

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS WA Inc



RSPCA 

For all creatures great and small.

ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Five freedoms

The RSPCA believes that an animal's welfare should be considered in terms of five freedoms which form a logical and comprehensive framework for analysis of welfare within any animal use together with the steps and compromises necessary to safeguard and improve welfare within the proper constraints of an effective livestock industry.

Freedom from hunger and thirst:

by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.

Freedom from discomfort:

by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

Freedom from pain, injury or disease:

by prevention through rapid diagnosis and treatment.

Freedom to express normal behaviour:

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animals own kind.

Freedom from fear and distress:

by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

RSPCA Western Australia Objects and Activities

Objects

To promote kindness to animals.

To prevent or suppress cruelty to animals.

To do all such lawful acts as the Society may consider conducive or incidental to the attainment of these objects.

Activities

Without limiting the activities to which the Society may apply its resources, activities may include the application of resources;

- To ensure the enforcement of laws protecting animals from cruelty and promoting animal welfare.
- To procure the passage of such amending or new legislation as is necessary for the protection of animals.
- To take whatsoever steps are necessary to educate the community with regard to the humane treatment of animals.
- To disperse information about the care, protection and treatment of animals by publishing and circulating literature and conducting lectures, seminars and competitions.
- To conduct, manage, operate or encourage clinics, hospital, homes or shelters for the care, treatment, maintenance and protection of animals, and to provide services for the humane transport of animals.



President's Report 2003 - 2004

Dear Members,

We have a better organisation today than at any time in the past 50 years. Our objectives remain solid, our purpose is unchanged, our hands-on work continues daily at a fast pace, and our presence in WA is noticeable. Our centre of animal welfare at Malaga is expanding, our education programs now operate across the community, animal management classes are growing, and the new animal protection laws are working. We employ more than 50 people in our wide range of activities, and the number of animals passing through RSPCA hands is growing.

These are all good outcomes from the application of our limited funds, and the deployment of our workforce, in a sensible and balanced way.

Site improvements at the animal welfare centre include the completion of irrigation and seeding of the livestock paddocks, the construction of livestock shelters and new water troughs, the installation of a large animal crush to enable livestock to be handled, and the opening of a barn to house small animals and pets for the education program. Major sponsors provided the funding and have been, or will be, recognised elsewhere.

But there were also many issues that challenged the organisation during the year.

In order to provide an inspection service to cover the areas of greatest need, it was proposed to bring the Bunbury Inspector to Perth for a period to assist in an exceptional workload spike in the metropolitan area, just as we have done on previous occasions. That did not happen, however, as the Bunbury Officer became ill and retired from service. His departure imposed an even greater workload on the

metropolitan Inspectors who then had to serve the South West community as well as the overloaded metropolitan area. Additional inspector resources have now been appointed and inspectors will be redeployed as soon as training is complete and competency standards established.

About eighteen months have passed since the Animal Welfare Act 2002 took effect. There have already been some remarkable judgements brought down by the Courts, reflecting the intention of the new Act to recognise the public outcry for tougher penalties for serious offenders. Several jail sentences for gross offences have been delivered. An RSPCA test case alleging the truck-loading of cattle unfit for travel was successful, and we are examining jurisdictional issues regarding animals exported from WA by sea.

Additional Codes of Practice have been recommended to the Government Animal Welfare Branch and a wide range of further State Regulations has been sought by the Society.

Livestock exports remain the Society's greatest persistent concern, with welfare in transit and at slaughter overseas presenting endless anxiety. Our campaigning for a carcass trade to replace live animals will intensify.

The battle to get hens out of cages continues. Royalties to the national organisation from eggs produced in RSPCA approved barns are applied to raise welfare standards in animal production and transport.

An accreditation system, similar to the layer hen barn approvals, is now being trialed for pigs. Our immediate aim is to raise welfare standards in piggery production systems in Australia.

