



Annual Report

2025 / 2026



Our vision is a world where
kindness, compassion and respect
extend to all living beings.

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THANK YOU FROM OUR CEO

Change before our very eyes.

When it comes to our shared vision of a kinder world for animals, it's easy to focus on how much remains to be done. But it's just as important to recognise how far we've come.

This year has seen a record low in the number of sheep exported by sea from Australia. It's also seen a continued reduction to record low in the number of hens confined to battery cages. These declines are not just numbers, they are individual animals who've been spared some of the very worst suffering — and remind us that progress is possible when compassion is matched with persistence.

Of course, progress is not the same as completion. Every animal still enduring a gruelling sea voyage, suffering behind the closed doors of industrial systems, or left unprotected by legalised and widespread systems of killing is reason enough to keep going.

It is this commitment to animals that led us to our most recent areas of advocacy — ending the use of animals in toxicity testing and strengthening protections for wildlife.

Through our global campaign to end toxicity testing, we are working to ensure animals are not left behind when kinder, more effective scientific methods already exist. Through our expanded wildlife protection initiatives, we are ensuring native animals are not forgotten during emergencies, or in everyday decisions that determine whether they are protected from harm.

These new areas of work have also reinforced something I have long known: lasting change is built together.

Through partnerships with aligned organisations such as the *Australian Alliance for Animals* and the *World Federation for Animals*, our global collaboration to end

toxicity testing, we're stronger for animals — from influencing law reform and advancing alternatives to animal testing, to improving protections for wildlife, and responding to animals affected by disasters.

None of the highlights you will read about in this Annual Report have happened in isolation. They're made possible through strong partnerships — with organisations, experts, and **compassionate people like you**, all united by the belief that animals deserve better.

Thank you for making this critical work possible.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Glenys Oogjes'.

Glenys Oogjes, CEO



Message from the Chair of our Board.

At my first meeting as Chair I reflected on the extraordinary foundation we are fortunate to build on; one shaped by years of courage and vision.

I want to first acknowledge outgoing Chair Tim Childs, whose tremendous leadership over the past 6 years has further shaped this organisation. Tim's steady governance and deep commitment to animals leave a lasting legacy. On behalf of the entire board, thank you, Tim.

It has been a satisfying year as we have witnessed the number of live sheep being exported from our shores drop sharply, way ahead of the 2028 deadline we fought so hard to achieve. We also continued to pursue a landmark legal challenge in Victoria's Supreme Court against the routine gassing of pigs with carbon dioxide, expanded our work to protect Australian wildlife facing fires and commercial killing, and with our partners internationally launched world-first laboratory

vision to raise awareness and to fuel lobbying against the use of animals in toxicity testing.

The work we do changes lives for animals, and for the people and communities who care deeply about them. We have some of the best in the world working to create that change.

Animals Australia's vision is a world where kindness, compassion and respect extend to all living beings, realised by illuminating the pathway to a kinder world for all. My vision for the board is to provide the stewardship that smooths that path, creating the conditions for courage, integrity and lasting impact.



Lorraine Jokovic
Chair of the Board

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Animals Australia is a charity, registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Our Board members offer a valuable suite of professional skills across animal protection, law, governance, finance, strategic planning and advocacy.

What **you** helped achieve in 2025/26



Launched a global campaign for animals used in toxicity testing, with confronting vision screened from Sundance Film Festival to the EU Parliament.



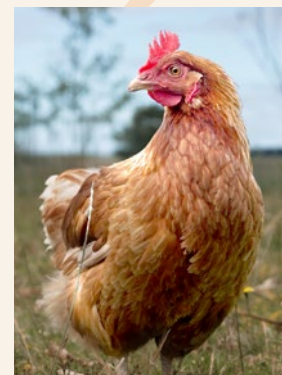
Launched our Veterinary Emergency Team to help animals in the aftermath of devastating bushfires.



Reached 3.7 million people with powerful television campaigns for pigs – exposing their reality in factory farms and inviting people to see a kinder possibility for them.



Delivered lifesaving support for animals **across 10 countries** during disasters, conflict and political unrest.



Ensured caged hens were not forgotten, reaching 3 million people through a **powerful new audio campaign**.



Sent **14,000 kinder eating guides** to people interested in bringing more compassion into their kitchens.

ENDING ANIMAL TESTING

A world-first exposé.

This year marked the beginning of an important evolution for Animals Australia, as we expanded our work to help animals suffering inside toxicity testing laboratories. With more accurate, human-relevant methods already available, our supporters are helping accelerate the shift away from cruel animal tests, towards a future where science protects people without harming animals.

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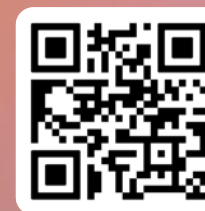


Hidden suffering reaches Sundance Film Festival

This new chapter began with the world premiere of *Sentient* at the Sundance Film Festival, featuring world-first footage from Animals Australia. The documentary is shining a light on one of the least visible and most disturbing uses of animals, while also revealing the hidden human cost of systems that normalise harm.



