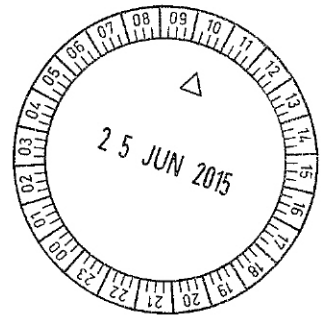


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TO: THE SELECT COMMITTEE IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
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Submission

Select Committee,

I am a member of the WA RSPCA and support its operation one hundred percent.

The RSPCA is the link between the community and prevention of animal cruelty in our midst. It teaches children and adults alike, what compassion is in real terms.

The RSPCA is the Gate-Keeper, the contact, the community know they can call on when they see animals in trouble.

They are, and need to be an independent body, they give animals of every type, a voice. This is something that draws people like me to become a RSPCA member. The community expect and get a devoted and courageous establishment.

Most of us shy away from the true reality of animal cruelty, the RSPCA take this on for us. We, the general population, pass this role onto them. The RSPCA staff at all levels are amazingly humane, nevertheless, they are still prepared to make the hard call, when animals have no chance of a pain free recovery. Their existence takes the burden from us.

Personally I believe the RSPCA are underfunded, they put enormous energy into fund raising, and it is never going to be enough. It has to be a difficult road to keep on top of what can be done and what the needs are. Nonetheless they make it work. The RSPCA are battlers, they daily work in the thick of things.

I financially support the RSPCA and will continue to do so. I am informed regularly about fundraisers and high profile cruelty actions. As well as this, I have resourced their advice on aspects of animal behaviours. They support the community in many such ways.

These are just a few of the things I admire about this organisation. The RSPCA is a much valued organisation.

Regards