The need for effective corporate governance is high on the agenda of all Boards and Councils, and the RSPCA is not exempt from those obligations. In addition to adopting practices of its own initiative to raise Council management standards, the Council participated in a full day in-house corporate governance seminar conducted for the RSPCA Council at Malaga by Dr Shann Turnbull, PhD,



MBA, BSc, Dip Eng, Principal of the International Institute of Self Governance, who in June also conducted seminars for Australian Parliamentarians and corporate leaders for "The reform of governance, capitalism and democracy".

As a part of on-going practice the Council resolved to adopt responsible risk management practices and a full Risk Management Program has been introduced across the Society. Thanks are expressed to Mr Arun D'Souza, BE(Mech), CPEng, AAIRA, M.ASHRAE, AFPA, CPE, for his extensive and helpful guidance in this important undertaking. This was a major labour-intensive task which will be a perpetual program of management.

Inspectors and other officers face traumatic and distressing events in their daily duties. Many involve animal injuries and death, confrontations with offenders, and anger from aggrieved members of the public. A professional employee counselling service has been contracted to provide confidential personal counselling and advice, cost-free to any employee at any time.

Despite progress on many fronts, there were also downsides and the last year left me with indelible images I will not forget.

Following the publication of allegations of mismanagement against the Society, the Council immediately commissioned an independent inquiry and appointed an external Ombudsman, Dr Richard Lugg, a highly respected Consultant in Public Health, to conduct the inquiry. The Council extended the inquiry's terms of reference to enable the Ombudsman to make recommendations to the Council. Of almost 78 allegations made, the Ombudsman found 65 were not upheld, were not in dispute, or were dismissed. The inquiry resulted in a number of recommendations to the Council, and the Council acted on those relevant to the



management of the Society.

Contrary to major claims made by the two complainants, the Ombudsman found they were not representing the staff or the volunteers, and no Inspector has ever been instructed not to prosecute cases of cruelty.

The ABC Program, "Four Corners", produced a national program about the RSPCA in Australia portraying the Society across the country as a "cat and dog organisation", and inferred an unhealthy association exists with animal industries. The "cut and paste" of film footage and the inferences made in editing were such that RSPCA Australia lodged a formal complaint with the ABC tribunal demonstrating numerous breaches of the ABC Code of Practice.

The published allegations of mismanagement and the television program produced a media frenzy which did nothing for animal welfare or the RSPCA. The events distracted volunteers, staff and management from their core work for a long time during the year, and unsettled members and donors to the detriment of the organisation. In so many ways the hard work of diligent employees, dedicated volunteers and committed Council members was depreciated by the deliberate sustained public and private attacks from an aggrieved few.

Ironically, the most savage assaults upon the RSPCA nationwide have originated from those who advocate "animal rights". Because this has occurred so vehemently in the past year this seems a timely occasion to confront the issue head on so that members can put the animal rights movement in perspective.

The RSPCA is not an animal rights organisation.

The Society was not formed *to stop the use of animals by humans*, but to ensure that humans care for the welfare of animals, and manage them humanely. The RSPCA philosophy is "good animal welfare", and the organisation has remained true to that principle since it was first formed in the UK on 16th June 1824 - 180 years ago, to improve the treatment of cattle.

The RSPCA Policies and Guidelines reflect the views of the wide community - **that humans may use animals provided they treat them humanely**. Humans have a responsibility for the care and welfare of animals, and that is expressed in the RSPCA Objectives - to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals and promote kindness to animals.

By contrast the modern animal rights philosophy, a more recent emergence, is very different - that animals must enjoy total freedom from human interference; **that humans must not use animals in any way**. They cannot be used for food - meat, milk, eggs, cheese. They can't be used for wool, or leather, or anything else. Animals may eat each

other, but humans must not eat them. They can't be used in sport, or exhibits. There seems to be different shades of animal rights groups, but true animal rights people won't even allow them as companions or pets.

