



## Your *compassion* in action

- Our new campaign for farmed animals reaches millions
- Plant-rich cooking a TV hit with 'Freshly Picked'
- How our bushfire response continues to protect wildlife
- Our emergency grants are saving lives globally

A thank you and an update from Australia's leading animal protection organisation

## The power of **CARING**

One of the reasons I love working for Animals Australia is that when 'hurdles' arise, we never see them as insurmountable. So, we were not going to let a global pandemic stop us from helping animals — our homes became our workplace. And we all embraced 'lockdown' determined that while our own movement may be restricted, our work on behalf of animals would remain unchecked.

At a time of great uncertainty for many, we focused on creating living, inspiring examples of kindness in action in communities across the world. Through your generosity, we have been able to actively support colleagues to meet the needs of animals impacted by the pandemic. In many countries, normal sources of income that sustained care of animals 'dried up', leaving them at heightened risk of starvation and neglect. Working with local groups, we've ensured that these animals receive the care and assistance that they need.

Here on the home front, coronavirus restrictions constantly reminded the Animals Australia team of those who endure 'lockdown' for life – the many millions of individual animals hidden away in factory farms, caged and confined in ways that deny them everything that makes their lives worth living.

As each day passed, we became more certain that it was time to recreate and reignite a campaign that we knew would open hearts to these animals. It was nearly nine years ago that a little flying pig, through the magic of animation, sang of the kinder world he dreamed of in our Make it Possible campaign.

And while outraged Australians, seeing the misery of factory farming for the first time, expected governments to instigate reform, today the battery cage remains you shatter the foundation on which factory farms exist.

The public response to our reimagined little pig and friends singing for a kinder world has uplifted and delighted us. People of all ages are recognising their power as consumers to change the world for the better - that we can be the generation that thinks differently and chooses differently and brings factory farming to an end. Importantly, side by side with our efforts to highlight the suffering of these animals, we are seeing an abundance of plantbased alternatives emerge in major supermarkets, as people vote for a kinder future with their wallets.

#### "We are living at a time when inspiring acts of kindness have never been more needed."

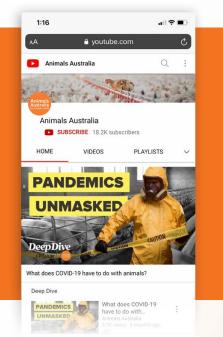
legal. Crates that cruelly confine mother pigs remain legal; invasive procedures without pain relief are still legal; and slaughter practices that inflict terror and great suffering on animals remain legal.

With governments failing farmed animals, our new 'Somewhere' campaign is therefore empowering Australians to personally take action that will bring an end to factory farming. These systems of suffering have been built on a consumer demand for animal products. Reduce that demand and With the Somewhere campaign providing a much-needed voice for animals in factory farms, we set our sights on achieving another important goal. We are living at a time when inspiring acts of kindness have never been more needed. Witnessing them can change the way people think about themselves and about our relationship with animals. As a result, actively creating these opportunities to shift consciousness has become a key part of Animals Australia's work. In this Supporter Update you'll find beautiful examples of kindness in

#### **Exploring the big questions for animals!**

What does Covid-19 have to do with animals? Why is Sir David Attenborough worried about biodiversity? Why does the egg industry shred newborn baby chicks? Why are pigs killed for meat sent to gas chambers? We explore these big questions and many more on Animals Australia's refreshed YouTube channel. Video is such a powerful medium to educate people about animals and telling their stories in a way that motivates rather than overwhelms people is a key focus of our video team. Since we relaunched our YouTube channel in late 2020 our videos have had hundreds of thousands of views, signaling to us that people are ready to learn the truth about animal industries and want to know how they can help create a better world.

See what the fuss is about and hit subscribe at YouTube.com/animalsaustralia



action in our support of initiatives such as Palestine's first animal ambulance and Australian wildlife rescuers, amongst others.

