

# United *to end* live export

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- Our biggest campaign yet for farmed animals
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A thank you and an update from Australia's leading animal protection organisation



# Thank you

Thank you for sharing what's been an incredible journey over the last several months.

While we will always seek political opportunities to bring about change for animals, there are constant reminders around us that the real power to transform this world into a kinder, more just place lies with us.

Albert Einstein once wisely noted that we couldn't solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them, and I am conscious of this every single day. All of the cruelties inflicted on animals occur as a result of outdated, inherited models of thinking that no longer accord with the wisdom of our consciences or the compassion in our hearts.

The good news is that we don't have to wait for governments to lead a shift in thinking. Instead we can embrace our power – as individuals, as families, as businesses – to be the change we wish to see in the world.

At this time in human history, I have never been more certain of the importance of every single act of kindness; of every single act of generosity. Because human hearts are opened and nourished through kindness.

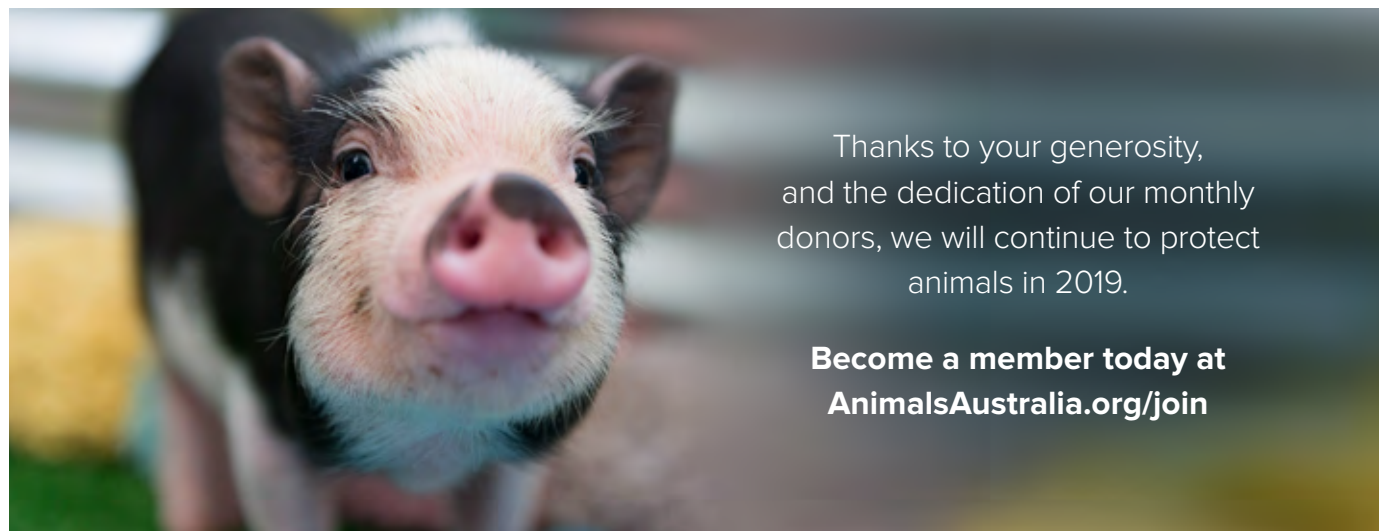
As you have inspired me, I know you will inspire and empower others to join us on this journey. Now is the time to embrace our shared desire, our shared opportunity, to set things right for animals, without waiting for others to do it for us.

And so, you have never been more important than you are today. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

For the animals,



**Lyn White AM**  
Director of Strategy



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# You're taking our live export campaign to **NEW HEIGHTS**

For the first time, in 2019, Australia headed into an election with one of the two major political parties promising to end the cruelty of live sheep exports. So when we asked you to help keep live export on the political agenda, you went above and beyond.

Day after day, you ensured that damning evidence – of the inexcusable, inescapable and extreme animal cruelty at the very core of the live export industry's 'business model' – was put in front of those who needed to see it most. Through your tireless emails, phone calls and meetings, you have been part of the outpouring of compassion that has seen Australian politicians