“Animal rights” may be an honourable philosophy, but it is not the RSPCA philosophy. And therein lies the explanation for antagonism towards the RSPCA.

This view has been expressed by leading animal rights philosophers, and a new advocate, Andres Cameselle, who wrote about this recently from Europe in his paper “A New Approach to Animal Rights Activism”: (Extracts)

“Many activists often say that Animal Rights and Animal Welfare groups should work together and not criticise one another. But welfarism is stepping on animal's rights. Welfarism is the main enemy of Animal Rights.”

When talking about animal welfare we usually refer to the movement that is dedicated to reducing the pain inflicted on exploited animals, and, occasionally, reducing the number of animals utilised - as opposed to abolishing the use of animals, as the animal rights movement does.

Each time I use the term direct action, I refer to the concept expressed by most activists, ie. the use of illegal activities such as rescuing animals, smashing windows or burning meat trucks, the releasing of animals with your own hands, destroying property, or similar things. I want it to be very clear that I don't find it morally wrong to use reasonable force if it is absolutely necessary.”

The modern animal rights movement campaigns for the release of animals from human use. The RSPCA teaches responsible ownership, promotes a duty of care, works with and finds homes for animals, and seeks reforms for better welfare in all animal industries and activities. The RSPCA is a barometer of responsible community wishes, not a campaigner for the separation of humans from animals.

Leading US animal rights advocate, Prof Gary Francione maintains a strong distinction between animal welfare and animal rights. He holds that institutional exploitation must be abolished and not merely regulated. He has many followers.

Francione even criticises Prof Peter Singer, the Australian philosopher who launched animal rights when he wrote “Animal Liberation” in 1975, because

Singer advocates improvements for animals in human use rather than the total abolition of animal use. Singer is now said by the animal rights movement to be “weak” and not a true advocate.

There may be shades of grey in the animal rights movement, but they all view the RSPCA as a barrier to their ambitions for the abolition of animal use.

It is incumbent upon me, therefore, to emphasise the vigilance needed by members to protect the fundamentals of the RSPCA internationally - to promote our animal welfare movement, and the future of the organisation everywhere.

I am compelled by the actions of animal rights advocates this year to re-state the view I hold with conviction, and the view of the RSPCA world-wide, that only humans have the means of caring for and protecting other animal species.

Animals do not have the ability to do that, not for themselves, not for their own species, and not for other species.

I do not believe in animal rights because animals have no capacity to exercise their rights. They can not compete with humans. I believe instead in the huge responsibility imposed on humans to care for animals and to ensure their welfare. I do not believe in animal rights: I believe in human responsibility. I am an RSPCA advocate for animal welfare.

RSPCA members must defend the objectives of the Society with vigour. They must defend the hands-on work we do delivering animals from cruelty, and bringing offenders to account before the courts. Members must never shirk from the dedicated RSPCA cause. The organisation may be abused, bullied and attacked by animal rights devotees, but that doesn't make the RSPCA wrong. It means we have a different view from the animal rights philosophy and its fans.

In driving the organisation forward, it is important to have a vision, an image of “what can be”. A vision sets the direction in which an organisation should be moving, and if it has real meaning, it must be achievable within the foreseeable future.

Some time ago your Board of Councillors established its vision for the Society. It was a simple aim:



"To be the most respected and influential organisation in Australia devoted to the well-being of all animals"

I believe the Council's vision for the organisation is realistic. But to achieve the outcomes implied in the vision statement requires the commitment of the organisation's Council and employees, the members and volunteers, all working together to earn the respect and influence necessary to make a difference.

And perhaps the most vital ingredient in the success of the Society for almost two centuries, is that we are a movement of responsible people. Our membership is open to the community. The diversity of views and opinions in the community are therefore displayed in the composition of the RSPCA governing Council. The Board of Councillors must always be a microcosm of the membership, reflecting the wide and differing viewpoints from the community. But all expressions of Policies and direction from the Council ultimately come down to the principle of animal welfare.