Sentient was made possible through Growing Kindness, a new initiative created by Animals Australia this year. Growing Kindness supports projects that nurture empathy, compassion and connection — helping reach people who may not yet engage with animal advocacy. By opening hearts and minds in new ways, it complements Animals Australia's work and helps create the cultural conditions in which lasting change for animals becomes possible.



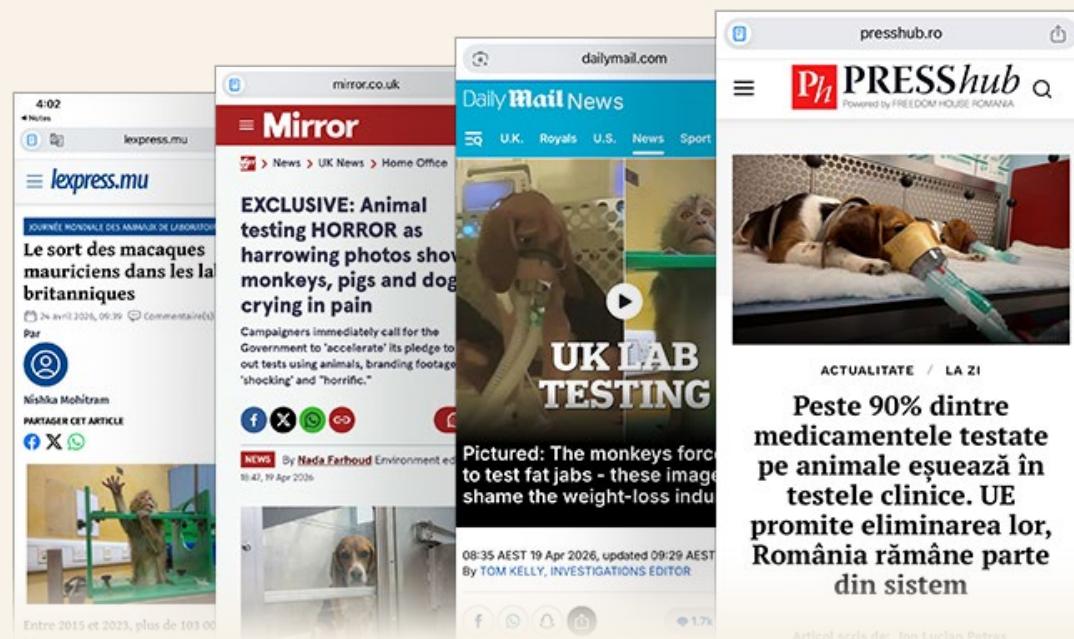


This is not a choice
between compassion
and progress — we can
achieve both.

UK MP JOHANNA BAXTER

Our global campaign sparks international momentum

Following the documentary's release, we launched TOXICITY.inc through our global arm, Animals International. Bringing together animal protection organisations across eight countries, the campaign is exposing the hidden suffering of animals in laboratories and building support for a faster transition to human-relevant, animal-free science.





Within just a few months, TOXICITY.inc generated international media coverage, fuelled political debate, inspired public demonstrations and empowered tens of thousands of people to send messages to key decision-makers around the world.

That growing public concern carried into the European Parliament, where we co-hosted a roundtable with Eurogroup for Animals. Our vision was screened before the very politicians and regulators who have the power to change animal testing policy in Europe. Critically, we ensured a world-leading expert in non-animal testing methods was at the table — helping focus the discussion not simply on whether animal testing should end, but how quickly it can be replaced.

As the European Union and United Kingdom lay the groundwork for animal-free safety testing, their decisions could set precedents far beyond their borders — especially here in Australia, where animals are waiting for the kind of political leadership and urgency now beginning to emerge overseas. With continued support, we can ensure these animals remain visible and are represented in the rooms where decisions about their future are made.

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Images: The suffering of animals in toxicity testing labs has made media headlines internationally, including on TV4 in Sweden, one of the country's largest national broadcasters.

112,435

emails have urged EU and UK decision-makers and global pharmaceutical companies to end cruel toxicity testing on animals.

WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Protecting native animals.

Most people expect Australia's wildlife to be respected and protected — yet too often they are treated as resources to be exploited, nuisances to be removed, or 'collateral damage' of human activity. Thanks to the compassion of Animals Australia supporters, we continued pushing for faster and kinder responses in times of crisis, while challenging the laws, policies and industries that fail them every day in between.

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The launch of our Veterinary Emergency Team

As fires tore through Victoria in early 2026, we were determined to finally see wildlife better considered in disaster management arrangements. In collaboration with our friends at *Vets for Compassion* we officially deployed our Veterinary Emergency Team (VET), an initiative made possible by the generosity and care of Animals Australia donors.

The team spent every long day of the 6-week deployment alleviating the suffering of hundreds of native animals across two major firegrounds, working in collaboration with incident controllers and the broader volunteer community.

