

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?](#)
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- [What can be done to improve the welfare of fish and shellfish in restaurant aquaria?](#)
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- [Is intensive aquaculture similar to intensive land-based livestock production?](#)
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- [What is humane vertebrate pest control?](#)
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- [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

- [Animaethics, 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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