers &amp; Social - inviting ACA to attend a Bravecto Conference</p> <p>14th June 2023 - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CS012626 - acknowledged.</p> <p>15th June 2023 - Dylan Gojak - Office for Kellie Sloane, NSW Shadow Environment Minister - confirming meeting with the Minister.</p> <p>20th June 2023 - NSW Portfolio Committee 4 - advising the approval of an Inquiry into the Veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales</p> <p>21st June 2023, - Hilltops Council - submission for Draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy Submission was received.</p> <p>22nd June 2023, Jackson Stiles, Senior Adviser, Office of The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Agriculture - acknowledging receipt of substantive outline of the effects of the planning laws on animal owners and breeders in Victoria.</p> <p>22nd June 2023, Mary Dodd, Councillor - Hilltops Council - thanking ACA for our input, highlighting we have raised some interesting points, well worth considering.</p> <p>23rd June 2023 - Janelle Brooks, Director, Conservation Programs Branch, NSW National Parks &amp; Wildlife Service - highlighting the SLAC Committee will need to hold until new Environment Minister can overview the previous Code of Practice for the Preservation of Specimen Animals AND approve a consultation for a Code of Practice for the Trading of Birds (ie Keeping). Additionally highlighting matters discussed in a meeting late last year</p>
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		<p>with Sam and Michael, acknowledging her awareness of the work being undertaken by aviculturists in supporting conservation efforts as a real area of opportunity to build good partnerships between government and the sector to support conservation actions.</p> <p>29th June 2023 - Kirri Collins, President – Australia &amp; New Zealand Laboratory Animals Association - acknowledging request for a meeting to discuss establishing a MOU between our two organisations.</p> <p>30th June 2023, advice our submission to the Economy and Infrastructure Committee's Inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users has been accepted by the Committee.</p> <p>30th June 2023 - from Federal Department of Climate, Energy, the Environment &amp; Water, acknowledging receipt of submission to Review into removing psittacines (parrots) from the Live Import list.</p> <p>3rd July 2023 - Ryan Parker, Manager Wildlife Protection Branch, Conservation and Ecosystems Management, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. Acknowledging and responding to request for update on where the WA Native Wildlife Licensing Review is at. The Review has not progressed since 2019 and is unlikely to continue within the near future. ACA will be advised when it re-commences.</p> <p>4th July 2023 - Mikaela, Privacy &amp; Information Access Advisor, Privacy and Information Access, DTP Legal   Department of Transport and Planning - acknowledging ACA's permission to extend the due date of the FOI request by an additional 14 days.</p> <p>4th July 2023, Jennifer Glass, Executive Assistant, Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP - advising of meeting date &amp; time with Brendan Byron, Ministers Policy Advisor</p> <p>5th July 2023 - Invitation to attend Minister Sharpe's Environment Roundtable – NSW.</p> <p>6th July 2023 - Anthony Ramsey, CEO (Executive Director), Pet Industry Association of Australia - seeking a meeting to discuss an MOU between PIAA and ACA.</p> <p>7th July 2023 - NSW Real Estate &amp; Housing Policy Team advising AA of a consultation on Improving NSW rental laws.</p> <p>7th July 2023 - Grant Mathers, Councillor – Division 3 - acknowledging receipt of submission to Rockhampton Regional Council's animal management strategy review.</p> <p>10th July 2023 - Message from the Minister - SA Veterinary Services Bill introduced to Parliament.</p> <p>10th July 2023 - Dr Allison Crook, Chair – Animal Welfare Task Group (Aust Govt) advising ACA's request to participate in the National Animal Welfare Review had been forwarded to the Animal Welfare Task Group (AWTG), state and territory jurisdictions to ensure our inclusion.</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>11th May 2023 - Samantha Skalak, Senior Research Consultant, Orima Consultancy - ACA comments &amp; feedback on Pet Census Questions.</p> <p>1st June 2023, Australian Welfare Task Group Secretariat - Animal Care Australia is seeking assurances of our inclusion as a stakeholder during the reviews of all upcoming Model Codes of Practices -Standards and Guidelines of the National Animal Welfare Review.</p> <p>3rd June 2023, Jackson Stiles, Senior Adviser, Office of The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Agriculture, Victoria - sending a detailed report of the effects of the planning law changes.</p> <p>3rd June 2023, - Jeff Bourman - Vic Shooters Fishers &amp; Farmers Party - - sending a detailed report of the effects of the planning law changes.</p> <p>3rd June 2023, - Emma Keely - Vic Shadow Minister for Agriculture - - sending a detailed report of the effects of the planning law changes.</p> <p>12th June 2023 - Kellie Sloane MP, NSW Shadow Minister for Environment - responding to her acceptance of our request for a meeting.</p> <p>18th June 2023 – Jessica Malnersic - Office of Tara Moriarty - NSW Minister for</p>