Donor support also enabled rapid response emergency grants for local wildlife carers and rescuers to purchase supplies and replace critical infrastructure destroyed by the fires, as well as the distribution of lifesaving food and water drops for wildlife left to survive on their charred, barren habitats.

Images: Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to help wildlife and other animals during Victoria's bushfire disaster earlier this year in partnership with Vets for Compassion.





Through our Veterinary Emergency Team partnership with *Vets for Compassion*, we did everything we could to help wildlife and other animals who needed us most during this fire emergency, on behalf of our supporters who we know would want the same.





Protecting ducks from ‘recreational’ shooting

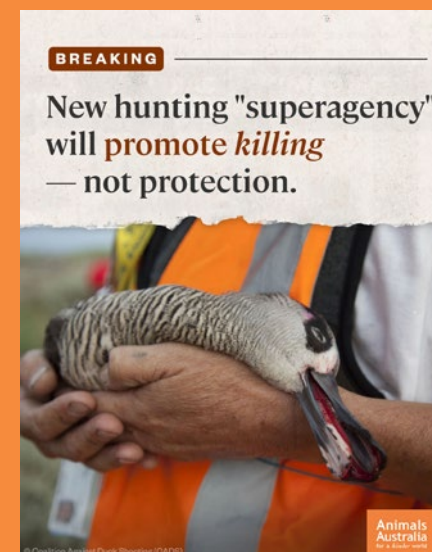
Throughout Victoria and South Australia’s 2026 ‘shooting season’, when the usual protections for native ducks and quail are lifted so they can be legally shot for ‘recreation’, we kept these animals front of mind. Our social media campaign drove 2,977 emails to decision-makers in Victoria, ensuring these native animals were not forgotten for a single day as they suffered across wetlands.

Then, as the Victorian Government moved to legislate a new hunting ‘superagency’ through the dangerous Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill, serious revelations about the current regulator were reported by ABC News. Ignoring serious past warnings and

current allegations, the Allan Government sought to entrench this flawed government agency’s powers further.

Knowing the Bill would be disastrous for wildlife if it passed, we refused to let it slip through quietly. We published full-page open letters in major Victorian newspapers, and drove 4,694 emails to members of parliament explicitly opposing it. This wave of public pressure and scrutiny helped stall the vote, forcing robust parliamentary debate and the dangerous details of this bill onto the public record.

Despite our collective and determined efforts, Victoria’s Parliament passed this Bill into law. With the odds heavily stacked against ducks and other wildlife, we will continue seeking every opportunity to see them properly protected.



1.7million
digital ads displayed
across major news sites
across the state.

1 million
readers reached with
our full-page open letter
published in *The Age* and
Sun Herald in June.

Opening the world's eyes to the cruelty of the commercial kangaroo killing industry

Native animals are in dire need of help not only in times of disaster, but every day, as policy loopholes and routine

'management plans' leave them exposed to immense suffering. This is especially true for kangaroos — victims of the largest slaughter of land-based wildlife in the world. With their body parts exported globally for profit, we've taken an international approach to address it.

Our extensive social media campaign reached 5 million people in countries that import kangaroo meat and skins, opening eyes to the reality of this secretive industry that treats kangaroos as commodities and the killing of joeys as a 'cost of doing business'. The response has been overwhelming — 23,315 people pledged to never buy into kangaroo cruelty, helping build international pressure for change.

5 million people

were reached by our campaign revealing the cruel commercial kangaroo killing trade.

Protecting wombats from kill permits

The ACT remains one of the few places in Australia where wombats are still legally protected from being killed — but this year, the state government quietly considered changes that would allow landholders to kill them under permit.

Animals Australia mobilised local advocates to speak up, and hundreds of supporters helped remind decision-makers that ethical, effective coexistence strategies that promote biodiversity over killing do exist. Governments creating legal pathways for wildlife to be killed on request is not only cruel; it promotes the harmful idea that killing is a solution. We will monitor this issue closely.