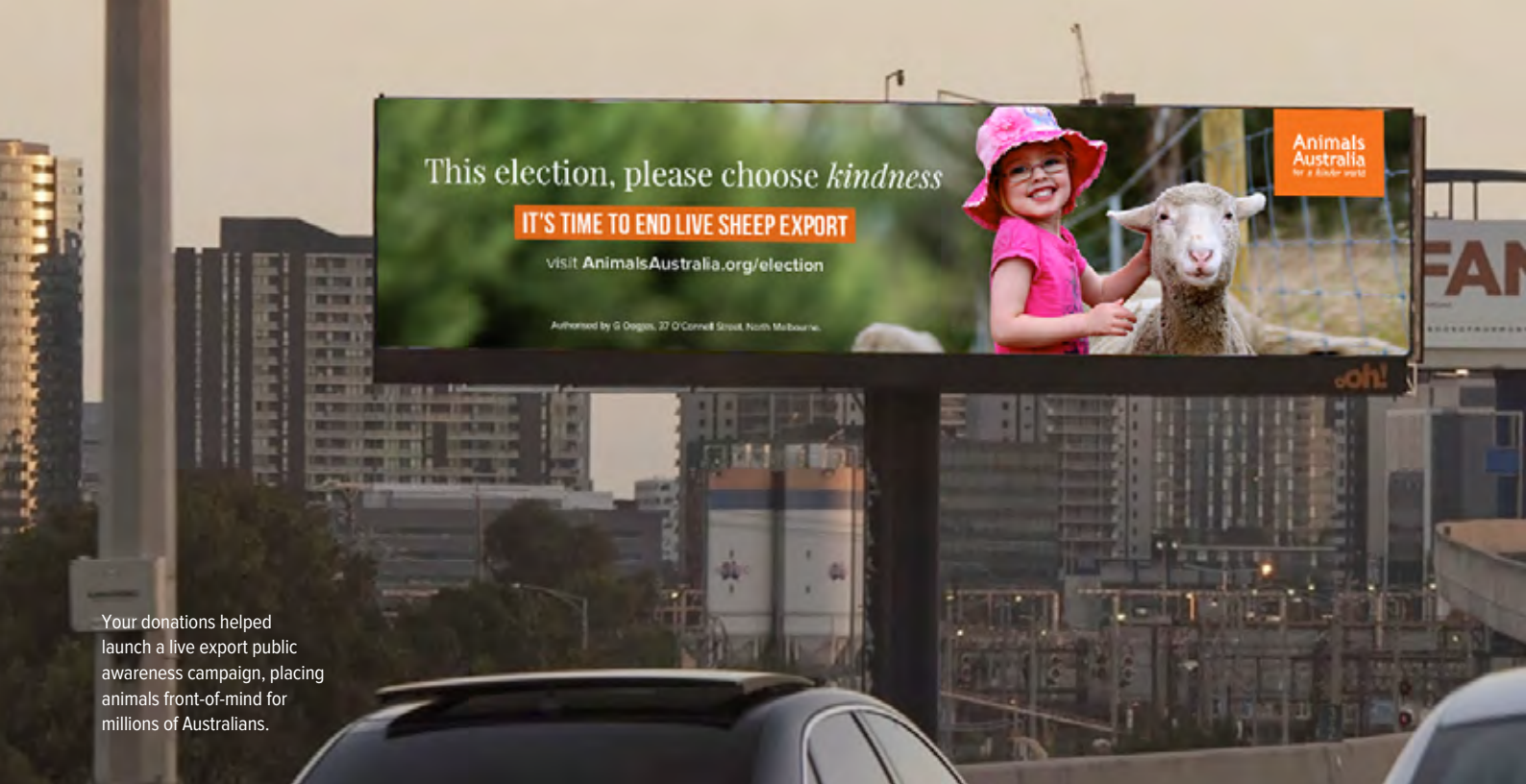
receive more correspondence about this issue than any other over the last decade.

It's thanks to caring people like you making your voice heard that the majority of Australian Senators voted in favour of bringing an end to Australia's cruellest trade, and that the Bill also came within a few votes of having enough support to pass the House of Representatives. And, of course, you're the reason the Australian Labor Party embraced their historic policy shift to end live sheep export.

Thank you for lining the streets with messages of kindness. With over 4,000 placards on display, you gave sheep a loud voice!







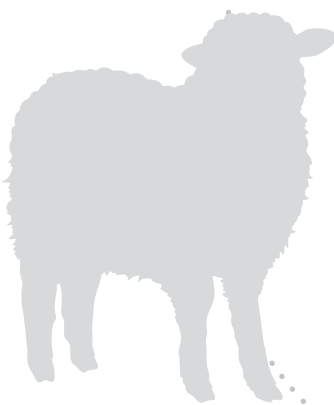
Your donations helped launch a live export public awareness campaign, placing animals front-of-mind for millions of Australians.

While the election outcome means the export of live sheep will continue for the moment, an end to this trade is still in our sights. Unprecedented changes have been forced on the industry, affecting what live exporters care about most: profits.

For the first time in the history of this trade, the industry has been banned from shipping sheep into the deadly heat and humidity of the Northern summer. Not a single live export ship will have left Australia from June through August, meaning 1 million sheep have been



The Federal election didn't deliver the change for animals that we hoped for, but this day will come. We've set the foundation for an end to the live sheep trade.



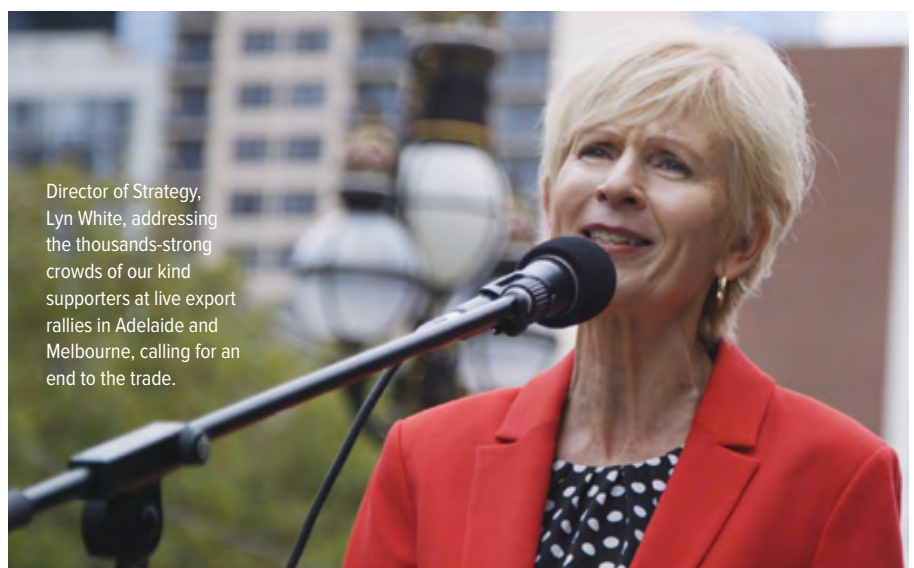
*Together, we've spared*  
**1 MILLION  
SHEEP**  
*from*  
**LIVE EXPORT**





– and will be this year – spared from the worst suffering onboard live export ships.