		<p>Agriculture - thanking Tata for the meeting today and acknowledging our intention to consult in the future.</p> <p>21st June 2023 - Mayor &amp; Councillors of Hilltops Council - sending ACA's response to the Council's Draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy</p> <p>21st June 2023, charity.inquiries@customerservice.nsw.gov.au - requesting clarity relating to lobbying during elections and our responsibilities.</p> <p>29th June 2023 - Kiri Collins, President – Australia &amp; New Zealand Laboratory Animals Association - requesting the opportunity to meet and discuss an MOU between ACA &amp; ANZLAA.</p> <p>29th June, 2023 - - Ryan Parker, Manager Wildlife Protection Branch, Conservation and Ecosystems Management, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. Request for update on where the WA Native Wildlife Licensing Review is at. The Review has not progressed since 2019.</p> <p>30th June 2023 - Tara Moriarty, NSW Agriculture Minister, requesting information as to which Labor Member she would want ACA to liaise with relating to ACA the Inquiry into Pounds in NSW.</p> <p>30th June 2023 - Ron Hoenig, NSW Office of Local Government Minister, requesting information as to which Labor Member she would want ACA to liaise with relating to ACA the Inquiry into Pounds in NSW.</p> <p>30th June 2023 - to Federal Department of Climate, Energy, the Environment &amp; Water, submitting ACA's submission to Review into removing psittacines (parrots) from the Live Import list</p> <p>7th July 2023, Mayor &amp; Councillors Rockhamton Regional Council submitting Animal Care Australia's response to Council's Animal Management Strategy.</p> <p>25th May 2023, Local Law Review Team, Snowy Valleys Regional Council - submitting Animal Care Australia's response to Council's Animal Management Strategy.</p>
6	<b>Membership</b>	<p>Ginnette Loft</p> <p>Patrina Carter</p> <p>Kerry Chauncy</p>
7	<b>Treasurer</b>	<p>Current Balance: \$10,128.88 - this includes, donation of \$5000 from Julie Nelson.</p> <p>Payments included: \$545.16 for email server &amp; provider. Honorarium payment to Michael Donnelly of \$1000. Zoom subscription: \$230.89.</p>
8	<b>Species Reports</b>	<p>Nil</p>
9	<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss whether ACA should comment about the Pet Census</li> <li>2. Discuss Sponsorship agreement from PetCover Insurance</li> <li>3. Discuss Partnerships with PIAA, ANZLAA &amp; Animal Services Australasia (<a href="https://www.animalservicesaustralasia.com/">https://www.animalservicesaustralasia.com/</a>)</li> <li>4. Discuss importance of Committee to monitor the Deadlines for Submissions etc</li> <li>5. Discuss ACA /Species Reps making more public statements – in response to issues raised by the AJP and others</li> <li>6. Discuss fundraising options – incl: merchandise through a provider rather than us needing to handle.</li> </ol>
10	<b>Motions</b>	<p>Moved by Michelle Grayson - ACA formalise a structure for all meetings that requires members to remain on MUTE. Members wanting to contribute must raise their hand electronically or physically. Motion seconded by Rachel Sydnham and Third: Joanne Payne.</p>



		Moved by Kylie Gilbert - that ACA consider greater inclusion of Assistance Animals including providing assistance to smaller organisations in responding to government etc. Seconded by: Michael Donnelly.
11	<b>Actions</b>	<p>ACA's position regarding Assistance Animals – Kylie to investigate what other organisations are out there. ACA to attempt to then form alliances (via MOU's) with those, as well as inclusion of Assistance Animals in MOU with PIAA and potentially including Hanrob etc. Karri to provide support &amp; input throughout.</p> <p>Discussion regarding whether ACA should comment about the Pet Census was agreed upon. Michael to release a President's Statement as a reply.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Sponsorship agreement from PetCover Insurance agreed to continue and draft a Sponsorship Agreement.</p> <p>Discussion relating to formalising partnerships with PIAA, ANZLAA &amp; Animal Services Australasia agreed to. Michael to pursue.</p> <p>Discussion about ACA and Species Reps making more public statements – in response to issues raised by the AJP and others agreed to - Rachel to be the first in response to claims made by Georgie Purcell AJP Victoria about pet rabbits.</p> <p>Discussion about fundraising options – incl: merchandise through a provider rather than us needing to handle - requires further discussion. A post in the FB Committee Group to be pinned for Committee comment/input.</p>


