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Wildlife Protection Branch
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
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Review of approved species list for pet keeping.

Animal Care Australia is a national incorporated association established to consult with government in advocating for real animal welfare by those who keep, breed and care for animals. Our goal is to promote and encourage high standards in all interactions with the animals in our care.

Animal Care Australia encourages continued development of animal welfare standards and Codes of Practice for animal husbandry, breeding, training, sale, and sporting exhibitions for a wide range of animal species, including pets, companion animals, animals used for educational or entertainment purposes or kept for conservation.

Animal Care Australia welcomes the Review and fully supports updating the approved species in order to not only maintain the keeping of current species but to add more species that are legally obtainable through Australia.

Like the Department, Animal Care Australia recognises that people keep native animals as pets for various and differing reasons, from hobbyists to those who see the private keeping as a means of conservation, with many species already on the brink of extinction in the wild, fairing far better in the care of experienced aviculturists and herpetoculturists. With the keeping of reptiles on the rise, it is important to recognise the value of maintaining and updating approved species lists, in order to ensure the viability of the hobby.

Animal Care Australia is aware of a number of bird, reptile and amphibian keepers that have banded together in their respective species of interest in order to provide the required individual EOI forms for each species. This in itself is an arduous task and should be appreciated by all that keep our native wildlife as pets in Western Australia.

Animal Care Australia supports those lists and the ability of wildlife keepers to be able to add new species to their hobby.

Should you require further details please do not hesitate to reach out as we would be happy to meet with you and further discuss this matter.

Kind regards,



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About Animal Care Australia

As a nationally recognised animal welfare organisation, Animal Care Australia encourages continued development of animal welfare standards and Codes of Practice for animal husbandry, breeding, training, sale, and sporting exhibitions for a wide range of animal species, including pets, animals used for educational or entertainment purposes or kept for conservation, and in particular native birds, reptiles, and mammals.

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

By uniting the broad spectrum of animal groups, collectively we offer an experienced, sensible approach to animal welfare.

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

Animal Care Australia provides priority to the following:

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