That community representation is, always has been, and must continue to be, the foundation upon which the RSPCA philosophy remains constant. By reflecting the wider social outlook, the Society attracts the respect needed to bring about change. Governments respond to responsible movements, laws get changed by responsible advocacy, community standards are moulded by responsible example. The RSPCA can do that, has done that, does that now, and it will continue to do that.

Your governing Council has a realistic vision of *"what can be"*. But your support as responsible members plays a critical role in ensuring the organisation stays true to its objectives, and the vision set by the governing Council continues to be achievable.

I said the RSPCA movement began in the UK 180 years ago. In WA the Society was formed 112 years ago to improve the treatment of horses. The first meeting of the Society, and the first Office bearers, included members of the Burt family. Since its formation Mrs Ethel Burt and Mr A E Burt were, and successive family members have continued to be, strong advocates for the Society. More recently, following the retirement of Sir Francis Burt as Patron-in-Chief, Sir Francis and Lady Margaret Burt were elected Honorary Life Members. We were saddened by news that Sir Francis had passed away recently and our sincere condolences are expressed to Lady Margaret and the Burt family.

It is sad that we live in a world full of human confrontation. I have to admit that the more dealings I had with humans during the last year, the more I came to appreciate the innocence of animals. One great distinction I recognised was that animals have no human premeditation to harm others: they lack malice. The privileged position that humans enjoy in the total animal kingdom is often overlooked and I commend to members an occasional reflection upon our duty to care for those over whom we command so much power.

I signalled more than a year ago my intention to stand down from the chair in 2004. Health considerations unexpectedly reinforced that decision. In moving on I thank all the members for their support of this exceptional organisation, and for the personal support of many individuals during my term of office. But in particular I express gratitude to all the RSPCA employees and volunteers who I have watched work arduously every day to get a better outcome for animals.

In passing the baton to a new President I have confidence in the future of the Society and confidence that the staff and members will ensure the organisation remains the bastion of defence against cruelty to animals in Western Australia.



Eric Ball

President

2003-2004



Chief Executive's Report

On reflection, 2003/04 has been an extremely challenging year for RSPCA WA. We have had many victories in court and in the successful rehabilitation of animals in our care, our scope and services have grown, thanks to the dedication of staff and the generosity of the public, and the priority of animal welfare within the community has increased significantly.

As is always the case with animal welfare, we have responded to many disturbing and upsetting cases, and yet still faced criticism for our limited ability to meet the enormous community expectations in relation to the care of all creatures great and small.

Similar to all charity organisations we are limited by funding as to what we can achieve, and have to prioritise our objectives. We always want to do more, but even so, a great deal has been achieved for animal welfare in the last year including the following:

Inspectorate

There was a substantial increase in the number of welfare complaints received by our Inspectorate, rising by 637 complaints on the previous financial year to a total of 5352. Such a significant jump placed even more pressure on our resources.

Some of the complaints were so serious they resulted in charges being laid, with 31 people facing the magistrate on 48 charges - all of which were successful prosecutions. Of the offences prosecuted by the RSPCA, 39 related to cattle, 18 to dogs, nine to horses, three to cats and three to sheep. (Some charges related to multiple animals.)

In an effort to educate the community about animal welfare, 53 cautions were also issued and 47 education warning letters sent.

This year saw two defendants receive jail terms for their callous actions as magistrates exercised the full extent of new penalties under the 2002 Animal Welfare Act.

One of the prosecutions, Mt Augustus, consumed a large amount of our time but resulted in a very significant outcome. For the first time, a farmer was found guilty of loading cattle that were not fit for transport. To address the wider problems associated with loading stock the RSPCA, and other stakeholders, held a forum in Katanning to better educate farmers and the transport industry about animals that are, and are not, fit for transport.

The Society, in collaboration with other organisations, also produced a booklet called "Is it fit to load - a guide to the selection of animals fit for transport" which has been well received by industry.