Representing kangaroos in Parliament

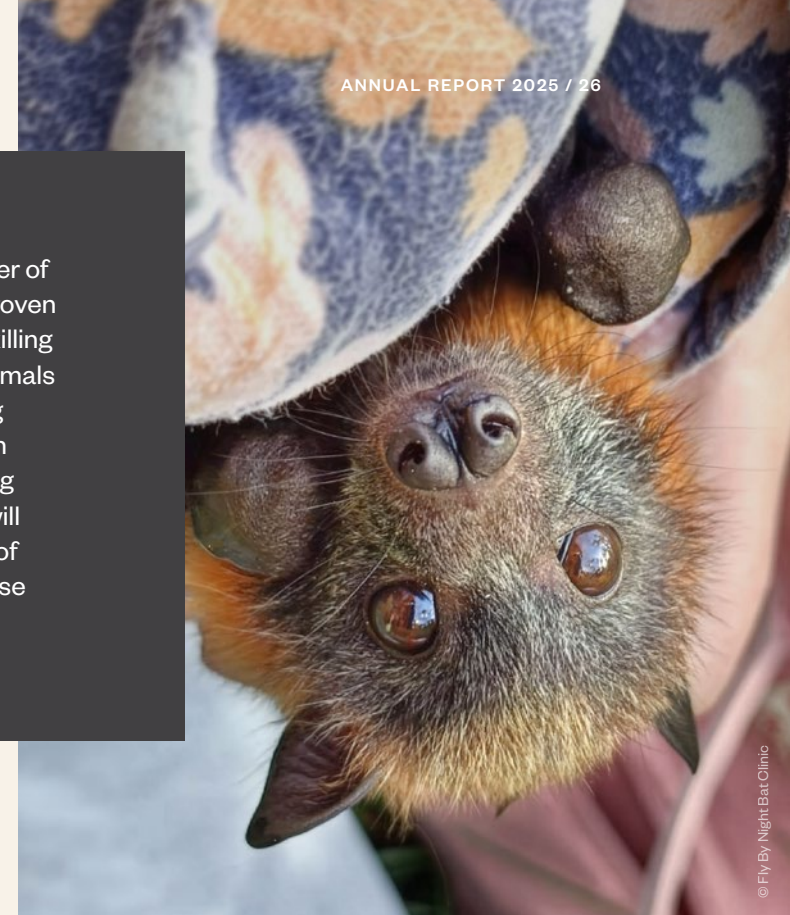
On World Kangaroo Day 2025, we spoke about the tragic reality that thousands of kangaroos face every night across the country at a parliamentary event. We stood alongside powerful First Nations advocates from *Back to Country* and our friends from *Kangaroos Alive* to call on the government to better protect kangaroos and their joeys from the cruelty of the commercial wildlife trade.



Challenging flying fox shooting

When the Queensland Government shockingly backflipped on its commitment to end the legal shooting of flying foxes, we moved quickly to challenge the decision and speak up for these native animals — including some who are already listed as threatened species.

This reversal was to appease a small number of primary producers, and ignored the long-proven cruelty and ecological damage caused by killing one of the nation's keystone pollinators. Animals Australia supporters stood with us in strong opposition, helping call for better protection and making clear we will not give up on flying foxes. With continued public pressure, we will keep calling on Queensland to join the rest of the country in outlawing the shooting of these unique natives.



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Dingo protection case in Victoria's Supreme Court

Our legal action seeking to protect this threatened native species in Victoria from being trapped, poisoned and shot also highlights the slow pace at which seeking change through our legal system moves. This year, we pushed hard to progress this case, but the Victorian Government argued it would be in caretaker mode in the lead-up to the state election, and the case has been delayed until early 2027.

Protecting wildlife from the forestry industry

When taxpayer-funded Forestry Corporation NSW set its sights on Glenbog State Forest — a rare cloud forest in the Southern Highlands — Animals Australia supporters mobilised to raise urgent pressure to prevent wildlife casualties. With over 1100 wombat burrows mapped and more than 130 greater glider den trees identified by citizen scientists, the stakes couldn't be higher for the native animals who call this forest home.

We joined a national campaign calling on the NSW Government to halt its destruction, and over 14,000 supporters took action. Our voices joined a growing chorus of community pressure vowing not to give up on the wildlife who could be buried alive for the sake of cheap woodchips, and with the bulldozing delayed but still planned, our work continues with great urgency.

FARMED ANIMAL ADVOCACY

A voice for those most overlooked.

Animals raised and killed for food are among the most systematically exploited animals in our society, yet their lives and experiences remain largely hidden from public view. With the help of our supporters, we ensured they weren't forgotten or overlooked, sharing the truth about their rich emotional lives, and challenging the systems that deny them the care and protection they deserve.

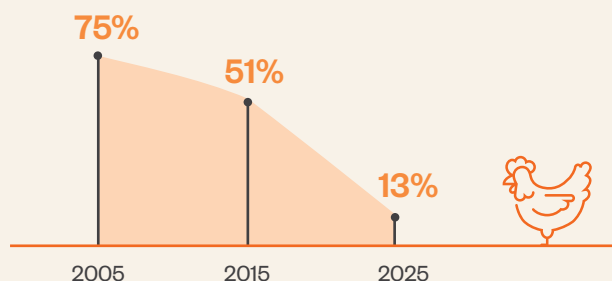


Major campaign for hens trapped in battery cages

Securing a commitment to phase out battery cages was a significant step forward. Yet with the distant phase-out timeline of 2036, tens of millions of hens will still be condemned to a lifetime in a cage.

This is why, with support from our donors, we launched *One Day I'll Fly Away* — a national radio campaign giving voice to hens who will never have the chance to spread their wings. The campaign helped people understand that while cage egg cartons may be easier to avoid, cage eggs are often hidden in everyday food products. By helping Australians uncover these 'hidden eggs', we empowered them to reduce demand at the source, and help hens long before the phase-out takes effect.

DECLINE IN HENS KEPT IN CAGES:
(% of retail eggs from caged hens)



Our campaign reached over

3 million

people across radio and streaming services.

3,500+

people ordered our egg-free guide to help create the meaningful change hens so desperately need.



