

RSPCA ACT Report for the Service Funding Agreement

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Report for 1 July 2018 - 31 June 2019

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a. The number of animals seized under the Animal Welfare ACT 1992

1. 156 animals seized under s82(1)(f) to (h) and/or s85(2) via 85(1)((a) to (c). *Note: Exact stats are not kept by our system.*
2. Animal types:

Birds	3
Felines.....	18
Canines	48
Rodents	32
Rabbits	2
Reptiles	47
Guinea Pigs	5
Livestock (pig).....	1
3. Number of animals destroyed under the Act: 0.
4. Number of entries into premises under section 81 of the Act: Data not collected by our system.

b. Stray dogs and cats

1. Number of animals received from the public:

Canines	288
Felines.....	1006
2. Number of animals received from the Territory:

Canines	55
Felines.....	61
(Plus 9 "other" species)	

c. Cats and dogs housed

1. For stray cats and dogs received from the public or the Territory, the number of days housed against legislative compliance period for the relevant Acts:

Canines	7 days
Felines.....	within 7 days

2. Number of days held for prosecution related matters: Average 79 days
3. Number of dogs transferred to DAS: 23

d. Animals released

1. Number of stray dogs and cats returned to owner:
Canines 282
Felines..... 139
2. The average number of days housed until returned to the owner: 1

e. Euthanasia

1. Number of pest animals euthanised: 48
2. Number of cats deemed feral/unsocialised and euthanised: 174

f. Inspectorate service

1. Number of complaints/referrals received in relation to animal welfare: 1053
2. Number of investigations undertaken in accordance with the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*: 1024
3. Number of prosecutions under the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*: 7
4. Summary of court outcomes by type: Only 1 finalised during this financial year – 18 month Good Conduct Order and 18 month animal ban, \$50 fine.

g. General statement

The Inspectorate staff changes during the 2018-2019 financial year comprised two inspectors leaving and two new staff members joining. Of the two new staff members, one completed full training and obtained Inspectorate authorisation, and the other is still in training.

The RSPCA ACT Inspectorate places emphasis on rigour in the preparation of briefs of evidence, and due to the small team composition, this marginally contributes to an already slow prosecution process.

All matters attended to are done in pairs, ensuring high safety and procedure standards.

Lengthy prosecution time-frames and processes and partnerships with other departments and agencies to house specialised species such as snakes contribute to the average days' metric for animals held.