Our efforts to end the entire live export trade are far from over. But ending the sheep trade will not only save millions of animals from the cruelty of live export, it will also represent a historic shift in political thinking towards dismantling the regulatory system that underpins all legalised animal cruelty. ■



Director of Strategy, Lyn White, addressing the thousands-strong crowds of our kind supporters at live export rallies in Adelaide and Melbourne, calling for an end to the trade.

Thanks to your tireless support, our work to end the live trade entirely, including the cattle trade, continues as fervently as ever.





# INVESTIGATIONS

## *Unit* REPORT

We care about all animals, no matter their country of origin, because all have the very same ability to feel and to suffer.

Thanks to your financial (and emotional) support, our courageous investigators remain in the field, and their evidence is fuelling campaigns to end live export across three continents. Most recently, our work has focused on defending animals who are exported alive from Europe and South America to the Middle East and North Africa.

In recent months our investigations have underpinned media exposés in Italy, Croatia, the Ukraine, Colombia and Uruguay – putting the global live export trade on notice that, thanks to your support, we are always watching. And in a major shift in thinking for the European Parliament, our footage of the shocking treatment of European exported animals could lead to a phase-out of the trade from Europe.

EU laws and regulations are complex, so we are working diligently with our EU colleagues and political allies to harness the necessary political will to stop live export.

The Festival of Sacrifice again saw our investigators deployed to where they are needed most. We know this is a peak time of business for live exporters, and a peak time of suffering for animals. We also know how critical our presence is to mitigating the worst cruelty.

From the investigative field to the halls of Parliament to newsrooms and television screens, we continue to work every angle to ensure that decision-makers around the world are equipped and empowered to tackle the trade from within their own countries. ■



To support our Investigations Unit, visit [AnimalsAustralia.org/investigations-fund](https://AnimalsAustralia.org/investigations-fund)

Left: ABC News – Cows exported live to Sri Lanka by the Australian dairy industry were found sick and dying, then abandoned by those responsible for sending them. We deployed an animal health specialist to help alleviate immediate suffering, and urgently review conditions to compile a brief of evidence for authorities.

Right: The treatment of this poor animal from Brazil has underpinned unprecedented awareness and campaigning to end live export from one of the world's biggest exporting nations.



With your support, we remain tirelessly committed to challenging live export cruelty from all corners of the globe.



Above: Our global investigations have led to inquiries in a number of countries plus an EU Parliament recommendation to phase out the trade from Europe.



# FROM *the* FIELD

Thanks to you, animals around the world – like Pablito the young lion – are experiencing the kindness and care we all deserve to enjoy.



## You're giving rescued zoo animals a second chance in Jordan

Our work to end the trade in live sheep to Jordan uncovered other animals desperately needing our help. On a live export investigation, our Director of Strategy, Lyn White, found animals living in absolute misery in barren Jordanian zoos. And she knew she couldn't turn her back on them.

After complex negotiations, we secured the release of some of the animals in the worst situations, and our work to help others there continues. Thanks to you, these animals now have the chance to live the rest of their lives on acres of sun-drenched and forested hills, exploring gentle slopes that dip down to cool water, and finally have the chance to experience as close to a 'free' life as we can give them. Thanks to your generosity, our team is working with architects and wildlife experts to finalise plans and prepare the first stages of an enclosure build within the world renowned sanctuary, Al Ma'wa for Wildlife and Nature.

Our work to help those remaining in zoos in Jordan continues. We've been working tirelessly with officials to ensure that all animals will be given

greater protection as a result of our work in the region.

This collaboration with a team of vets, police and environmental officials has resulted in the formation of an Animal Welfare Committee. The committee will spearhead major reviews of all animal welfare legislation, with the aim to improve standards for other zoo animals, prohibit the breeding of wild animals, and regulate to prohibit the breeding and sale of animals in pet shops there.

Thankfully, our work alongside officials will see the very worst of Jordan's zoos closed, with plans for prosecutions and seizures of animals underway. We've rolled out a sterilisation program for one of the zoos, so that they may 'lead by example' and cut the black-market trade in 'exotic' animal sales. ■

Our work in Jordan has set a precedent for animals to be treated with compassion and respect. There is an overwhelming number of individuals who support and will continue this aim, for whom we've laid the pathway for continued success in improving the lives of animals in Jordan.



Director of Strategy Lyn White, views plans for enclosure builds at Al Ma'wa Sanctuary in Jordan.



From a barren enclosure in a zoo, to green pastures in a sanctuary – you are helping build a better life for our rescued Syrian bears – and they are now thriving.