**Minutes Accepted and approved:**




**Michael Donnelly – Chair**



# Committee Meeting 14th August 2023

		<b>Animal Care Australia Inc</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 – via Facebook & Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
<b>Apologies</b>		Joanne Payne
		<b>Agenda topics</b>
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Michael Donnelly
2	<b>Prev Minutes/Action</b>	Nil
3	<b>Current Inquiries/ meetings</b>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP -meeting with Brendan Byron, Policy Advisor. Attended by Michael &amp; Karri.</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Meeting with Pet Cover Insurance representatives - potential sponsors. Attended by Michael</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 - Meeting with Kellie Sloane MP - NSW Shadow Environment Minister. Attended by Michael &amp; Sam.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Meeting with Gareth Ward MP – NSW Independent. Attended via zoom by Michael &amp; Karri.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 – Meeting with Tania Mihailuk MLC – One Nation. Attended by Michael &amp; Karri.</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Meeting with PIAA President – Anthony Ramsey to discuss details of NSW Boarding Facilities Code of Practice. Attended by Michael, Kylie &amp; Karri.</p>
4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	<p>13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Brendan Byron, Policy Advisor, Office of the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government – acknowledging receipt of ACA submissions to Puppy Farm Bill, and Inquiries during previous term of Parliament.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Invitation to participate in a forum for equestrian organisations — Road safety behaviours inquiry, Victoria.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Agnes Beugnon – Publisher, Australian Dog Lover   Australian Cat Lover. Advising the ACA Presidents Statement regarding the Victorian Pet Census had been published in their magazine.</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Mikaela, Privacy &amp; Information Access Advisor, Privacy and Information Access, DTP Legal   Department of Transport and Planning, Victoria. Freedom of Information data received. To be evaluated by Kylie &amp; Michael.</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Mhairi Roberts, Policy &amp; Advocacy Manager, RSPCA Victoria – requesting further information as to hy ACA was requesting data relating to pet rabbit reports of cruelty made to the RSPCA – following statement with Parliament by Georgie Pursell AJP Victoria.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Sam Branch, Electorate Officer, Gareth Ward MP – confirming our request for a meeting and proposing dates.</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 - from the Office of Tania Mihailuk MLC – confirming our request for a meeting and proposing dates.</p>

# General & Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

		<b>Animal Care Australia Inc</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – via Facebook & Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>		Michael Donnelly, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
<b>Apologies</b>		Sam Davis
		<b>Agenda topics</b>
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Michael Donnelly
2	<b>Prev Minutes/Action</b>	Nil
3	<b>Current Inquiries/ meetings</b>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – meeting Clem Harris – NSW Department of Primary Industries – to discuss concerns with the Prohibition of Convicted Persons amendments. Attended by Michael &amp; Sam.</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 – meeting with Aileen Macdonald MLC – member of NSW Animal Welfare Committee (Standing Committee) to discuss animal welfare vs animal rights and animal protection. Attended by Michael &amp; Karri.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Inquiry into Vulnerable Road Users in Victoria. Attended by Karri.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - Veterinary services, animal research, equine and racing webinar as it relates to the Draft Biosecurity Bill – attended by Karri.</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Inquiry into Veterinary Workforce Shortage in NSW. Attended by Michael &amp; Karri.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - meeting with Mianda Fry – from Roy Butlers office. Attended by Michael &amp; Karri.</p>
4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	<p>16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – NSW Portfolio Committee 4 – invitation to attend Inquiry into the veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – NSW Portfolio Committee 8 – Pounds in New South Wales - Submission acknowledgement</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 - Legislative Reform Team   Industry, Strategy and Partnerships   Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia – invitation to attend the Veterinary services, animal research, equine and racing webinar as it relates to the Draft Biosecurity Bill</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Engage – Department of Agriculture &amp; Fisheries QLD – acknowledgement of receipt of QLD Strong Dog Laws submission.</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – NSW Department of Environment advising of release of Final report release - Five-year independent statutory review of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 - Melissa Pinto, Policy Manager, Real Estate and Housing Better Regulation Division   Department of Customer Service, NSW. Requesting consultation on Confidential - Draft Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 – acknowledgement of receipt of online portal submission to National Biosecurity Strategy actions.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – NSW Portfolio Committee 4 - Inquiry into the veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales - Post hearing responses. Transcript and Questions on Notice.</p>

