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ANIMAL ETHICS & ANIMAL WELFARE:
Values informing outcomes
Animal Welfare Seminar 2025
Online | February 19-20

Understanding animal ethics – foundations, principles and context
Wednesday 19 February 2025 (All times are in AEDT)

12:00	**Welcome to Day 1** **Official welcome:** Richard Mussell Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia **Chair:** Dr Suzanne Fowler Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:15	**A short history of animal ethics** **Speaker:** Prof David Fraser University of British Columbia
12:55	**Crossing the divide: The psychology of animal ethics** **Speaker:** Dr Tim Dean The Ethics Centre
13:35	**Camp Dogs: Ethical relationships between western discourses and Aboriginal worldview** **Speaker:** Prof Bindi Bennett Federation University **Speaker:** Dr Clare Archer-Lean University of the Sunshine Coast
14:15	**Break**
14:30	**Is the legal recognition of animal sentience reflective of changing animal ethics?** **Speaker:** Assoc Prof Jane Kotzmann Deakin University
15:10	**How much do people really care about animal welfare?** **Speaker:** Prof Peter Sandøe University of Copenhagen
15:50	**Panel discussion: Animal ethics – where to from here?** **Panel:** Day 1 Speakers
16:30	**Close**

Applied animal ethics – ethical aspects of animal welfare problems
Thursday 20 February 2025 (All times are in AEDT)

12:00	**Welcome to Day 2** **Chair:** Dr Suzanne Fowler Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:10	**Ethics, efficacy, and decision-making in animal research** **Speaker:** Prof Lawrence Hansen University of California San Diego
12:55	**Ethics versus economics: Early life killing of surplus dairy calves and the Wicked Problem it presents** **Speaker:** Dr Sarah Bolton Greenham/The University of Melbourne
13:35	**Ethics of aquatic invertebrate management and farming** **Speaker:** Dr Sarah Wahltinez Nautilus Collaboration
14:15	**Break**
14:30	**Wild animals, welfare and ethics: Traditional versus compassionate conservation** **Speaker:** Dr Simon Coghlan University of Melbourne
15:10	**There will always be too many: "Overbreeding" of animals in racing industries** **Speaker:** Prof Phil McManus University of Sydney
15:50	**Ethics versus aesthetics: Ethical challenges of human interactions with brachycephalic dogs** **Speaker:** Dr Rowena Packer University of London
16:40	**Close**

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