## You're saving dogs from the meat trade in Bali

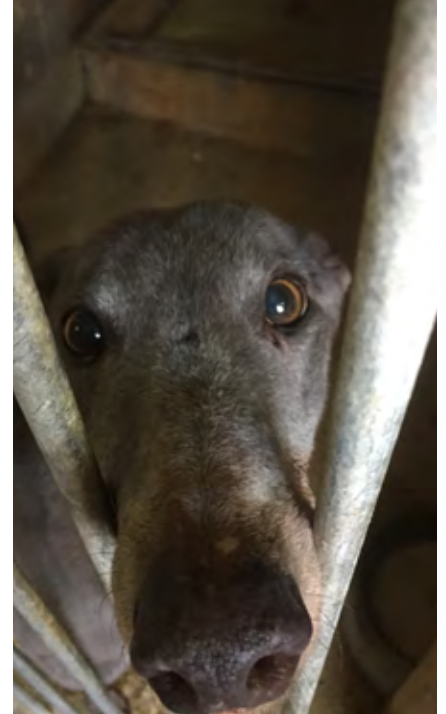
Our international team continues to help animals in Bali, long after we first exposed the suffering of dogs killed to supply the cruel meat trade, which threatened Bali's tourism and is contrary to the traditional Hindu culture of Bali.

Thanks to the collaboration of a committed team of professionals, the dog meat trade (once supported by unwitting Australian tourists) has been almost stamped out – for good. The taskforce, made up of representatives from the Bali Agriculture Department, local Government, Police and our team of Animals International vets, had closed 76 of 78 known dog meat outlets in Bali at the time of writing. Education and enforcement of a

number of existing laws, including animal welfare, meant the remaining two were also only a week or so away from closure.

This amazing outcome was made possible by the strength of this sustained campaign, including international publicity, underpinned by the determination of all involved on the ground in Bali and our donors back home. Coupled with ongoing monitoring and law enforcement, it is now far less likely that dog meat outlets will re-emerge... and if they do, we will help ensure their closure. ■

Below: Our dedicated vets Dr Maria Sasadara and Dr Deborah Bianti, with rescued Bali street dog Gede.



## You helped free greyhounds from cruelty in China

Her name is Faith. Born in NSW, but not 'good enough' for the greyhound racing industry, this beautiful girl was exported at two years old to the notorious Canidrome racing track in Macau, China – described by animal advocates as a 'hellhole'.

An Animals Australia investigation revealed the extent of deprivation she and other dogs endured: confined for 23 hours a day to concrete cells that were often wet, and with no bedding, company or stimulation. If dogs didn't win races, they were killed. You can only imagine the fear, the boredom, and the loneliness. Faith spent six long years here. And then Faith came home.

Hundreds of greyhounds – most from Australia – were given a second chance when the Canidrome shut down last year. In a massive united global effort led by Anima Macau and with support from international greyhound advocacy groups Pet Levrieri (Italy) and Grey2K (USA), these long-suffering dogs have been arriving in their new loving forever homes across the world. Faith and five of her friends were recently released from quarantine and into the loving arms of the good people at Greyhound Adoptions WA and Greyt Greys Rescue. Their new lives have finally begun. ■





# PROTECTING *our* WETLANDS

You sent over 12,000 emails to the Victorian Premier, urging him to ban maiming and killing native ducks for 'sport'.



On the dawn of duck shooting 'season' this year, our team of rescuers stood alongside our friends from the Coalition Against Duck Shooting, on wetlands in Victoria, the state known for killing the most waterbirds in Australia. Shooting ducks is a 'recreational pastime' for only a fraction of Victorians, with numbers of shooters present on wetlands dwindling each year – and this year was no exception. With waterbird populations now also critically low, it was astonishing that the Victorian Government allowed a season to go ahead at all.

The season was shorter than the usual 12 weeks, with the last gunshot fired in late May. The sun may have set on duck shooting for another year, but it could all happen again next year if the Victorian Premier allows the cruelty to continue. Compassionate leadership is something we are all desperately craving from politicians. Thanks to all of you who have written to the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews. Collectively, you've sent

over 12,000 emails, urging him to end this blood sport. An end to duck shooting in Victoria would not only help animals living in that state, but would also set a precedent for others states to follow suit – a move that could finally spare countless birds from suffering.

We can only hope that Premier Andrews stands up to the shooting lobby – and creates a kinder future for our native waterbirds. ■

Above: Closing day of the 2019 'season' – this supposedly protected black swan was shot illegally. PHOTO: Coalition Against Duck Shooting.



This pink-eared duck was shot and left for dead – rescued by our friends from the Coalition Against Duck Shooting.



# What does it really mean when companies commit to going 'cage-free'?

*It means a gentle hen will be spared a lifetime of misery.*

She will know what it feels like to stretch her wings in the sunshine, rather than longing for that one simple freedom. And for millions like her, it'll mean never being confined to a cage where she has less space than an A4 piece of paper to herself. As we see a global shift in corporate consciousness, we know it's because Animals Australia supporters like you have helped them think about the hens who will be better off as a result of their business decisions.

Your thousands of emails, phone calls and messages are making it crystal clear that customers want to see these cruel systems gone for good. Thanks to you, companies like Starbucks, 7-Eleven, McDonald's, Coles, Woolworths, ALDI, Hilton and Best Western Hotels have all recently pledged to ditch cage eggs.