		<p>4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Alexandra Thomas, CEO, Pet Sure Insurance – requesting a meeting with ACA following the Veterinary Workforce Shortage Inquiry.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Aileen Macdonald MLC, NSW – advising of the announcement of the Inquiry into aerial culling of brumbies and to request information on contacts for research into sterilisation of wild horses – one dose.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Executive Services Unit - Department of Agriculture and Fisheries responding to ACA's request to meet with the Minister to discuss QLD Strong Dog Laws and denying the request.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – NSW Department of Environment – confirming receipt of submission to: Amending the Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan: public consultation</p>
5	<b>Outgoing Corro</b>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Hugh Carter, Office of Senator Malcolm Roberts – providing links to RSPCA Surrender Fees.</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – to PIRSA, South Australia requesting a closing date for the Draft Biosecurity Bill.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Robbie Katter – Katter Party QLD – sent QLD Strong Dogs Laws submission.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Tony Perrett MP – Shadow Agriculture Minister QLD. Sent QLD Strong Dogs Laws submission.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries – submitted QLD Strong Dogs Laws submission.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Mark Furner MP – Minister for Agriculture &amp; Fisheries – requesting a meeting to discuss QLD Strong Dogs Laws submission.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – sent interview link to Chelsea – new applicant for STAT.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – Emma Hurst, Animal Justice Party – request a meeting to discuss NSW Pounds Inquiry &amp; Aerial Culling Inquiry.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – to City of Port Adelaide, Enfield Council- congratulating Council on their Companion Animal Project.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Aileen Macdonald MLC NSW – response regarding query requesting sources for one shot immunocontraception of wild horses.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – response to Pet Sure Insurance request for a meeting following the Parliamentary Inquiry into veterinary workforce shortage.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – City of Vincent Council, Western Australia – submission to Draft Animal Amendment Local Law 2023</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Lane Cove Council, NSW – submission to Introduction of Wildlife Protection Areas amendments.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Pet Sure Insurance – confirm meeting date.</p>
6	<b>Membership</b>	<p><b>Supporters:</b></p> <p>Brisbane Valley Pet Care Centre Eva Ritter</p>
7	<b>Treasurer</b>	Current Balance: \$ \$11,372.34 – includes deposit of \$600 Sponsorship.
8	<b>Species</b>	Nil

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	<b>Reports</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Annual Award for Community projects advancing animal welfare – to be discussed by Karri</li><li>2. Discuss any concerns about the AVA recommendations</li><li>3. Discuss our Vet Inquiry Supplementary Submission</li><li>4. Discuss extras for submission to Brumby Inquiry vs Brumby Consultation submission</li></ol>
<b>10</b>	<b>Motions</b>	Nil
<b>11</b>	<b>Actions</b>	Nil

**Minutes Accepted and approved:**



**Michael Donnelly – Chair**

# Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

		<b>Animal Care Australia Inc</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – via Facebook & Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx
<b>Apologies</b>		Rachel Sydenham
		<b>Agenda topics</b>
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Michael Donnelly
2	<b>Prev Minutes/Action</b>	Nil
3	<b>Current Inquiries/ meetings</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – with Dr Joe McGirr – NSW Independent. Attended by Michael & Karri.  4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – PetCover Insurance Meeting to discuss first month of sponsorship. Attended by Michael  5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Pet Sure Insurance to discuss follow-up to the Vet Inquiry in NSW & their next projects. Attended by Michael, Kylie & Karri.
4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Pet Sure Insurance – confirm meeting date.  12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – NSW Animal Welfare Committee - Invitation to make a submission - Inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park  12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Andrea Kubin, Manager – Wildlife Programs and Regulation Unit, National Parks and Wildlife Service – response to ACA's request for changes to Reptile Rehoming submission dated January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2023 – (nine months after sending)  13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Melissa Pinto, Policy Manager, Real Estate and Housing, Better Regulation Division   Department of Customer Service, NSW. Receipt of submission to: Confidential - Draft Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023  15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – submission to Wyndham City Council - Community Amenity Local Law (CALL) 2023 acknowledged received by Council and Councillors Peter Maynard and Susan McIntyre.  20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Dr Cristy Secombe, Head of Veterinary and Public Affairs, Australian Veterinary Association, requesting a meeting with ACA.  24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – acknowledgement of receipt of Biosecurity Bill for South Australia, via online survey.  25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – acknowledgement of receipt of submission to Coorong Council , South Australia - Draft 2024-2029 Animal Management Plan  3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Supplementary Submission to Veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales - Submission acknowledgement  6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Tess Vickery, Office of Emma Hurst, NSW Animal Justice Party – confirming date for meeting to discuss NSW Pounds & Aerial culling Inquiries.  6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 - acknowledgement of receipt of submission to Public Submission on draft Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill, Tasmania.  9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Chris Dixon, Project and Strategy Officer, City of Vincent. Advising

