



We need
your help
to build the
future for
animals
in South
Australia

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Australians love animals.

More than 83% of us have owned a pet, and almost every one of us believes animal welfare is important.

Yet here in South Australia, we have fallen behind the rest of the nation when it comes to improving the lives of animals. For example, we now have the weakest animal protection legislation in the country. And although the RSPCA inspectorate is tasked with investigating and prosecuting cases of animal cruelty across the entire state, the organisation is only reimbursed 50% of the costs by the government. RSPCA funds the deficit entirely through community donations.

The holding facility for animals seized by RSPCA inspectors, along with all other animals which are turned in to the RSPCA, is located in an isolated industrial zone on the fringe of the suburbs. Several animal enclosures become uninhabitable in winter due to flooding, and it is a struggle to keep animals cool during the scorching heat of an Adelaide summer.

The facility receives no funding from government and is instead totally reliant on community donations. A small, hardworking team of expert staff rely on help from more than 1,000 caring and dedicated volunteers to care for animals in these sub standard conditions.

For years, RSPCA South Australia has been advocating for the development of a purpose built facility to treat injured animals (including wildlife) and provide best practice accommodation and care to animals in need of homes. It is a daily struggle for staff and volunteers to keep the current outdated shelter safe and operational.



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The final tipping point – a devastating loss.

In addition to the RSPCA having a sub standard animal shelter, South Australia is the only state without a purpose-built veterinary hospital designed specifically to care for injured and ill wildlife.

In the 2019-2020 bushfires, an estimated 3 billion animals across the country lost their lives. Here in South Australia, rescuers and veterinarians struggled to accommodate the stream of native animals and birds coming in from the fire zones. There is no doubt that a dedicated wildlife hospital would have made a difference to the outcomes for some of these animals.

Our state's severe and shameful lack of medical facilities for wildlife was exposed in a way it never has before. Images shared across the country and across the world told of a state ill prepared for mass wildlife casualties from a catastrophic event. Rescue and vet teams (including RSPCA personnel) did their best but it was not good enough.

Our state leaders began to recognize the need for practical, tangible, outcomes based support for South Australian animals, and the force for action finally gathered momentum.

**Introducing a New Era in
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A New Era in Animal Care in South Australia.

Following the devastation of the 2019-2020 bushfires, our leaders appointed a South Australian Bushfire Task Force to develop recommendations to mitigate future risk. As a result of this, the South Australian Department of Environment and Water agreed to lease some land to RSPCA South Australia. It is now our job to build a \$26m facility on this land, so that we can treat injured wildlife on a significant scale and give South Australian animals the standards of care and support they have needed for so long. But we need to find the full \$26m to pay for it ourselves.

RSPCA South Australia is giving this once in a generation project everything we have. Our administration centre in Stepney and our shelter at Lonsdale are now up for sale. We are directing the remaining funds from our 2020 Bushfire Appeal and taking out a bank loan we feel confident we can repay, with our community's support. But all this still isn't enough to develop this long needed facility for our state's most vulnerable animals.



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We are \$3m short.

In our largest capital fundraising endeavour ever, RSPCA South Australia needs to raise **\$3m from South Australians who want to make this Animal Care Campus (incorporating a wildlife hospital) a reality.** These are the people who care. People who see our treatment of animals as the ultimate test of our humanity. People who know that it's our shared responsibility and unfortunately right now, our shared problem.

That's why we are asking you. Will you help us to build the first and only purpose built comprehensive wildlife hospital and animal welfare facility in South Australia? Will you enable us to provide emergency veterinary care to all South Australian animals in need, no matter what the disaster? Will you help us shelter neglected, abandoned and surrendered pets in warm, dry, comfortable and enriched accommodation until they can find loving homes? Will you support us to facilitate the education of the next generation of South Australians to prevent future cruelty to animals in our state?

Please help RSPCA South Australia to build a new future for animal care and welfare in our state.

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