And of course, our efforts continue to end the global live export trade. On this front, it is so important that I give a special 'shout-out' to our Europebased Animals International team. You will read of their extraordinary work that has seen live animal export become an issue of significance in the European Union. Gabriel Paun and Gerit Weidinger are creating opportunity after opportunity, achieving milestone after milestone, in our ongoing efforts to bring an end to this global trade in animal suffering.

This time we are living in is like no other...

But no matter where we might live in the world, no matter the restrictions and changes to our way of life we have experienced, this unprecedented period in human history has allowed us to recognise that there are fundamental freedoms that can never be taken away from us.

The freedom to care. The freedom to feel compassion. The freedom to be kind. The freedom to love.

It is within these core freedoms that our true power lies. None of them can be held in the palm of one's hand, yet each and every one of them has the power and potency to change human and animal lives – and life on Earth – for the better, forever. Creating inspiring examples of our individual and collective power to transform this world into one where kindness, respect and compassion extend to all beings, is part of our ongoing mission at Animals Australia.

It is a mission that is empowered and inspired by you. Thank you for being a living example of the power of kindness, care, compassion and love, and for your belief in, and support of, our work.

Every day I see signs that our efforts are bringing about change. Together, we truly are paving the way to a kinder future for all.



Lyn White AM Director of Strategy



## **A WIN** for animals **LIVE EXPORT BAN**

New Zealand's government has recently announced that they will end all live animal exports by sea, meaning that thousands of cows and their unborn calves from the dairy industry will be spared the terror of the live export industry. New Zealand hasn't exported live animals for 'meat' for many years. But a legal loophole meant that hundreds of thousands of vulnerable pregnant cows could still be exported.

Thanks to this courageous and compassionate leadership, New Zealand's legacy for animals has again set a precedent for the rest of the world to live up to.

The New Zealand government have made this decision in recognition that human consciousness is shifting. That old traditions that have seen cattle and sheep as food and commodities are being replaced by a desire from an ever-growing collective of people to also protect them from harm.

## You're making DREANS come true

What would animals in factory farms dream of? This question helped a little winged pig launch our new campaign, 'Somewhere', across national TV in late 2020.

Already his message of hope has reached millions of people, inspiring the evolution of thought and choice that will create a kinder, more compassionate world for all.

Because for countless sensitive and curious animals, lockdown isn't a temporary measure... it's for life.

It seems almost inconceivable to think that in 2021, archaic production systems that deny animals all quality of life remain legal in this country. But they do. Australian animal cruelty laws specifically single out and exempt 'farm animals' from protection, which exposes them to shocking routine cruelty like having their body parts cut off through bone, with no pain relief.

It is now clear that governments cannot be relied upon to bring about change for animals. And it is equally important for us to recognise that we can. Because in the same way that factory farms were built to meet consumer demand for animal products, consumer choice has the power to dismantle them. 'Somewhere' presents a pathway forward, towards a world of kindness for all.



#### NEW BOOK:

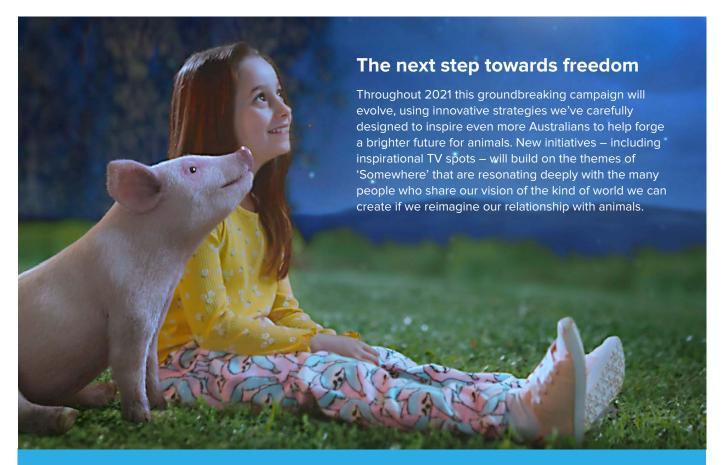
#### 'HIDDEN — Animals of the Anthropocene'

Deeply moving, this stunning book came to life thanks to the unflinching courage of photojournalists bearing witness to the experiences of animals around the world. With a foreword by Oscar-winning actor and animal advocate Joaquin Phoenix, HIDDEN will open eyes — and hearts. We're proud to be a publishing partner supporting We Animals Media.