We're making progress for hens on a global scale, with advocates from dozens of countries uniting through the Open Wing Alliance, to shift the decision-making power from lagging governments and industry to forward-thinking businesses who see that the writing is on the wall for cages.

So, know that when you hear companies declare their commitment to go cage-free, it's because of you – and it's all for them.

Together we're stronger!

As a member of Animals Australia, your support for hens extends across the world. As part of the Open Wing Alliance, we're working alongside 63 other animal protection organisations from 55 countries, to free hens from battery cages. ■

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In May, we stood alongside other international advocates at the Open Wing Alliance Summit in Poland, calling on Hilton Hotels to commit to ditching cage eggs – and they did!





# DID YOU KNOW...

...that ducks in Australian farms are denied one of their most fundamental needs: water?



Her entire life will be spent in a shed, but thanks to thousands of our supporters making kinder choices, there is more hope than ever for an end to the cruelty of the duck meat industry.

In nature, a duck spends much of her life in water – swimming, feeding and diving – and therefore has naturally weak leg joints. In farms, with no water to swim or bathe in, newly hatched ducklings are forced to use their legs to carry their weight every day for seven weeks – when they will be sent to slaughter. Water deprivation increases the risk of lameness, broken bones, dislocations, infection and disease for a duck on a farm.

Wherever factory farming exists, animals suffer. That's why we're so grateful to the almost 15,000 caring Animals Australia supporters who have pledged to stand up against animal cruelty and refuse to buy into the cruel business of duck meat.

## YOUR CHOICES *are* POWERFUL

For most pigs in Australia, the first time they see sunshine is on their way to the slaughterhouse...

But whether factory farmed, free range or organic, there is one 'constant' that we see in our daily work, across all 'production' systems: wherever animals are being killed en masse for food,

there is always fear, and there is always suffering. Removing animals from these systems is the most powerful way to protect them. Simply starting with one meal makes a significant impact.

### Egg industry cruelty exposed

Hidden camera footage exposed by Animal Liberation in June 2019, showed workers at a Victorian egg farm kicking, throwing, and abusing hens. The shocking footage also showed thousands of hens being killed slowly and painfully, in gas chambers, as

sheds were emptied due to a disease outbreak. This mass killing, or 'de-population', is also a routine part of all egg production systems, as hens approaching 18 months old are killed, and replaced with younger birds who produce more eggs.



Above: A 'laying' hen being gassed to death alongside thousands of others, at a farm in Victoria, 2019. PHOTO: Animal Liberation.





PHOTO: Jo-Anne McArthur / We Animals Media

## Compassionate corporates

Did you know that your money might be being used to help prop up live export companies and factory farms?

Incredibly, most financial institutions don't have an ethical policy when it comes to dealing with some of the cruellest animal industries. As a result, your hard-earned cash could be used to harm animals, and that's something that none of us would ever choose!

In April 2019, we launched a new campaign to 'cut the purse strings' of cruel industries. Over 16,000 of you urged your banks to implement policies to rule out lending to live export and factory farming, and move to ethical lending only – just as some already have when it comes to other important issues like protecting the environment and human welfare.

Thanks to so many of you who have asked your banks if your money is being used to fund animal cruelty – you're already making an impact! The table opposite shows some of the institutions turning their backs on animal cruelty.



<b>BANKS</b> WITH ANIMAL WELFARE POLICIES	<b>SUPER FUNDS</b> WITH ANIMAL WELFARE POLICIES
	
	
	
	

Are your savings helping to build factory farms? Find out here: [AnimalsAustralia.org/banks](https://AnimalsAustralia.org/banks)



## KIND RECIPE:

# Lentil Almond Meatballs with Spaghetti & Napoli Sauce

## YOU WILL NEED:

- ◆ 400 g tin brown lentils, rinsed and drained
- ◆ 1 cup almond meal
- ◆ ⅓ cup breadcrumbs
- ◆ 3 teaspoons ground flaxseed, combined with 1½ tablespoons water to form a “flax egg”
- ◆ ¼ teaspoon chilli flakes (consider omitting if cooking for kids)
- ◆ 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- ◆ 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ◆ 300 g spaghetti
- ◆ ¼ cup basil leaves, to serve

## NAPOLI SAUCE:

- ◆ 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ◆ 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- ◆ 400 g tin crushed tomatoes
- ◆ 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- ◆ ½ cup vegetable stock
- ◆ ½ teaspoon brown sugar
- ◆ 1 teaspoon mixed dried herbs

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To make Napoli sauce, heat oil in a small saucepan over medium heat and sauté garlic for 1–2 minutes until soft. Add all other ingredients and simmer for 10 minutes or until thick.

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While Napoli sauce is cooking, prepare ‘meatballs’ by processing lentils in a food processor for about 20 seconds. Add almond meal, breadcrumbs, flax egg, chilli flakes and soy sauce, and process until well combined. Roll mixture into balls.

3

Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat and fry lentilballs for 4–5 minutes until browned all over, turning frequently to prevent them sticking to the pan.

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Pour Napoli sauce over meatballs and stir gently to coat in sauce.

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Cook spaghetti in a large pot of salted boiling water for 8–10 minutes or until al dente. Drain.