Live export update

The long-awaited end of live sheep export by sea is now less than two years away. But when our investigators returned to an Australian Government-approved slaughterhouse in Jordan ahead of the annual Festival of Sacrifice this year, they were reminded why animals still need us watching.

Historically, the scenes of suffering during this festival have been overwhelming, with sheep scattered across more locations than we could ever fully monitor. This year, they were at just one facility, but a solid wall had been erected around the slaughter floor to prevent filming.

It wasn't lost on us that a live export company spent time and money altering their slaughterhouse — not to improve conditions for animals, but to try to stop us capturing how the industry allows animals to be treated in their final moments.

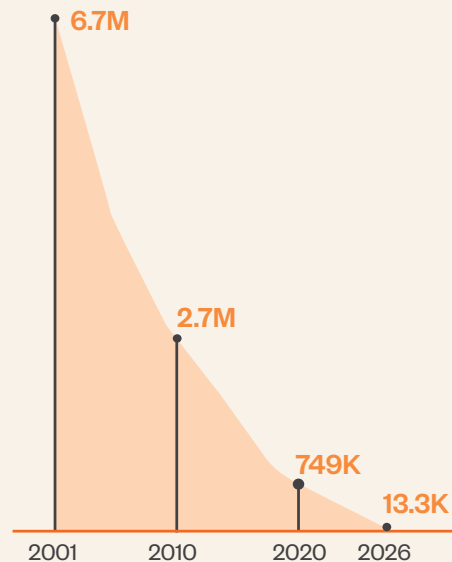
The wall made our job harder but it did not stop us seeing inside. We still witnessed sheep being killed while fully conscious — the same suffering and terror we have documented for over 20 years.

The cruelty remains unacceptable. Yet the progress is undeniable: a once vast and chaotic trade has been reduced to a fraction of what it was, with its legislated end firmly in sight. Until that day comes, we'll keep our eyes on this industry and hearts with every sheep subjected to it. Thank you for making this possible.



AUSTRALIAN SHEEP EXPORTED ALIVE BY SEA:

Down 99.8% since 2001



Helping Australia see pigs differently

Due to drawn-out legal processes, time has passed since Animals Australia filed proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria to challenge the legality of suffocating pigs inside gas chambers. As we continued working on this landmark legal challenge through the year, the urgency of pursuing every avenue for these animals remained painfully clear. Since proceedings began in 2023, more than 10 million pigs have endured this terrifying and painful death in Australian slaughterhouses.

So, alongside our legal work on this critical case, Animals Australia continued to fill a vital role: keeping farmed animals part of the national conversation.

Through major television campaigns, we gave pigs a significant and sustained presence in households across the country, reaching a total of 3.7 million people. *You didn't know, did you?* exposed the suffering hidden behind factory farm walls...



...while *Be Their Hero* invited people to pledge to see pigs for who they are: sensitive, unique individuals deserving of compassion.

This work is essential to lasting change. While our legal challenge targets one cruel practice, our public advocacy helps shift the attitudes and choices that underpin the system itself.

More than 4,800 people have responded by pledging to explore kinder eating for pigs. And there are still many more people to reach.

None of this would be possible without the strength and generosity of our supporters. Together, we are changing how Australia sees pigs — and challenging the cruelty too often accepted as normal.



4,879

supporters chose to *be the change* animals in factory farms need by exploring kinder food choices.

80%

of campaign survey respondents gained a better understanding of how laws fail to protect farmed animals.

70%

of people surveyed after receiving Animals Australia's kinder eating resources learned there is no such thing as humane slaughter.

Our high impact digital advocacy: Amplifying animals' stories.

Today, people are discovering, learning, and taking action across more platforms than ever before. For animals, this means our advocacy must travel further than traditional channels like television — to include digital social media platforms — to reach kind-hearted people wherever they are. Through powerful digital storytelling, we are shining a light on animals in need, opening hearts to kinder possibilities, and growing a community of people helping to create change.



1.6M
followers



162K
followers



30K
followers



24.7K
followers



10K
followers



People need to have more respect for animals...

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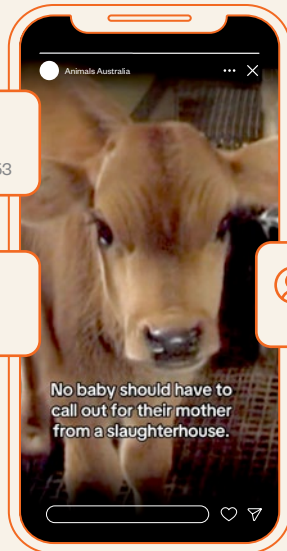
Cows are just like dogs. This is heart wrenching

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So upsetting. So cruel. Not needed nowadays...

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One video highlighting the heartbreaking reality that most calves in the dairy industry are separated from their mothers and killed shortly after had over 299,000 views on TikTok.



GREYHOUNDS

Sparing dogs from racing cruelty.