You can order your copy here (please note that some images are confronting): AnimalsAustralia.org/hidden-book



Above: What would farmed animals dream of? Perhaps freedom, a kind hand, a life worth living... Our biggest campaign yet aims to make these dreams a reality.



See the campaign and help make dreams come true for farmed animals at **AnimalsAustralia.org/somewhere** 



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## You're providing LIFESAVING SUPPORT during the *pandemic*

Your generosity continues to fund our COVID-19 grants program across five continents. Thanks to you, 45 organisations in 12 countries could continue to provide food, rescue, care and veterinary treatment to animals in dire need, throughout this global pandemic. Here are just some of the many animals who you have helped in recent months.

**Right:** The team from TAWESO helping treat and vaccinate animals during the coronavirus pandemic.

#### Tanzania Animal Welfare Society

Your support has helped our friends at TAWESO to feed, rescue, and provide veterinary care to dogs, cats, donkeys, cows, sheep and goats in Tanzania, as the pandemic continued to affect people who were out of work and unable to afford the costs of keeping or caring for animals.





#### Palestinian Animal League (PAL)

When we spent time with the dedicated advocates from Palestinian Animal League (PAL) in early 2019, a mobile animal ambulance was at the top of their 'wish-list'. And, thanks to your support, we're delighted to have helped make it happen. The mobile clinic not only provides direct help to animals in need, but the presence of this vehicle on the streets of Palestine provides a living example of kindness and compassion in action.

PAL's mission is 'helping animals, empowering people' — and with the help of Animals Australia supporters they're definitely living up to it.

**Above:** An inspiring example of kindness, this animal ambulance is now rescuing and assisting animals, creating a new lens – particularly for children and youth – through which to view the human and animal relationship.



#### Voice of Animal Nepal

In the middle of COVID-19 lockdowns, the usually bustling streets of Kathmandu, Nepal, were deserted. The animals who relied on the kindness of tourists for food rapidly found themselves without meals. Your support has helped the wonderful team at Voice of Animal Nepal conduct street feeding programs. Their work has since expanded to vaccination and spay-and-neuter programs for these animals.

# Free the Bears With global travel largely at a standstill, our friends at Free the Bears lost their international volunteer support through their volunteer program. Thanks to

your generosity, we helped provide food for bears rescued from the illegal wildlife trade in Cambodia and Laos.

#### You helped rescue disaster survivors in

## BEIRUT

In August 2020 the world woke to the news coming out of Beirut about a terrible explosion, and our thoughts were immediately with our friends and colleagues at Animals Lebanon.

Over the years, our work to end the live export trade led us to meeting these remarkable animal advocates. We were relieved that not only was the team safe, but they were already coordinating a rapid response rescue team to go and search for animal survivors. Since April last year we've been assisting Animals Lebanon's efforts through our COVID-19 emergency grants program. When this explosion subsequently devastated large parts of Beirut, your generosity helped these caring human beings reunite missing animals with their loved ones, provide veterinary care to those who need it, and in doing so, uplift and inspire through their acts of courage and kindness.











**Above:** Our wonderful Bali veterinarians and office manager/translator (L-R) Dr Deborah Bianti, Aristya Dewi and Dr Sasa Vernandes.

**Below:** Team members from Bali Animal Defenders have been engaging closely with local authorities to drive important change for animals.



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Your ongoing support is allowing our dedicated team of advocates and veterinarians on the ground in Bali to continue their work improving the lives of animals and inspiring kindness in their local communities.

Our Animals International team continues to:

- Work to end the dog meat trade and prevent new outlets from opening.
- Fund and support Bali Animal Defenders – an Indonesian registered charity working to help grow animal welfare advocacy across Indonesia.
- Work with street feeding groups to ensure that dogs and cats living on the street don't go hungry.
- Work collaboratively to improve pig welfare throughout Bali.
- Fund and support Udayana University's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Denpasar, to treat stray animals needing emergency help and 24/7 care for animals

whose owners cannot afford treatment.

