

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](#)

Further reading

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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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