We are also working on a piggery accreditation program to move pigs out of intensive stall type situations and in to less intensive farming situations, as well as working with Fisheries to ensure codes of practice and regulations are developed and attached to the Fisheries legislation.

Animal Shelter

Our Malaga animal shelter continued to operate smoothly and we developed agistment paddocks for livestock. Unwanted, unloved and often neglected animals continued to flow through the door of the RSPCA shelter and out the other side as valued members of a new and caring family. Thank you to the 1215 people who provided a new home to an RSPCA animal this year.

At any one time the shelter can house up to 200 animals on site waiting for adoption and we are normally full. It is of utmost importance that people desex and microchip their pets to help reduce the number of stray and abandoned animals in the community.



Education and Dog Training

It has been a year of continued success for both the Community Education and Dog Training teams with the activities of both areas growing substantially.

Of particular note was the completion of curriculum based resource materials for primary schools on subjects including live export, the testing of cosmetics on animals and intensive farming; the continued expansion of the activities offered to children both in school term and during holidays; more than 150 informative, educational presentations were held on animal related topics and RSPCA policy reaching an average of 600 people per month; and the expansion of the dog training unit to include a program addressing problem barking (the first public course will commence in September 2004).

We were also pleased to see construction commence on the new Pet Barn, that will provide living quarters for the education animals, thanks to LotteriesWest. The Pet Barn should be open for education sessions in Spring 2004.

RSPCA initiated the formation of an inter-agency working group with Government to pursue issues associated with the link between animal and human abuse and we were engaged by the State Department of Education's Animal Ethics Committee to produce guidelines for the use of animals in school teaching.

Fundraising and Events

Fundraising continued apace and, having budgeted for a deficit, we were pleased to end the financial year with a small surplus of funds thanks to better than expected fundraising income. However, insufficient funds continues to be a major concern and we cannot employ the number of staff we need to fulfil public expectations. Our reserves

remain at a low level - equivalent to only 3-4 months of operating costs.

This financial year, the RSPCA received just \$250,000 from the State Government to help achieve its \$3.4M budget. The street appeal, Million Paws Walk, Perth Royal Show, World Animal



Day, and RSPCA Awareness week all helped increase welfare awareness and in turn were valuable sources of funding.

The RSPCA continued to operate five Society Stores, selling pre-owned goods, in the Perth metro area that raise valuable funds for the RSPCA.

In particular, our heartfelt thanks go out to the many donors and bequestors, throughout the year, who provided the bulk of our funding.

Public Relations

Our Public Relations officer continued to raise community awareness of animal welfare issues and supported the work of each area within the RSPCA to highlight their achievements and successes. Once again we received strong support from the West Australian media, with excellent coverage of prosecutions, the Million Paws Walk, fundraising events and various public education messages. The RSPCA website was updated, the Animal Friendship members magazine was given a make over and we embarked on our first overseas fundraising tour in conjunction with World Expeditions.

Following the much publicised Cormo Express sheep ship disaster, the RSPCA reinforced its opposition to live export by pressuring the Government to establish an enquiry, out

of which came recommendations to improve the live export trade using standards developed by the Government in consultation with stakeholders, including the RSPCA. The RSPCA also applied pressure to the industry by launching a media campaign and lobbying the Federal Government to replace livestock export with a chilled carcass trade.

A media campaign was also conducted on egg production, aimed at convincing consumers not to purchase eggs produced in battery cages.



Volunteers and Auxillaries

We are extremely grateful to the 665 people who generously donated some of their time throughout the year to assist with operations at the Malaga shelter, our Society Stores, events and auxiliaries. Their valuable assistance enabled us to extend our services to help more animals and increase the value of our work and our organisation.