 Help animals in other Indonesian provinces, including sending our vets on animal inspections and supporting animal protection groups and initiatives through our COVID-19 emergency grants program.

> Thank you! None of this would have been possible without the support of kind people like you.

# Your commitment to animals in **LIVE EXPORT**

#### Progress for Australian animals

Over nearly two decades, together we've helped protect millions of Australian animals from the horrors of live export. In 2002, just before supporters like you enabled us to start in-depth investigative and campaigning work on live export, Australia exported more than 6 million sheep. A shocking figure, and a horrible one. But last year, that number was reduced to 760,918. An 87% drop per annum. Collectively, that means millions and millions of animals have been spared from live export over nearly two decades.

Without our supporters taking action and funding our investigations and initiatives, live export companies could still be sending 6 million sheep — and potentially many more — to terrifying deaths every single year.

Of course, 760,918 is still too many. One is too many. So: the effort continues. With your ongoing support, we'll continue doing everything we can to protect animals from this terrible trade.

## **87%** REDUCTION

in sheep exported from Australia:

2002 vs 2020 annual totals

## Protecting animals globally

Our Animals International team in Europe has been relentlessly working every angle to shield animals from live export, wherever they are from. Here are just some of the significant achievements you have helped us achieve recently:

- 1 You helped end live export in New Zealand.
- 2 You helped stop live export starting up from Namibia.

## **EU PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY:** making history *for* animals

After three years of lobbying, investigating and submitting evidence, we have successfully secured an EU Parliamentary Inquiry into live export, and we have a seat at the table. This is hugely significant for animals, as collectively, the European Union is the world's largest live exporting body. We are determined to ensure the Inquiry has everything it needs to result in a recommendation to end the trade. That means filling the critical gap of showing the cruel reality of what animals endure once they reach importing countries — a case that each Animals International media investigation helps build. Coupled with the work of our international animal protection colleagues, exposing suffering during road transport throughout Europe, live export in the EU has never been under such intense scrutiny.



- 3 You helped us launch major TV exposés in the UK, France, Spain, Romania and Austria.
- You helped us convince most of Germany's states to ban live export.
- 5 You've helped bring the UK to the brink of ending live export.
- 6 You helped us secure an EU Parliamentary Inquiry into live export, and get a seat at the table.

Thanks to you, from Australia to New Zealand to Brazil to South Africa and to dozens of countries throughout Europe — there is now a powerful, international collaboration of groups and individuals working together to save animals from this ruthless business. Twenty years ago, collaboration and cooperation of this scale didn't exist. And you've helped build it. ■



**Above:** Thanks to your support, the Animals International team in Europe, led by EU Director Gabriel Paun (pictured) has achieved major international media coverage about live export, like this investigation aired on French TV, highlighting live animal transport throughout and beyond Europe.

## DISASTER At sea:

## Yet another live export ship tragedy

On 2 September 2020, a live export ship carrying 5,867 dairy cows from New Zealand capsized in the East China sea. Tragically, 41 crew members and all of the animals were presumed to have drowned in the disaster, and the New Zealand government suspended live animal export in response.

It's impossible to imagine the fear that would permeate on board a sinking live export vessel in the middle of a typhoon, on the open ocean in the pitch black of night. But it's not an isolated tragedy for an industry defined by a litany of disasters.

**2020:** 5,867 dairy cows and 41 people disappear — presumed dead — when the MV Gulf Livestock 1 disappears in a typhoon near Japan.

**2019:** More than 14,000 sheep drown when the MV Queen Hind capsizes near Romania.

2015: More than 3,000 animals drown when a cargo ship sinks while on en route from Somalia to the United Arab Emirates.

**2015:** Nearly 5,000 cattle drown when the MV Haidar capsizes and sinks while berthed in Barcarena, Brazil.

**2009:** the MV Danny FII capsizes near Lebanon drowning 17,932 cattle, 10,224 sheep, and 44 people.

This small selection of devastating incidents – for humans and animals alike – is exactly why, with your help, we will never stop campaigning for animals to be spared from the cruelty of live export.