		Animal Amendment Local Law 2023 - Informing Consultation Respondent of Council Meeting
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – PetSure Insurance confirming ability to attend meeting with proposed dates.</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – invitation for interview with Janik for position on STAT.</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – submission to Confidential - Draft Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 in NSW - submitted.</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – submission to Wyndham City Council - Community Amenity Local Law (CALL) 2023</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – submission to Blue Mountains National Park and Kanangra-Boyd National Park Draft Plan of Management: public consultation</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - submission to Developing a Biosecurity Bill for South Australia</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Supplementary Submission and Questions On Notice to Portfolio Committee 4 - Inquiry into the veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – submission to Coorong Council, South Australia, Draft 2024-2029 Animal Management Plan – to Council and Councillors.</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 submission to Moreton Bay Council, Queensland - Review of Animal Management Local Law – follow-up. Sent to Council &amp; Councillors.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - Dr Cristy Secombe, Head of Veterinary and Public Affairs, Australian Veterinary Association, confirming a meeting with proposed meeting dates.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - submission to Public Submission on draft Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill, Tasmania.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Ros Spence, Agriculture Minister, Victoria – request for introductory meeting.</p>
6	Membership	Nil
7	Treasurer	Current Balance: \$11,397.34
8	Species Reports	Nil
9	General Business	1. Discuss ACA at Parliament on World Pet Day – discuss if committee are interested.
10	Motions	Nil
11	Actions	Michael to pursue ACA at Parliaments in NSW, QLD & Victoria on World Pet Day 2024.


Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair



# Committee Meeting 11th November 2023

		<b>Animal Care Australia Inc</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 7.45pm via Facebook & Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Joanne Payne, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx and Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
<b>Apologies</b>		Joanne Payne, Chelsea Ko (STAT), Janik Habersatter (STAT)
		<b>Agenda topics</b>
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Michael Donnelly
2	<b>Prev Minutes/Action</b>	Nil
3	<b>Current Inquiries/ meetings</b>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Meeting with Tess Vickery -Office of Emma Hurst MLC – Animal Justice Party NSW. Attended by Michael &amp; Karri.</p> <p>Upcoming:</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Meeting with the Australian Veterinary Association. To be attended by Michael, Karri &amp; Kylie.</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – Meeting the Office of Ros Spence MP, Victorian Agriculture Minister. To be attended by Michael &amp; Kylie.</p>
4	<b>Incoming Corro</b>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Rebecca Hawkins, Senior Electorate Officer, Office of Philip Donato, MP, NSW Independent – advising all staff have remained the same since pre-election, and they know who ACA is and will work with ACA moving forward.</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Melissa Pinto, Policy Manager, Real Estate and Housing, Better Regulation Division   NSW Department of Customer Service advising the Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 is now before the NSW Parliament.</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> October – Cristy Secomb – Australian Veterinary Association – confirming 15<sup>th</sup> November meeting.</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Zander Graham, Senior Electorate Officer, Alex Greenwich MP, NSW Independent - acknowledging receipt of ACA written support for the Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 – Keeping of Animals and advising Mr Greenwich will be supporting the Bill.</p> <p>16th October 2023 – Tess Vickery, Office of Emma Hurst MLC, NSW Animal Justice Party - acknowledging receipt of ACA written support for the Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 – Keeping of Animals and advising Ms Hurst will be supporting the Bill.</p> <p>17th October 2023 - Judy Hannan MP, NSW Independent, acknowledging receipt of ACA written support for the Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 – Keeping of Animals and advising she will be supporting the Bill.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Dr Joe McGirr MP, NSW Independent, acknowledging receipt of ACA written support for the Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 – Keeping of Animals and advising he will be supporting the Bill.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park - Submission acknowledgement.</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Timothy James MP- Shadow Minister for Fair Trading, Work Health and Safety and Building, NSW - acknowledging receipt of ACA written support for the</p>

