Animal Welfare Seminar 2021

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Presentation and Q&A videos

Presentation and Q&A videos from the RSPCA Animal Welfare Seminar 2021.

Day One

Presentation and Q&A videos from Day One of the RSPCA Animal Welfare Seminar 2021.

Welcome to the RSPCA Australia Animal Welfare Seminar 2021 - Richard Mussell

https://www.youtube.com/embed/SOV7KRFvCYY

Introduction - Dr Sarah Zito

https://www.youtube.com/embed/HgIAnsvhpBY

Rethinking the role of shelters as a response to outdoor cats - Dr Kate Hurley

https://www.youtube.com/embed/BoBfEdw6c6Y

Dr Kate Hurley - Q+A Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/yANTu_VGLvw

Dr Kate Hurley and Dr Cindy Karsten - Follow Up Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/RXyWBX6MGdA

Legal classifications as social constructions on the place of cats in society - Dr Sophie Riley

https://www.youtube.com/embed/Z0srb36xcBM

Dr Sophie Riley - Q+A Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/R-vzGpo2jM4

Dr Sophie Riley - Follow Up Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/Ze066PxaFXY

Can I buy me a social license - Dr Lynette McLeod

https://www.youtube.com/embed/6YyY5BND4YA

Dr Lynette McLeod - Q+A Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/N-RvLdK2mvk

Dr Lynette McLeod - Follow Up Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/fgOJlx-qGMo

Connecting positively with cat semi-owners - Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand

https://www.youtube.com/embed/LgVzBFGBy8c

Overview of Australian Local Government domestic cat management strategies - Nell Thompson

https://www.youtube.com/embed/U1NBdzPUEuM

Nell Thompson - Q+A Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/zmwe71Pm9zo

Assessing suitability of cats for rehoming - Dr Gabrielle Carter

https://www.youtube.com/embed/29v2f-TvA2Y

Dr Gabrielle Carter - Q+A Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/YhYBpXH0Asc

Dr Gabrielle Carter - Follow Up Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/H2tO80T5MzE

Day Two

Presentation and Q&A videos from Day Two of the RSPCA Animal Welfare Seminar 2021.

New models for humane and effective cat management in shelters - Dr Cindy Karsten

https://www.youtube.com/embed/-5G6K7OD9eU

Dr Cindy Karsten - Q+A Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/RnAEPiHxCbE

Dr Kate Hurley and Dr Cindy Karsten - Follow Up Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/RXyWBX6MGdA

Characteristics of cat hoarders and ways forward for better mgmt - Dr Rosemary Elliott

https://www.youtube.com/embed/1gTL811YYCE

Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife, Using social science to inform and evaluate a community conservation program - Emily McLeod

https://www.youtube.com/embed/-MwABK98POc

National Desexing Network NDN Cooperative Desexing Programs with Councils - Dr Joy Verrinder

https://www.youtube.com/embed/D6NAcnvTBCY

Who let the cat out - overcoming barriers for cat containment - Dr Lynette McLeod

https://www.youtube.com/embed/YXqD7ypAOSw

Dr Lynette McLeod - Follow Up Session

https://www.youtube.com/embed/fgOJlx-qGMo

Cat de-sexing programs - great partnerships achieving great outcomes - Dr Ann Enright

https://www.youtube.com/embed/5_uNtkK8M2c

TassieCat - working with councils and the community to improve cat mgmt - Nikki Brookman

https://www.youtube.com/embed/_vo73Xnvaps

Keeping Cats Safe at Home + Panel Discussion

https://www.youtube.com/embed/cY1ZwbwJjKY

Reports

> Included here are links to relevant reports:

- Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia
- Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia - Finding and Recommendations
- Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia - Response to Public Consultation
- Cat Management Plan for South Australia 2019.pdf
- Pre-pubertal desexing (PPD) in cats – RSPCA Australia Research Report June 2021
- Pre-pubertal desexing (PPD) in cats – RSPCA Australia Research Report June 2021 – Appendix
- AIAM Cat Survey Report.pdf

Knowledgebase articles

> The following articles on the RSPCA Knowledgebase may prove useful:

- Companion Animal Policies
  - RSPCA Policy A2 - Responsible companion animal ownership
  - RSPCA Policy A4 - Shelter and rehoming of companion animals
  - RSPCA Policy A7 - Companion animal management
- How do I adjust a roaming cat to a stay-at-home life?
- How can I reduce or prevent my cat from hunting prey?
- How do I encourage my cat to use a litter tray?
- My cat is very active at night and keeps waking me up, what should I do?
- Is it okay to keep my cat at home all of the time?
- Why does my cat scratch the furniture?
- Why is my cat urinating inappropriately?
- Should I walk my cat on a lead?
- Are curfews for domestic cats mandatory?
- My cat is being aggressive towards my other cat, what should I do?
- My cat is being aggressive towards me, what should I do?
- What is toxoplasmosis?
- What is animal hoarding and why is it harmful to animals?
- Why should I have my cat desexed?
- How can I keep my cat safe and happy at home?

Safe and Happy Cats

Whether you've just adopted a new cat or kitten, or are considering how best to care for your existing cat, the RSPCA Australia Guide on keeping your cat safe and happy at home can help.

The idea that all cats need to roam outdoors has changed; many owners now provide a safe and suitable environment for their cat at home all day, every day.

Keeping your cat safe and happy at home means providing for all their needs, including many that may previously have been met by being outdoors. Meeting these needs in other ways requires forward thinking and a little imagination and commitment. But you needn't go it alone: we're here to help explain how you and your cat can live at home together in harmony.

Click on the image below to visit the RSPCA Australia Safe and Happy Cats website for more information:

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keeping your cat SAFE AND happy AT HOME



Videos

TassieCat - "Indoors is Better"

https://player.vimeo.com/video/367668996?title=0&byline=0

Million Cat Challenge: Cats, Birds, and Animal Shelters: Seeking Common Ground (Kate Hurley)

https://www.youtube.com/embed/N69MUP0Ye2U

Resources

Links to other resources

- Subscribe to RSPCA Australia's Animal Welfare Science Update
- Subscribe to RSPCA Australia eNews
- International Cat Care - Cat Friendly Solutions for Unowned Cats
- Koret Shelter Medicine Program at UC Davis
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Shelter Medicine Program
- Million Cat Challenge
- Cat Management Plan for South Australia 2019.pdf
- Draft Cat Management Plan for ACT 2019.pdf
- Australian Cat Action Plan 2018.pdf
- Cat Management Plan for Tasmania 2017.pdf
- Operation Wanted (RSPCA QLD)
- National Desexing Network (NDN)
- Australian Institute of Animal Management
- Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife
- Community Cat Program - Australian Pet Welfare Foundation
- Getting 2 Zero
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Presentation slides

Speaker	Slides
Sarah Zito	Sarah Zito - introduction, cat population subcategories and humane effective cat managament.pdf
Kate Hurley	Kate Hurley - Rethinking community cat management feline futures Australia 2021.pdf
Sophie Riley	Sophie Riley - Legal classifications as social constructions on the place of cats in society.pdf
Lynette McLeod	Lynette McLeod - Understanding risk, trust, social capital and contested science in the context of domestic cat management.pdf Note that references for this talk and Lynette's papers can be found in the Resources page.
Jacquie Rand	Jacquie Rand - Connecting positively with cat semi-owners.pdf
Nell Thompson	Nell Thompson - Overview of Australian Local Government domestic cat management strategies.pdf
Gabrielle Carter	Gabrielle Carter - Assessing the suitability of cats for rehoming.pdf
Cindy Karsten	Cindy Karsten - New model for cat management in shelters.pdf
Rosemary Elliott	Rosemary Elliott - Characteristics of cat hoarders and ways forward for better management.pdf
Lynette McLeod	Lynette McLeod - Who let the cat out - overcoming barriers for cat containment.pdf
Joy Verrinder	Joy Verrinder - NDN Cooperative Desexing Program.pdf
Ann Enright	Ann Enright - Cat desexing programs - great partnerships achieving great outcomes.pdf

Speaker	Slides
Nikki Brookman	Nikki Brookman - TassieCat - working with councils and the community to improve cat management and responsible cat ownership.pdf

Relevant published research articles from RSPCA authors

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