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Stir meatballs and sauce through pasta and serve topped with basil leaves. ■



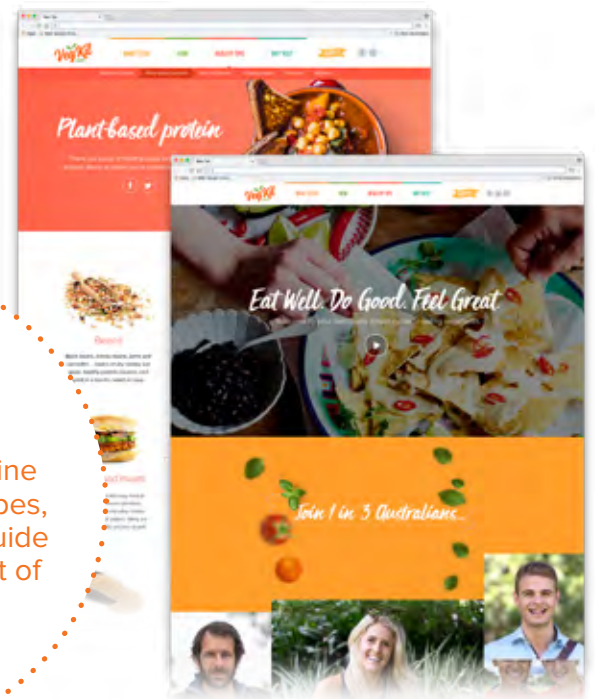


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## What the Animals Australia team are loving:



**ISOBEL**

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

"Bio Cheese pizza shreds from my local IGA. This plant-based mozzarella-style cheese melts and stretches."



**AMY**

PROGRAM MANAGER

"Over the Moo salted caramel ice cream from Woolworths is definitely my favourite decadent dairy-free dessert."



**JAMIE**

FINANCE MANAGER

"Alternative Meat Co's Alternative sausage. There are a lot of veg sausages on the market these days, but this one wins hands down for authenticity."



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# SUPPORTER STORIES

Our members are the reason we exist. Individually you enable us to carry out our work to protect animals, and collectively you help us amplify our message in the media, drive change in the corporate world, and give animals a voice in the political arena. Here are some inspiring highlights and tireless efforts from you – our members.



## LEIGH

Monthly donor, Leigh, completed an epic ultramarathon to raise money for animals. This gruelling challenge saw her run 522kms through the Australian desert. And what's more, she WON!

*"Running 'plant powered' for the animals gave me purpose & perspective, I thought of the animals every day. I imagined their suffering and knew my pain was impermanent, but theirs is not. I tried to turn my pain into strength for them. I sent loving energy to all the animals on factory farms & destined for live export from the desert trails. Running for Animals Australia gave me the power to get to the finish line."*



## JILL (IN MEMORY)

Jill was a very active member of Animals Australia over the last decade. Passionate about ending the live export trade and freeing animals from factory farms, she was never one to shy away from penning a letter to the editor, nor would she ever pass up the opportunity to contact her MP to give animals a voice. Jill's passion for animal protection was so clear through her constant advocacy for them. We're honoured to carry out her legacy through her bequest. We remember Jill each time we celebrate a win for animals and thank her for ensuring that we can continue to give them a voice, in her memory.



## MATHIEU

To celebrate his 7th birthday, Mathieu from Canberra invited 23 friends to be part of his "Save the animals wish" themed party. He asked his friends to donate through his Animals Australia online fundraising page instead of giving presents. Mathieu and his family were delighted to see how supportive his friends and their families were. Together, they raised an incredible \$530 for animals. Animals are in safe hands with compassionate kids like Mathieu representing our next generation of advocates. Mathieu, we think you're amazing!

**"One thing I've learned in my decades as an animal cruelty investigator is that there are good-hearted people everywhere."**

Lyn White, Animals Australia



# Companies who care

## De Lorenzo

Hair care company De Lorenzo embarked upon a massive fundraising effort to support our work. Not only did their amazing team raise a staggering \$11,000 for animals, but on every single package, they raised awareness for animals, too. This amazing Australian company's products are plant-based, cruelty-free, vegan-friendly, not tested on animals and contain no animal ingredients.



## Goodwill Wine

Goodwill Wine are long-time supporters and donate half of all profits on Animals Australia-linked purchases to help sustain our campaign work. This year, Goodwill Wine hit the \$30,000 milestone of funds raised to protect animals. Their wines have helped bring about change through these much-needed funds and also by sparking meaningful discussions when given as gifts or around the table at special occasions. ■

## COMING SOON...

You will be part of our most ambitious campaign for animals yet.



Our biggest public awareness campaign to date, and a first for animals in this country, will dismantle the secretive wall that has shielded the cruel treatment of animals for decades. Together, we will pull it apart, brick by brick, and the horrific truth of what animals routinely endure in 'everyday' farming practices will be brought to light.