		<p>Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 – Keeping of Animals and advising the Coalition will be supporting the Bill.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Tablelands Regional Council, acknowledging receipt of submission to Local Laws Review.</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Clem Harris, Director Policy &amp; Industry Insights   Strategy &amp; Engagement, NSW Department of Primary Industries. Advising she is still investigating our concerns relating to the legislative changes of the Prohibition of Convicted Persons Bill. Clem will contact as soon as investigations return results.</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Julie Stratford, Stakeholder Engagement Manager – Skills Insight – advising and inviting ACA to provide feedback on the changing of animal-related job descriptions as part of the <b>ANZSCO codes for animal care occupations review</b>.</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 - Acknowledgement of submission: NSW Invasive Species Management Review.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 - Ebony Williams, Executive Support Officer, Office of the Mayor, Moreton Bay Regional Council – responding to ACA's Review of Animal Management Local Law – follow-up correspondence.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Ryan Moore – Office of Ros Spence, Agriculture Minister, Victoria, confirming meeting for 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Mark Cameron, Morning Peninsula Avicultural Society – apologies or ACA AGM.</p>
5	<b>Outgoing Corro</b>	<p>16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – sent correspondence supporting the NSW Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 – Keeping of Animals to all NSW Independent MP; Timothy James MP- Shadow Minister for Fair Trading, Work Health and Safety and Building; and to Cate Faehrmann MLC - NSW Greens; Mark Banasiak MLC - Shooters Fishers &amp; Farmers; John Ruddick MLC – Liberal Democrats; Emma Hurst MLC – NSW Animal Justice Party; and, Scott Farlow, MLC - Shadow Minister for Housing.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Brad Fitzmaurice, Chief of Staff for NSW Agriculture Minister requesting governments position on the NSW Greens Bill for an Independent Office of Animal Welfare.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Dugald Saunders, Shadow NSW Agriculture Minister requesting Coalition's position on the NSW Greens Bill for an Independent Office of Animal Welfare.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – submission sent to Mayor &amp; Councillors of Tablelands Regional Council's Amendment To Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2019 &amp; Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2019</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Clem Harris, Director Policy &amp; Industry Insights   Strategy &amp; Engagement, NSW Department of Primary Industries. Requesting an update on investigating our concerns relating to the legislative changes of the Prohibition of Convicted Persons Bill.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 - Ryan Moore, Adviser, Agriculture (Animal Welfare) Minister, Victoria, confirming ACA's availability for meeting with Office staff.</p>
6	<b>Membership</b>	<p><b>Supporters:</b></p> <p>Chief Group Services</p> <p>Cheryl Grampe</p>
7	<b>Treasurer</b>	Current Balance: <b>\$11,652.34</b>
8	<b>Species</b>	Nil


