Further information

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

- RSPCA Australia purpose, vision, values, principles and objectives
- RSPCA Australia animals charter
- What is good animal welfare?
- Are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander hunters exempt from animal cruelty laws?
- What is animal sentience and why is it important?
- At what stage of development do animals become sentient?
- Position Paper GP1 - Animal Welfare Legislation
- What are the welfare issues with animals used in research?
- How is animal research regulated in Australia?
- What is the Animal Research Openness Agreement and why is it important?
- How many animals are used in research in Australia?
- What are the 3Rs in animal research?
- What is the RSPCA's view of the use of animals in research?
- Why are animals used in research?
- How can I avoid animal testing in the products I purchase?
- What happens to bobby calves?
- Why are calves separated from their mother in the dairy industry?
- How do young calves cope with transport?
- Position Paper B1 - Welfare of bobby calves destined for slaughter
- Do octopi and lobsters feel pain?
- Are squid and octopi protected by animal welfare legislation?
- Are crustaceans protected by animal welfare legislation?
- What is the most humane way to kill crustaceans for human consumption?
- What can be done to improve the welfare of fish and shellfish in restaurant aquaria?
- Can enclosed yabby traps harm animals and are they legal to use?
- Is intensive aquaculture similar to intensive land-based livestock production?
- Do fish feel pain?
- How can habitat loss affect animal welfare?

- What is humane vertebrate pest control?
- How can you measure the humaneness of a pest animal control method?
- How can pest animal control programs be made more humane?
- A national approach towards humane vertebrate pest control
- Is there a need to kill kangaroos or wallabies?
- What is the RSPCA's view on killing sharks to reduce shark incidents?
- How would a national identification registry help improve horse welfare?
- What are the animal welfare issues with Thoroughbred horse racing?
- What are the animal welfare issues associated with horse jumps racing?
- What are the animal welfare issues with greyhound racing?
- Why does the RSPCA oppose the export of racing greyhounds?
- What do I need to consider before adopting an ex-racing greyhound?
- Information Paper - National Horse Identification and Traceability
- The most important participant. A framework for Thoroughbred Welfare
- Epidemiology of horses leaving the racing and breeding industries
- What is Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS)?
- What do I need to know about Brachycephalic dogs?
- What are the welfare issues associated with narrowed nostrils in dogs (stenotic nares)?
- What is Brachycephalic Ocular Syndrome?
- What are the welfare risks associated with difficulty giving birth in brachycephalic dogs?
- How can owners of dogs with exaggerated physical features help their pets?
- What can breeders do to avoid exaggerated physical features that compromise dog welfare?
- Position Paper A5 - Responsible companion animal breeding
- GP - General Policies
- A - Companion Animals
- B - Farm Animals
- C - Animals in Sport, Entertainment, Performance, Recreation and Work
- D - Animals in Research and Teaching
- E - Wild Animals

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Links to other resources

- Animalethics, Faculty of Health and Medical Science, University of Copenhagen
- Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities
- Love is Blind

RSPCA Animal Welfare Course

- Animal Welfare - An Introduction (Online Course)

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