**This will be the first time millions of Australians learn what animals raised for 'food' really endure. The truth is devastating, but the outcome will be life-changing.**



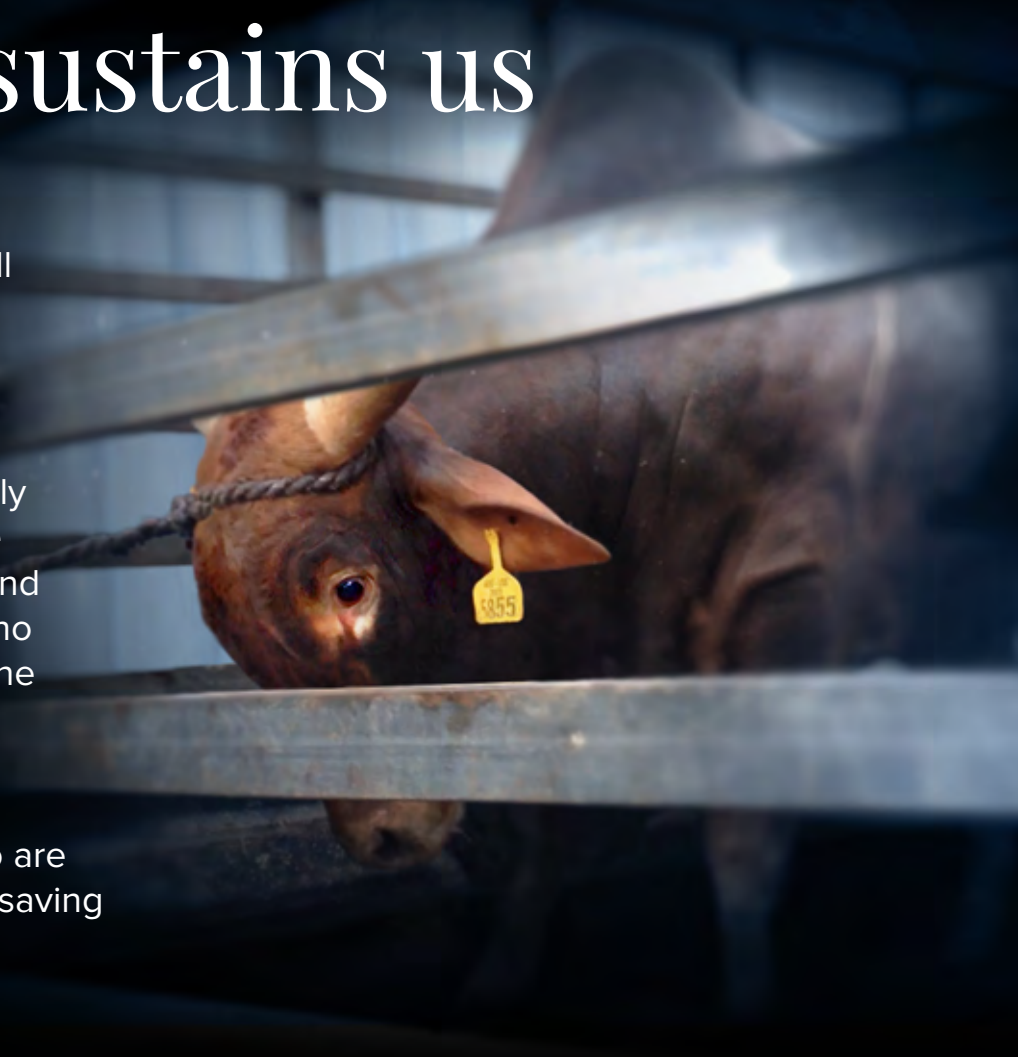


# Your ongoing support sustains us

He is the reason we'll never stop fighting. You are the reason we're able to.

By pledging a monthly gift today, you'll save lives, end suffering and represent animals who otherwise have no one to be their voice.

Thank you to all our monthly donors, who are ensuring that our lifesaving work can continue.



To become a monthly donor, visit [AnimalsAustralia.org/join](https://AnimalsAustralia.org/join)



## SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT:

“I feel that giving monthly is the most impactful way I can give. I think of being a Monthly Donor as a big community – every single person is helping to ensure Animals Australia have the consistent and steady income they need to plan sustainably. I get regular updates about where my gifts are going, so I never doubt that my support is making a real difference.”

Erin, Newstead, QLD



# The extended Animals Australia family

It goes without saying that for an organisation full of animal advocates, our lives – and office – are full of animals too! While what we do in this field is challenging, our days (and nights) are made brighter because of the animals by our sides. Here are just a few of the many precious individuals our team members share their lives with.



## NELLIE

Nellie spent the first five years of her life tied up and forced to produce litters of puppies to be sold online and in pet shops. When the backyard breeding operation she was imprisoned in was raided, she and 11 other dogs were seized and taken to a shelter, where she was found by Lisa, our Director of Campaigns. A once-sad little girl who didn't even wag her tail has blossomed into the most joyful dog you'll ever meet and, fittingly, her days are now filled with sun, sand and soft beds.



## HOPE

Born into a factory farm – warm sun and soft grass weren't on the cards for this little 'battery' hen. But life took a different direction when the egg industry discarded her at 18 months young, because they deemed her 'unprofitable'. She was adopted along with five others by our Director of Development, Lou, and for the last four years, she's lived a life of freedom, friendships and comfort – one that all hens deserve.