	Reports	
9	STAT Report	Progress being made on Schedule of Council Animal Management Plans
10	General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting with Tess Vickery was to highlight our submissions to the NSW Inquiries into Pounds and Aerial Culling of Wild Horses, as well as provide assurances of support for Pets on Public Transport – and outline our caveats to that support. While Tess thanked us for the support there was no assurance as to participation in either Inquiry – given Emma is Chair for both.</li> <li>2. Discuss the approach to the omnibus legislation – creating an Office of Animal Welfare; Puppy Farm approach; Animal Welfare Act &amp; regulations: As advised by the NSW Agriculture Minister's Chief of Staff, the government's proposed intention to introduce legislation as an omnibus of the three separate Bills/Draft Acts, will require ACA to become proactive now and commence development of what we believe those aspects should include. Committee has agreed to develop a revised Breeding of Dogs &amp; Cats Code of Practice to assist in combatting Puppy Farms; and ACA will develop a proposal &amp; structure of an Office (and Minister?) of Animal Welfare. These are to be provided to the government and other Party members in readiness for the ensuing omnibus. Re: Animal Welfare Act – will need to wait and see what the newly revised, Draft Act looks like, along with the Draft Regulations.</li> <li>3. Discuss response to NSW Greens Bill for an Independent Office of Animal Welfare: ACA to complete a full written response to the Bill – ASAP.</li> <li>4. Discuss the lack of renewed memberships by organisations: Species Representatives agreed to all contact member organisations that have not renewed to follow-up.</li> </ol>
11	Motions	Moved by Michael Donnelly for Committee to approve two Honorarium payments to Michael Donnelly for the next 12 months. Payments of \$1000 on 31st December 2023 and 30th June 2024. Seconded by Sam Davis and Karri Nadazdy. Motion unanimously carried.
12	Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a revised Breeding of Dogs &amp; Cats Code of Practice to assist in combatting Puppy Farms. Draft to be consulted &amp; prepared by <b>Michelle, Kylie &amp; Michael</b></li> <li>• Develop a proposal &amp; structure of an Office (and Minister?) of Animal Welfare. Draft to be consulted &amp; prepared by <b>Michael, Sam &amp; Karri</b>.</li> <li>• ACA to complete a full written response to the NSW Greens Bill for an Independent Office of Animal Welfare. Draft to be consulted &amp; prepared by <b>Michael, Sam &amp; Karri</b>.</li> <li>• Species Representatives agreed to all contact member organisations that have not renewed to follow-up: <b>Michael</b> to send lists of organisations to Species Representatives.</li> </ul>

Minutes Accepted and approved:



Michael Donnelly – Chair

# Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

		<b>Animal Care Australia Inc</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – via Facebook & Zoom
<b>Attendees</b>		Michael Donnelly, Sam Davis, Michelle Grayson, Karri Nadazdy, Kylie Gilbert, Rachel Sydenham, Tracey Dierikx, Chelsea Ko (STAT)
<b>Apologies</b>		Joanne Payne, Janik Habersatter (STAT), Leichelle McMahon (STAT)
		<b>Agenda topics</b>
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	Meeting Chair	Michael Donnelly
2	Prev Minutes/Action	Nil
3	Current Inquiries/ meetings	<p>15th November 2023 – Meeting with the Australian Veterinary Association. Attended by Michael, Karri &amp; Kylie.</p> <p>16th November 2023 – Meeting with Policy Advisors to Penny Sharpe, NSW Environment Minister. Attended by Michael.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Clem Harris, Director Policy &amp; Industry Insights   Strategy &amp; Engagement, NSW Department of Primary Industries advising feedback on the Prohibited Persons Amendment.</p> <p>21st November 2023 – Meeting the Office of Ros Spence MP, Victorian Agriculture Minister. Attended by Michael &amp; Kylie.</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – NSW Pounds Inquiry. To be attended by Karri &amp; Kylie.</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Animal Welfare Victoria – update on the release of the Draft Animal Care &amp; Protection Bill 2023. To be attended by Michael</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 –NSW Inquiry into the aerial culling of wild horses in Kosciusko National Park. To be attended by Karri &amp; Rachel.</p>
4	Incoming Corro	<p>14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Julie Stratford, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Skills Insight – informing ACA of the review of ANZSCO codes for animal care occupations.</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – announcement of Victorian Review of the Domestic Animal Regulations 2015 – Survey</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – receipt of submission to Western Australian Stop Puppy Farming consultation 2023</p> <p>20th November 2023 - Clem Harris, Director Policy &amp; Industry Insights   Strategy &amp; Engagement, NSW Department of Primary Industries advising feedback on the Prohibited Persons Amendment.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Call for submissions to QLD Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023</p> <p>21st November 2023 – Meeting the Office of Ros Spence MP, Victorian Agriculture Minister. Attended by Michael &amp; Kylie.</p> <p>21st November 2023 – Kate Serafin, Senior Scientist, Exhibited Animals, Biosecurity Queensland, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Consultation - adoption of national standards (Exhibited Animals Regulation 2016) confirming 'restricted consultation'.</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 - Response to our letter to the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair</p>