RSPCA Auxiliaries (“Friends of the RSPCA”) continued in Albany, Bunbury, Broome, Esperance, Geraldton, Harvey, Perth and York, working tirelessly to raise funds and extend the work of the Society into the wider community. The Albany and York Auxiliaries also operated Op Shops, and Harvey are planning to do so as well.

The year ahead

Our focus for the year ahead will be to generate the additional funds we need to achieve our other goals; beginning with an expansion of the scope and geographic coverage of our Inspectorate's activities.

At a glance:

Volunteers	665
Members	1741
Routine Inspections	191
Prosecutions	30
Charges laid	49
Cruelty Complaints	5352
Animals Cared for by the shelter	2275

In conclusion

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the support of our governing Council and to all our staff and volunteers whose commitment to our cause and hard work in support of it is inspirational.



Steve Vanstan
Chief Executive



Court Date	Accused	Charges
01.07.2003	R J Turner	Permitted unnecessary suffering to a cow. Fined \$400 plus \$410.70 costs.
3.07.2003	P Cross	Failed to provide food for two cats. Fined \$300.00 plus \$57.70.
03 & 04.07.2003	R.Sacca	Ill-treated goats. Fined \$4,000.00 plus \$977.70 costs.
28.08.2003	Vojvodich. R.	Ill-treated horses. Fined \$2000.00 plus \$57.70 costs.
28.08.2003	Polinelli L.	Suffered harm which could have been alleviated. (Exposed fresh cancerous growth not treated). Fined \$2000.00 + \$57.70 + \$123.50 costs.
28.08.2003	Hicks N.	Ill-treated horse. (Failed to provide proper & sufficient food, build up of sand in gut, fail to file teeth). Fined \$2000.00 plus \$57.70 plus \$432.15 costs.
24.09.2003	B.N. Guidara	Ill-treated a Kelpie dog. (Dog was suffering from skin disease: heavy flea burden; mammary gland cancer and eye infection. Dog euthanased) Fined \$500.00 plus \$182.20 costs.
24.09.2003	M. Williams	Section 44 (6) Notice issued against RSPCA seeking return of dog seized by Inspector. (The Magistrate suggested that the dog be returned to Williams on his undertaking to erect proper fencing and provide proper and adequate shelter for the dog. RSPCA to inspect property.)
03.10.2003	RJ Walmsley	Ill-treated a German Shepherd Dog. (Accused failed to provide dog with proper food, fly bitten ears, untreated skin condition no Vet treatment). Fined \$2500.00 with \$411.10 costs. Banned from owning animals for nine months.
06.10.2003	D.Nemere	Caused unnecessary harm to a dog. (Castrated a dog that later required a 1 hour Vet operation to put right) Defendant pleaded not guilty and was convicted at hearing. Fined \$2,000.00 plus \$497.70 costs.
06.11.2003	R Vojvodich	Section 44 (8) Animal Welfare Act application seeking forfeiture of horse to RSPCA. (Application withdrawn after respondent surrendered horse to RSPCA.)
20.11.2003	C. Gilbert	Failed to provide proper and sufficient food to 24 head of cattle. Fined \$2000.00 plus \$1000.00 costs.
05.01.2004	Callaghan D	Two charges of failing to provide proper shelter for guard dogs. Fined \$2,500.00 plus \$355.40 costs.
14.01.2004	Juvenile	Maliciously wounded a dog. (Defendant kicked dog with steel cap boots breaking its spine) Ordered to perform 75 hours community service. No order for costs.
30.01.2004	C. Sullivan	Failed to supply proper and sufficient shelter for two dogs. Fined \$2,500.00 plus \$57.70 costs. .
05.02.2004	P.O.Turner	Maliciously wounded a dog. (Accused shot dog with arrow.) Sentenced to four months imprisonment and banned from having animals for ten years.
06.02.2004	T.G.Parker	Abandoned a dog and a kitten. (Accused vacated house leaving dog and cat inside house to die.) Community Based Order for 12 months to complete 75 hours Community Service plus costs of \$57.70.
18.02.2004	E. Otway	Failed to provide proper & sufficient food to a dog. Fined \$2000 plus \$57.70. Banned from owning animals for five years.
18.02.2004	B. Taylor	Failed to provide proper & sufficient food to a dog. Fined \$2000 plus \$57.70. Banned from owning animals for five years.
23.03.2004	Robertson MJ	Maliciously wounded a sheep. (Accused deliberately cut the leg muscles of sheep whilst in the process of crutching.) Fined \$3500.00 plus \$134.00 costs and banned from contact with sheep for six months.
13.04.2004	Leach A	Ill-treated a cat and tortured a cat. Fined \$2,000 plus costs and banned from owning a cat for two years.
27.05.2004	Hammarquist R	10 charges of causing needless suffering to cattle.
28.05.2004	Neervort M	Failed to provide proper and sufficient food to a dog.
28.05.2004	Anderson K	Failed to provide proper and sufficient food to a dog.
17.06.2004	Murphy T.W	Transported an animal in a way likely to cause unnecessary harm. (Murphy transported a bull from Denmark to Harvey with a broken leg.) Fined \$2,500.00 with costs of \$1,884.40.