Learn more and take action at AnimalsAustralia.org/live-export

## You're protecting Australian wildlife AFTER THE FIRES

Over a year on from the bushfire disaster that killed an estimated three billion animals, your commitment to the survivors continues.

## Faster access to firegrounds

Thanks to your support, we can continue to look out for animals during disasters by helping vet teams access firegrounds faster and to rescue survivors in difficult terrain.

Our two custom built mobile veterinary units have been donated to the wonderful organisations Vets for Compassion and Southern Cross Wildlife Care. When they are not in use on firegrounds or in response to other disasters, they will assist these volunteer vets in their mission to help our native wildlife 24/7.



We've also provided funding to enable the Vets for Compassion team to respond to the growing number of animals impacted through road accidents, habitat destruction and extreme weather events.

**Above:** Vets For Compassion, with one of the new mobile vet triage clinics made possible by Animals Australia supporters.

**Right:** Heidi, an orphaned koala joey, is safe in the care of Mosswood Wildlife.

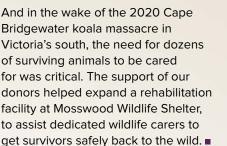






#### Support for those who are still caring for survivors

Even though the Black Summer 2020 bushfires have long since been extinguished, the recovery for surviving wildlife has been a long road, with some still in care. For the wildlife carers who dedicate their lives to saving animals, this meant needing bigger and better facilities to provide ongoing rehabilitation. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to support an upgrade project and continued veterinary care for Possumwood Wildlife in Bungendore, NSW, so that they can continue to rescue and rehabilitate hundreds of native animals needing help each year.



#### Helping thirsty native animals

Thanks to Animals Australia supporters, the Water for Wildlife initiative continues to save lives. So far nearly 2,000 water stations have been shipped to wildlife groups, individual rescuers and local councils for installation at key locations around the country, including fire affected areas. These will provide relief for animals during hot summers and in times of drought.





**Above:** Almost 2000 Water for Wildlife water units have now been sent for installation across Australia, offering lifesaving water to native animals.

## WILDLIFE LAWS reviewed for the first time

Welcome but long-overdue news for native animals in Victoria arrived when the Environment Minister ordered the first-ever review of Victoria's 1975 wildlife protection laws. Animal advocates and wildlife groups have long been calling for this crucial action. The tipping point came after the deliberate killing in East Gippsland of 420 'protected' wedge-tailed eagles by a farm manager, under instruction from the landowner, ended in grossly inadequate legal consequences for the pair.

Animals Australia will speak up for wildlife during the review, in highlighting the gaps in legislation we have come across in our work including bushfire readiness and response, koala habitat destruction, duck shooting, kangaroo killing, issuing of lethal 'authority to control wildlife' permits leading to indiscriminate killing, lack of protection from cruelty, and the enforcement of cruelty laws.



**Above:** Bird experts hold grave concerns for the long-term survival of wedge-tailed eagles in Southeastern Australia after more than 400 were deliberately poisoned by a farm manager. The case highlighted how current laws leave native animals exposed to the risk of shocking cruelty and helped spark a review of the Wildlife Act.

#### Hollywood stars stand up for kangaroos

A Hollywood producer and Emmywinning editor have released a powerful short film revealing the shocking cruelty our iconic native animals suffer for the sake of shoes made from their skins. They're calling on Nike to urgently stop using kangaroo skins in their shoes and thousands of Animals Australia supporters have joined them in speaking out for kangaroos.

You can watch the film and add your voice at Kangaroosarenotshoes.com



## VIC Government puts **DUCKS IN THE FIRING LINE** *yet again*

Despite overwhelming scientific evidence that wetlands and waterbirds need protecting, and new research revealing a staggering number of shooters don't know basic hunting rules, the Victorian Government gave the green light to a 2021 duck shooting season.