Since our 2015 investigations exposed horrific live baiting practices, Animals Australia has continued shining a light on what gentle, affectionate greyhounds endure in the racing industry. Beyond the hundreds killed and thousands injured on tracks, thousands more are killed each year for not being fast or profitable enough, while reports of cruelty, neglect and abuse continue to surface.

As New Zealand, Scotland and Wales move to end greyhound racing in 2026, Australia is increasingly an outlier.



The world is walking away from dog racing, and the domestic dominoes in Australia are on the verge of falling.

GLENYS OOGJES, ANIMALS AUSTRALIA'S CEO

This year, we helped build momentum across the country:

- In NSW, hundreds of our supporters urged the Government not to renew Greyhound Racing NSW's Wentworth Park lease, with the land now set to become open green space and sporting fields from 2027.
- In WA, our independent economic analysis found greyhound racing destroys economic value and could cost the state half a billion dollars between 2026 and 2028.
- In Tasmania, more than 1,300 Animals Australia supporters backed the state's planned phase-out through the Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025.

We continue working with animal protection groups nationwide to help free dogs from this cruel industry.

GRANTS AND GLOBAL COLLABORATION

Supporting change-makers here and abroad.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our work is not bound by borders. Our Global Grants are helping alleviate suffering while strengthening a global movement for kindness. Again this year, our Emergency Grants provided lifesaving support to some of the bravest animal advocates working to help animals in some of the most dangerous circumstances. And our High Impact Grants provided critical funding to values aligned initiatives helping animals here, and around the world.



Emergency grants

Our grants program continues to support organisations on the ground helping animals impacted by war, political unrest, and disasters. This year, our Emergency Grants Program was deployed in:

- Australia (NSW and VIC)
- Afghanistan (Kabul)
- Goma (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Indonesia (Bali and Lombok)
- Iraq (Kurdistan)
- Iran (Alborz Province)
- Lebanon (Beirut)
- Myanmar (Yangon and Mandalay)
- Palestine (Westbank and Gaza)
- Ukraine (Lviv)



Gaza

Thanks to the generosity of many of our donors, we continue to provide ongoing support for Gaza's only official animal welfare organisation, Sulala Animal Rescue. Their work started long before the current war, and has continued throughout, despite the dangerous and difficult daily challenges before them. Our grants help the dedicated team of advocates provide critical rescue, veterinary care, food, supplies and shelter for the animals of Gaza.



© Sulala Animal Rescue

Lebanon

As the attacks on Beirut and other areas of Lebanon escalated, the brave Animals Lebanon team continued to respond to calls to help animals stranded and homeless, while having a shelter full of rescued animals — cats, and lion cubs. Supporters of our Emergency Grants Program helped cover the cost of veterinary care, transport crates, bedding, and food for evacuees, and also gave hope to these compassionate individuals during the darkest moments of this war.



© Animals Lebanon

Ukraine



© Home of Rescued Animals (Ukraine)

Australia

Closer to home, after catastrophic heat events led to mass casualties and deaths of grey-headed flying foxes, we were honoured to support the release of hundreds of those able to be rescued back to their wild homelands. We also provided emergency funding to twelve wildlife shelters and farmed animal sanctuaries directly impacted by the destructive bushfires in Victoria, and a wildlife sanctuary impacted by flooding in New South Wales.



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Global Project Partners

Animals Australia has partnered with and supported animal protection allies to improve the lives of thousands of animals the world over through ongoing trap, neuter release programs and sanctuary support. Our global project partners include:



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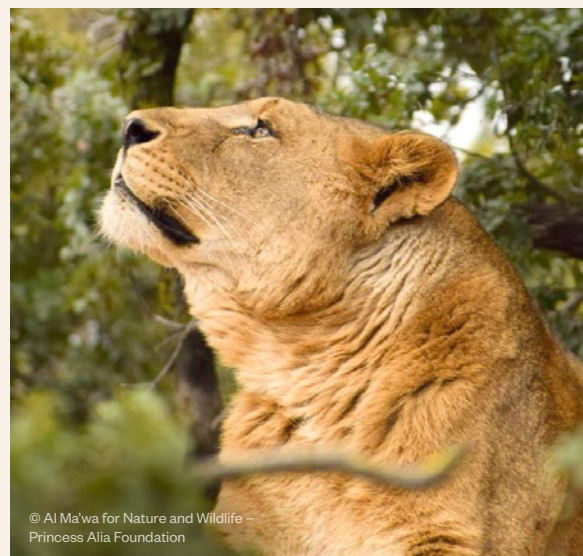
■ **Al Ma'wa for Nature and Wildlife – Princess Alia Foundation (Jordan).** Our ongoing support continues for the animals rescued and given lifelong sanctuary through our Jordan Zoo program, thanks to the wonderful Al Ma'wa for Nature and Wildlife team.

■ **Sintesia Animalia Indonesia (Indonesia).** We are proud to provide ongoing support to Sintesia Animalia Indonesia, a team of dedicated advocates who combine scientific, legal and community engagement expertise to protect animals across Bali and beyond.