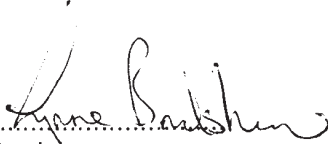
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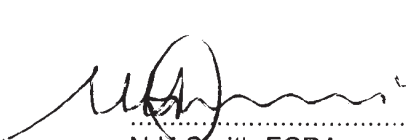
STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL

In the opinion of the Council,:

1. the financial report as attached present fairly the financial position of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Incorporated) as at 30 June 2004 and the results of the Society for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Incorporated) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for an on behalf of the Council by:


.....
L P Bradshaw
Vice President


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N H Smith FCPA
Treasurer

Dated this 23rd day of September 2004

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(INCORPORATED)**

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Incorporated), for the year ended 30 June 2004 as set out on the attached pages. The Council is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Incorporated). No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Society's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Incorporated) present a true and fair view of the financial position of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Incorporated) as at 30 June 2004 and the results of its operations for the period then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

MUNRO & WYLLIE
Chartered Accountants


G F WYLLIE
Partner

PERTH WA

Dated this 29 day of Sept 2004

BALANCE SHEET**30 JUNE 2004**

	2004 \$	2003 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance Forward	3699803	3167866
Surplus for the year	189452	531937
	3889255	3699803
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short Term Deposits	1232621	894626
Cash at Bank	72355	211071
Cash on Hand	2520	3520
Sundry Debtors	232018	151698
Branch Bank Accounts	66422	61703
Stock on Hand	35434	42830
	1641370	1365448
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles at net book value	403782	385999
Land and Buildings - at cost	3021938	2969248
	3425720	3355247
INVESTMENTS		
Shelter Reserve Fund	26264	25054
TOTAL ASSETS	5093354	4745749
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	428476	297922
Provision for Annual Leave	96822	80359
Provision for Long Service Leave	25000	7209
	550298	385490
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease Liability	67991	36909
Trust Liability	6756	8198
Reserve Liability	23054	23054
Loan (secured)	556000	592295
	653801	660456
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1204099	1045946
NET ASSETS	3889255	3699803

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2004

	2004 \$	2003 \$
INCOME	2893101	2606255
EXPENDITURE	3495233	3245107
OPERATING DEFICIT	(602132)	(638852)
LEGACIES & NON RECURRING INCOME		
Legacies and Bequests	479311	782818
Loss on sale of assets	(33)	0
Lotteries Grant	59306	137971
Donated Asset	3000	0
Operations Grant	250000	250000
Total for legacies & Non recurring income	791584	1170789
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	189452	531937

Staff list - 30 June 2004

Chief Executive

Steve Vanstan

Executive Officer

Lynn Smith

Finance and Administration Officers

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