Further information

> For more information, consult the following articles on the RSPCA Knowledgebase:

- What are the Five Domains of Animal Welfare?
- What is animal sentience and why is it important?
- What is good animal welfare?
- What are the potential animal welfare issues associated with assistance animals?
- What is an assistance animal?
- What is reward-based dog training and why does the RSPCA support it?
- What can I do if I am having difficulty finding a pet-friendly rental?
- RSPCA Policy A05 Euthanasia of companion animals
- What are the penalties for animal cruelty offences?
- What is the Australian legislation governing animal welfare?
- How can our animal welfare laws be improved?
- How are RSPCA Inspectors accountable under law?
- Who do I contact to report an animal welfare issue with domesticated horses?
- Who do I contact to report an animal welfare issue with farm animals?
- RSPCA Policy GP5 Human and animal welfare
- How do I communicate with my dog?
- What does my cat's body language mean?
- Should I hug my dog or cat?
- Is there a link between domestic violence and animal abuse?
- What is the RSPCA's view on petting zoos and other types of animal encounters?
- What is the RSPCA's view on performing animals?
- What are the animal welfare issues with Thoroughbred horse racing?
- What is the RSPCA's view on whips in Thoroughbred racing?
- What are the animal welfare issues with greyhound racing?
- What is the RSPCA's view on pigeon racing?
- What are the animal welfare issues with rodeos?
- What are the welfare risks of animal tourist attractions and selfies with animals?
- What are the animal welfare issues with chick hatching in schools?

- RSPCA Policy GP1 Good animal welfare
- What does my dog's body language mean?
- What are the key things I should understand about horse behaviour?
- How do I communicate with my dog?
- What are the welfare concerns associated with the use of bits and tie-downs in riding horses?
- What is a restrictive noseband and how does it harm horses?
- Should I stable my horse?
- RSPCA Knowledgebase: Humane Control Methods

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- RSPCA Research Report - The Welfare of Dolphins in Captivity (PDF)
- RSPCA Information Paper - The Use of Whips in Thoroughbred Racing (PDF)

Links to other resources

- La Trobe University: Animal Assisted Therapy for Healthcare Professionals (Course)
- About the new Aged Care Act - Australian Government
- Sophie's Legacy
- Beyond Blue

- Lifeline

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