■ **ZooAtronic (United Kingdom).** We are proud to support ZooAtronic, a UK social enterprise reimagining how people connect with wildlife through immersive, technology-led experiences that don't exploit captive animals. Our startup grant is helping build a genuine alternative to traditional zoos, one that nurtures children's empathy and connection with nature.

■ **Luni Lombok (Indonesia).** Our support enabled the compassionate team to carry out their highly successful desexing program for cats across all three of the Gili Islands.

■ **Let's Save the Strays (Myanmar).** We supported thousands of cats and dogs being spayed and neutered by the dedicated vet team and helped deliver animal welfare education programs in schools throughout multiple cities.



© Al Ma'wa for Nature and Wildlife – Princess Alia Foundation

Left images: Our spay and neuter partner programs, funded through Animals Australia's grants, break cycles of suffering — improving the welfare of individual animals while reducing the number of cats and dogs born into a life of hardship on the street.



High impact grants

Each year Animals Australia offers high impact grants to organisations helping achieve our vision through innovative, inspiring and values aligned programs and campaigns. Our 2025-2026 High Impact Grants were awarded to:

- **Beagle Freedom Australia** to help with construction of their 'real room' to rehabilitate dogs and cats rescued from testing laboratories, where they can safely acclimatise to everyday objects, sounds, and smells in preparation for their new lives.
- **Collective Fashion Justice** to help dismantle the fashion industry's exploitation of animals, workers, and the planet one campaign, policy, and supply chain at a time.
- **Stop Live Exports** to help bolster efforts to end suffering caused by the live animal export trade from Australia.
- **Defend the Wild** to help protect Australia's native wildlife and the habitats they depend on, centring Indigenous voices and working toward genuine coexistence.



- **Kangaroos Alive** to help end the world's largest land-based wildlife slaughter, and to see Australia's most iconic animal protected instead of commercially exploited.
- **Vets for Compassion** to help a volunteer team of vets and nurses deliver emergency rescue and life-saving surgery for wildlife, farmed animals, and companion animals 365 days a year.
- **Environment and Animal Rights Consultants** to support Pakistan's first animal and environmental rights law firm and research think tank to advance legal precedents to protect animals.

Above: Animals Australia and Vets For Compassion worked together to provide life-saving care for animals affected by bushfires.

Animals Australia is a proud member of these National and International Alliances and Coalitions working together for a kinder world:

- **Australian Alliance for Animals**
(Founding Member)
- **World Federation for Animals**
(Founding Member)
- **Eurogroup for Animals**
- **Asia for Animals Coalition**
- **Aquatic Animal Alliance**
- **International Coalition for Animal Welfare**

Animal Justice Awards

ANIMAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, AUSTRALIA

Animals Australia was proud to see the 2026 *Animals Australia Award for Effective Advocacy* awarded to Kate Luke from *Little Oak Sanctuary*. Home to more than 300 rescued farmed animals, *Little Oak* pairs lifelong sanctuary care with powerful education initiatives. This award recognises the depth of their contribution and provides funds to strengthen their incredible work.

From 2027, the award will be renamed to honour the work of the late Dr Christine Townend — our Co-Founder, former Chair, and dear friend — to the *Animals Australia Christine Townend Award for Visionary Advocacy*.

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BEHIND THE SCENES WORK

Advocating for animals behind the scenes.

Individual actions help lay the foundation for a kinder future, but lasting change also requires animals having a strong voice at the tables where government and industry decisions are made. This year, supporter generosity helped ensure Animals Australia could continue challenging the systems that leave animals vulnerable and advancing much-needed reforms on their behalf.



Animals Australia advocated for animals during national and state regulatory and parliamentary reviews and strategy developments, including:

Federal

- APVMA and Federal Department of Agriculture consultations on restrictions for second generation anticoagulant rodenticides
- Federal Government's Proposed Wildlife Trade Operation: Commercial Harvest and Export of Wallaby from Tasmania
- Australian Animal Welfare strategy development which included farmed animals, animals used in experimentation, wildlife and aquatic animals during this period
- Federal Government's consultation on the review of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (on board welfare issues)
- Review of the Australia's Health and Medical Research Strategy (relevant to use of animals)
- Federal Government consultation on potential Wildlife Trade Operation (export) of land hermit crabs

State:

- NSW regulatory changes to adopt new poultry standards
- Tasmanian Government-initiated Independent Study of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry
- Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2026 Summer fires
- Parliamentary Inquiry into license to harm native animals in NSW
- Tasmanian Parliament inquiry into a new law to phase out Greyhound Racing
- WA Parliament's Environment and Public Affairs Committee Inquiry into the greyhound racing industry
- NSW Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment Bill

International:

- South Africa's proposal for regulations regarding live animal export



We continued our role as a key stakeholder and voice for animals in advisory groups:

- Federal Department of Agriculture consultation on the review and renewal of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy
- The National Health and Medical Research Council Animal Welfare Committee which is reviewing the Code for animal use in research and teaching
- State Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Tasmania

TRANSFORMING THE FOOD SYSTEM

Promoting kinder eating for animals.