While this was disappointing, it was the shortest 20-day season on record in Victoria, indicating that our collective efforts are making a difference. Yet, gentle waterbirds were still terrified, shot, maimed and killed on Victoria's wetlands this year, all in the name of 'sport'. It's on their behalf that we will continue support the efforts of our friends at the Coalition Against Duck Shooting and other colleague groups to end this cruelty for good. Unfortunately both South Australia and Tasmania also allowed recreational duck shooting seasons this year, so we ensured their Governments were aware of the community's opposition to this cruel 'sport'. But as we've seen in other states across Australia like Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, an end to this 'recreational' slaughter of our precious wildlife is possible. And with your help, we'll make it so.

#### [Waterbird numbers are] well below the long-term average, with even fewer birds than last year,

Professor Richard Kingsford, University of New South Wales.

**Above:** Professor Richard Kingsford with his team at UNSW manage the annual Eastern Australian Waterbird Survey. He is referring here to the 2020 results of this aerial population count.

## SHOCKING LACK OF SHOOTER KNOWLEDGE REVEALED

The recent Victorian government agency report, 'Summary report of hunters' knowledge survey findings — December 2020', exposed duck shooters in Victoria for having an appalling lack of knowledge regarding game hunting laws – in fact the lowest of all hunter types in the state — when it comes to laws, gun safety and animal welfare requirements.

Thousands of shooters were surveyed, and the results are damning. Of all duck shooters surveyed:

- Fewer than 4 out of 100 could answer all questions correctly when asked about animal welfare, waterbird identification and safety;
- 3 out of 5 don't know how to shoot to minimise wounding;
- 84% don't know how to kill ducks they have shot and injured;
- 85% don't understand the safety risks associated with firing at ducks at close-range. ■





## FRESHIY PICKED

#### Your ratingswinning new cooking show

Since the launch of our Somewhere campaign, we've heard from many people around Australia who were touched by our little singing pig, wanting to know what more they can do to help animals. And it just so happens that the latest tool in our campaigning toolkit provides the answer – an initiative that's inspiring a new way of living, and eating.

Through our food advocacy brand – VegKit – we've launched Australia's very first 100% animal-friendly cooking show on Channel 10. It's called Freshly Picked with Simon Toohey (of MasterChef fame) and it's bringing all the colour and excitement of plant-based cooking into households across the country.

We know that to transform this world for animals we need to transform our food system. That industries like factory farming and live export only exist because of the global demand for animal products. We also know that we cannot rely on governments to drive change.

So, while there may not be any animals starring in this series, its very existence could change their world. Freshly Picked is a delight to watch (especially if you have an empty stomach and full pantry). But it's so much more than a cooking show... it's a blueprint for kinder, more sustainable eating.

You can watch Freshly Picked on 10Play streaming at 10play.com.au

#### Visit our blog – Food for Thought!

One of the reasons we love helping animals through food advocacy is not only because it's incredibly impactful but also because it's so empowering after all, our food choices are one thing that many of us are fortunate to have agency over. And what we eat is a powerful agent for change. One of our latest initiatives to support people to put more veggies on the table is our blog on VegKit.com - Food for Thought. Already, 12,500 people have flocked there looking for plantbased news, tips, food hacks, meal plans and other resources to support their exploration of the delicious and abundant world of plant-based cuisine. Our most popular blog so far? Plant-based baking! Check it out or explore more at VegKit.com/blog





**Above:** Every episode of Freshly Picked features an Aussie farmer working hard to bring fresh fruit and veggies to our tables. Episode 1 featured Joy and Lester Price who have supplied Australians with potatoes for nearly 40 years; they operate 'Naturally Grown Potatoes, Naturally Better' from their organic farm in NSW.

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**KIND RECIPE:** 

## **Rich Walnut Ragu**

Recipe by Nadia Fragnito, chef and contributor to VegKit.com

PREP: 10 mins COOK: 35 mins SERVES: 4

#### YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 cups walnuts
- 1 ½ slices of bread, broken into pieces, approximately 60g (Nadia uses day-old ciabatta)
- 1 tablespoon stock powder (Nadia uses plant-based beef-style stock)
- ½ garlic clove, crushed
- 1 teaspoon of liquid smoke
- Handful of fresh parsley
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 700g good quality tomato passata or diced canned tomatoes
- Few basil leaves (optional)
- Salt & pepper, to taste
- 500g dried or fresh fettuccine or pappardelle pasta

#### **TO SERVE**

- Extra basil leaves
- Vegan parmesan cheese (store bought, or make Nadia's easy homemade parmesan!)