## HOWARD

Howard had a rough start to life when he was hit by a car and surrendered to a local shelter. The sight of the little one-eyed kitten peering out of his cage stole the heart of our People and Culture Manager, Kaylene, and she adopted him. While he was permanently scarred by the accident, both physically and emotionally, it hasn't stopped him loving life. This cuddly, food loving feline is the life of the party and the apple of his mum's eye. ■



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## MINUTES *with* IAN

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When our Corporate Relations Liaison, Ian, isn't advocating on behalf of farmed animals, he's out rescuing and caring for our native wildlife. Here's how Ian became dedicated to spending his life helping all animals.



### **Q** How did you become involved with Animals Australia?

I began volunteering with Animals Australia 10 years ago. I attended live export rallies, collected petition signatures and met with politicians to speak up for animals. The issue of factory farming and live export were what brought me to Animals Australia, because no one else seemed to be working to help these animals. My professional background is in government regulatory policy and relations and business strategy. When

I saw the opportunity of Corporate Liaison come up, I knew I could use my skills to make a real difference to improve the lives of animals and help free animals from factory farms.

### **Q** How did you get started in wildlife rescue?

I volunteered to help in 2009 when the Black Saturday bushfires tore through Victoria. The suffering endured by our wildlife had an immediate impact on me and I knew I had to do something to help.

That's when I started training as a volunteer. My first rescue was a little ringtail possum found on the ground in someone's carport in suburban Melbourne. Little did I know that I would one day end up tracking 80kg injured kangaroos through bushland to bring them to safety.

### **Q** What is the most rewarding aspect of being a wildlife carer?

When I tell people I'm a wildlife rescuer they immediately think I save every animal. The sad fact is that





“I think I have had a special connection with animals since I was very young. I’d bring home every stray animal in the street, much to the dismay of my parents...”

many of the animals I rescue must be euthanised because of the severity or nature of their injuries. But I take some comfort in knowing I’ve alleviated their suffering. On the other hand, when I do save an injured animal, or rescue an orphaned joey and then see them successfully rehabilitated and released back to the wild, that’s when I know it’s all worth it.

### Q What has been the highlight of your advocacy work here?

I’ve embraced the opportunity to engage with several iconic companies and provide the information and knowledge they needed to improve their welfare standards for egg-laying hens. It hasn’t been easy, but it’s been very rewarding seeing global brands like Mrs Macs, Starbucks, Hilton and Best Western Hotels and 7-Eleven



Above: Ian provides dedicated care for orphaned rescued joeys like Chinton (pictured left with Ian). Below: At the Open Wing Alliance Summit in Poland, with colleague Isobel, urging hotel giant Best Western to ditch cage eggs (it worked!)

make kinder choices and refuse to continue using cage eggs. I’ve enjoyed collaborating with colleagues from other animal protection organisations like the Open Wing Alliance and SAFE in New Zealand, to bring about change for hens on a united front.

### Q What do you think the next big win for animals will be in your area of advocacy?

We have our sights set on some big and very well-known corporates over the coming months, and we are confident that, given the public support, they will do the right thing for hens and ditch cage eggs. With so many others leading the charge, the writing is on the wall for the cage egg industry. We’re also focusing on bringing about change within the food service and airline industries. Both are massive consumers of cage eggs, and both can significantly improve the lives of billions of hens with one compassionate choice: ditching cage eggs.

### Q How has your experience with wildlife affected your attitude toward other animals?

Having been exposed to many animal cruelty issues in this line of work, at the end of the day, I know that

every animal deserves protection. We, as humans, have an obligation and duty of care to give them that protection, because all animals want the same thing: to be free of suffering, to experience joy, love, freedom and peace. It saddens me that we so fiercely protect our beloved pets from pain, harm and suffering, yet we don’t extend that same compassion to wildlife and other animals. The Dalai Lama, when asked about his religion, has said, “My religion is very simple; my religion is kindness.” What better philosophy is there to adopt in our lives, particularly for the way we treat all animals? ■



## Lyn White named Humanist of the Year 2019

From Humanists Australia – “Lyn White’s award is in recognition of her passionate and effective advocacy of humane treatment of animals everywhere. Her efforts to highlight the sentence of animals fits seamlessly with the Humanist belief that our sympathy and compassion should ethically be extended to all living beings who suffer, not only human beings. Lyn’s work with Animals Australia, investigating and exposing cruelty to animals, has resulted in regulatory changes and increased public awareness and continues to inspire us all.”

What an honour! And a testament to the growing awareness of the intersection of human and animal suffering – and the need to conquer both. ■



# YOUR LEGACY *will live on*

“To know even one life has  
breathed easier because  
you have lived... This is to  
have succeeded.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

How true these words are for all animal advocates.  
And those who chose to remember animals in  
their Will are committing to make one of the most  
powerful choices for animals, beyond their lifetime  
and well into the future.

If you’ve included Animals Australia in your Will, thank you. Your  
desire to ‘give back’ to the world is humbling. Our commitment to  
such an extraordinary gift is to ensure that your bequest is used to  
create real and lasting change for animals.

Your legacy will live on as we work in your honour. ■





If you have left a bequest to Animals Australia, please get in touch with us and let us know. We want to ensure we're carrying out your wishes for animals, and it's important for us to be able to thank you personally. Please call us on **1800 888 584**, or email **[bequests@animalsaustralia.org](mailto:bequests@animalsaustralia.org)**



“Although the world is full  
of suffering, it’s also full of  
the overcoming of it.”

Helen Keller



Thank you for  
being there for  
animals, and for  
creating a kinder  
world with us.