		<p>Trading, Minister for Building, NSW supporting Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2023, and thanking ACA for our input into the Bill.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Janelle Brooks, Director, Conservation Programs Branch, NSW National Parks &amp; Wildlife Service – providing the Updated Draft Dealing in Protected Birds Code of Practice – following Michael's meeting with Penny Sharpe's staff. This version is to be presented to Minister Sharpe for approval of public consultation.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Portfolio Committee 8 – NSW Parliament - Pounds in New South Wales inquiry - Witness invitation</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 – Brad Fitzmaurice, Chief of Staff, The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, NSW – acknowledging receipt of ACA's response to Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, South Australia, advising of Passage of the Veterinary Services Bill 2023.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Daniel Connor, Advisor, Office of the Hon. Rod Roberts MLC – Independent NSW - acknowledging receipt of ACA's response to Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 and advising he supports our position.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Animal Welfare Committee NSW Parliament – Inquiry into the Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park - Witness invitation</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – from Petter McNamara – legal counsel – advising costs for them to investigate options on Trademark of Animal Care Australia would start at \$1500 and continue, depending amount of communication required to resolve the issue.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – response from Jeff Bourman – Shooters Farmers &amp; Fishers Party Vic – agreeing to meet to discuss the Draft Animal Care &amp; Protection Bill</p>
5	Outgoing Corro	<p>14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – thanking Julie Stratford, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Skills Insight for informing ACA of the review of ANZSCO codes for animal care occupations and advising ACA would respond independently.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Cathy Brown, Senior Environmental Policy Advisor to Penny Sharpe, NSW Environment Minister, thanking them for the meeting and adding to the conversation the need for Penny to adopt a Native Animal Keepers Advisory Council, despite the opposition from the NPWS attendees at the meeting.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – submitted response to Western Australian Stop Puppy Farming consultation 2023.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Chris Williams President of Australian Herpetological Society confirming details of phone chat regarding NSW Wildlife licensing and advising of how they can join ACA as a member.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – follow-up request to Dugald Saunders, Shadow Agriculture Minister, NSW for meeting to discuss animal welfare matters for 2023/2024.</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – acceptance of invitation to meet with Ros Spense's staff – Victorian Agriculture Minister.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Portfolio Committee 8 – NSW Parliament, accepting Pounds in New South Wales inquiry - Witness invitation</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 – ACA's response to the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Amendment (Independent Office of Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 sent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JeremyBuckingham MLC – Legalise Cannabis Party</li> <li>• Wes Fang, MLC – Nationals Party</li> <li>• Tania Mihailuk, MLC – One Nation Party</li> <li>• Aileen MacDonald MLC - Liberal Party</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rod Roberts, MLC – Independent</li> <li>• Tara Moriarty, MLC – Agriculture Minister plus Brad Fitzmaurice – Chief of Staff</li> <li>• John Ruddick, MLC – Liberal Democrats</li> <li>• Mark Latham MLC, Independent</li> <li>• Robert Borsak, MLC – Shooters, Fishers &amp; Farmers Party</li> <li>• Mark Banasiak, MLC – Shooters, Fishers &amp; Farmers Party</li> </ul> <p>5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – response to John Ruddick's email and accepting offer to meet early in 2024</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – to Trevor Pisciotta, Executive Officer and Bernadette Smith – Animal Welfare Victoria seeking clarification of absence of invitation to an Animal Welfare Victoria Information session.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Animal Welfare Committee NSW Parliament accepting Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park - Witness invitation</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Mark Furner, QLD, Agriculture Minister, Tony Perrett - Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Mr Robbie Katter MP - Member, State Development and Regional Industries Committee. Re: Exhibited Animals Consultation - Adoption of National Standards and the restricted method of consultation.</p>
6	<b>Membership</b>	<p>Cheryl Grampe</p> <p>Wynnum Redlands Budgerigar Society</p> <p>Brisbane &amp; Northern Suburbs Budgerigar Society Inc.</p> <p>Keith &amp; Carol Gough</p>
7	<b>Treasurer</b>	Current Balance: \$11,931.13
8	<b>Species Reports</b>	Nil
9	<b>General Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss appearance at both NSW Inquiries</li> <li>2. Discuss next steps in building ACA's omnibus response.</li> </ol>
10	<b>Motions</b>	Moved by Michael that there to be no January 2024 Committee Meeting. Seconded by Karri.
11	<b>Actions</b>	<p>Omnibus outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Michael, Sam &amp; Karri to draft ACA's version of an Office of Animal Welfare</li> <li>2. Michael, Michelle &amp; Kylie to draft ACA's version of a Breeding of Dogs &amp; Cats Code of Practice</li> <li>3. Michael, Michelle &amp; Kylie to develop Responsible Buyer Checklist for Dogs &amp; Cats</li> </ol>

**Minutes Accepted and approved:**



**Michael Donnelly – Chair**