Most people would never knowingly choose to cause animals to suffer, yet our food system makes it easy to become disconnected from the animals behind meat, eggs, dairy and 'seafood'. Through our kinder eating initiatives, Animals Australia supporters helped open hearts and minds, showing that more compassionate choices are possible — and that a better food system is within reach.



The Nanna Diaries

Promoted through an outdoor campaign across Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, our heartwarming cooking series showed compassion can have a place in every kitchen. With warmth and humour, the star of the series, Nanna Mirella, inspired thousands to order her mini cookbook and try animal-free takes on much-loved, traditional dishes.

Reaching new kitchens with recipe booklets

We shared four seasonal plant-based recipe booklets in Farmer's Pick veggie boxes, to deliver fresh ideas for ways to hero veggies in wholesome meals.



Partnerships

Animals Australia is the official Australian partner of *Veganuary* and a sponsor and partner of *No Meat May*.



Freshly Picked

Our plant-based cooking series *Freshly Picked* with Simon Toohey returned to Channel 10 for its sixth year. The season finale sparked record-breaking interest in our VegKit website, connecting more people with recipes and resources to help them leave animals off their plates.

Together, we are helping animals beyond political and corporate advocacy, by supporting individuals interested in *being the change* to eat more compassionately. And our resources are making a real and immediate difference — more than half of Veg Starter Kit survey respondents said our guide helped them eat fewer or no animal products.

660,281
visitors headed to [VegKit.com](#)
for plant-based inspiration.

14,228
kinder eating guides
were sent to people looking to
eat more compassionately.

200,000
animal lives spared
if every person who ordered a
guide left animals off their plates
one day per week for a year.

LASTING LEGACIES FOR ANIMALS

Their kindness lives on.

We are deeply honoured to have been entrusted with bequests from our generous supporters, and donations made in memory of loved ones over the past year — thank you.

Through these lasting gifts, each donor has helped leave the world a kinder place they believed in. Their compassion lives on in the work we continue for animals — and in the future we are creating in their honour.

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Our deepest gratitude to our cherished supporters who so generously left a bequest to the animals

Their legacy for a kinder world will live on through our work for decades to come:

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By remembering animals in your Will, you can help ensure kindness lives on. Bequests give us the confidence to plan for the future, continue shining a light on some of the greatest harms to animals, and be there when they need us most.

Leaving a bequest is a deeply personal decision. If you are considering this special gift, our Relationships Manager would be honoured to speak with you by phone or email.

Contact us on 03 9329 6333
Bequests@AnimalsAustralia.org

FUNDING A KINDER FUTURE

Financial snapshot.

Every step towards a kinder future for animals is made possible by compassionate people who share our vision. Because Animals Australia receives no government funding, the generosity of our supporters — through monthly gifts, one-time donations and bequests — provides the foundation for our work.

Your generosity in action

Your trust and support enable our work wherever animals need us most — from public campaigns and investigations to legal action, emergency response and global animal protection programs.

This year, our Monthly Donors gave us the steadfast support to sustain long-term, high impact campaigns and respond to urgent crises, while donors who left Gifts in their Wills made an extraordinary contribution, allowing us to forward plan and pursue ambitious work with confidence.

Your generosity powered real outcomes: launching our major global campaign against animal testing, bringing factory-farmed animals onto national television and radio, establishing a critical wildlife emergency response team, continuing our landmark legal action against systemic cruelty, and helping transform the food system for animals.

Sustaining change

Lasting change for animals depends on our sound and transparent organisational governance. We are independently audited each year to uphold high standards of transparency and accountability, while our fundraising efforts help grow our supporter community, reaching new audiences who care about animals and securing the resources needed to sustain our ambitious campaigns for animals into the future.





Animals Australia go where many choose not to go. They expose the cruelty within current “legal” animal practices and make people aware of how their choices can have a major impact and bring about change for a kinder world for all beings.

CATHRYN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA – MONTHLY DONOR



INCOME	2025/26	
Bequests	\$7,097,087	46%
Monthly Giving and Membership	\$4,825,943	31%
Donations – Campaign Specific	\$2,902,658	18%
Investment Income	\$552,946	4%
Merchandise Sales	\$81,381	1%
Non Government Grants & Other Income	\$7,616	0%
	\$15,467,631	100%

EXPENSES	2025/26	
Animal Protection Programs	\$10,657,570	73%
Finance, Governance & Management	\$2,494,746	17%
Fundraising	\$1,259,228	9%
Occupancy & Running Costs	\$221,243	1%
	\$14,632,787	100%

ANIMAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS BREAKDOWN	2025/26	
Advocacy, Investigations & Lobbying	\$4,255,607	40%
Emergency Grants & International Animal Protection	\$2,609,471	24%
Farmed Animal Protection	\$1,819,131	17%
Transforming Food Systems	\$1,570,140	15%
Australian Wildlife Protection	\$403,221	4%
	\$10,657,570	100%

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

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