Add the walnuts, bread, stock powder, garlic, liquid smoke and parsley into a food processor and process until it resembles a medium-fine crumb.

Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick frypan. Fry the walnut mince for a few minutes until it's starting to brown. Stir through the tomato passata and basil, and simmer on low for 20 minutes, stirring often.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large pot of salted water until al dente.

Before turning off the heat, check the ragu for seasonings, adding salt and cracked black pepper to taste..

Stir the cooked pasta through the walnut ragu, adding a dash of reserved pasta cooking water if more liquid is needed for the sauce. Taste and season with salt and cracked black pepper to taste.



Serve with a sprinkling of vegan parmesan cheese and a generous drizzle of olive oil.

\***Tip:** If you'd prefer a chunkier mince, your ragu will turn out a little crunchy in texture. To avoid this, you can soak walnuts overnight beforehand to soften.

Find 100+ delicious plant-based recipes at VegKit.com

## Amazing young Animals Australia supporters



#### VIHAAN

Animal-lover Vihaan completed a 7.5 km bike ride fundraiser for his fifth birthday to support Animals Australia's work. What a huge effort and such impressive determination. He has raised an incredible \$455 to help animals! Thank you so much from the animals, Vihaan.

### Luke

Luke is seven and completed a reading challenge fundraiser for Animals Australia when he was in Grade 1. Not only did he read 21 books in a month and raise \$658, but he wrote an article encouraging other kids at his school to act for animals and other important causes, too.



"The charity that I picked is Animals Australia. Animals Australia looks after animals that are not getting treated well. They make sure that all animals get treated well enough and look after animals all around Australia every day,"

An extract from Luke's wonderful article in his school newsletter.



### RENEE

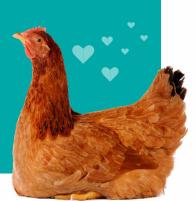
Renee and her friend Hayley decided to set the goal of running or walking 50km each in a month. What makes this already ambitious target more phenomenal is it was in the middle of one-hour restrictions on outdoor time in Melbourne's COVID lockdowns! Both managed to not only achieve but exceed their goals! Renee and Hayley raised an amazing \$445 to help animals. " May we raise children who love the unloved things – the dandelion, the worms and spiderlings (...)

And when they're grown & someone has to speak for those who have no voice

may they draw upon that wilder bond, those days of tending tender things

and be the ones."

– Nicolette Sowder



## *In loving memory:* **HELEN MARSTON**



We honour the passing of an extraordinary advocate for animals, Helen Marston.

Helen began her advocacy journey at Animals Australia in 1997 and was an integral part of our team for eight years. She had a life-long drive to improve the lives of animals, focusing particularly on those used in animal experiments.

Helen was then appointed CEO of Humane Research Australia Inc., where she continued to give millions of 'invisible' animals a voice for fifteen years, while also serving voluntarily on the Executive of Animals Australia. Helen was also a valuable member of the Animals Australia board for several years until her sad passing.

The path Helen forged radiated humility, courage, compassion and inspiration.

Helen, we are grateful to have known you. Thank you, from the animals.



### Leaving a kinder world FOR ANIMALS

By remembering Animals Australia with a gift in your Will, you're making one of the most compassionate commitments possible to future generations — both human and animal — to leave this world a kinder place. Your legacy of compassion and care for animals will live on through our work, and together we will make that kinder future for animals we all crave, a reality.

If you have left a bequest to Animals Australia, please get in touch with us on **1800 888 584** or by email on **bequests@animalsaustralia.org** so we can ensure we understand your wishes for animals – and to thank you personally.

"I raise up my voice not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard."

Malala Yousafzai



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