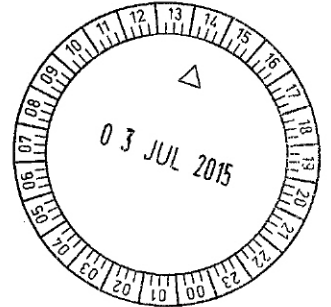




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Dear Ms Parsons,

Inquiry into the Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) ("RSPCA")

We would like to thank the Select Committee for its invitation to make submissions.

In Australia it has been largely left in the hands of community based organisations, such as the RSPCA and ourselves, rather than Government to provide for animal welfare.

We are very much involved in direct care of lost, abandoned and abused dogs and attempting to promote responsible dog ownership.

The RSPCA has the ability to prosecute for cases of animal cruelty; other animal welfare agencies do not have this power.

If animal welfare is to be left to community based organisations such as RSPCA and our organisation, there simply has to be adequate financial support to meet community expectations.

We have seen an increased number of dogs who come into our care which have been abused and believe that the RSPCA needs to be adequately resourced in order to carry out investigations and prosecution to prevent animal cruelty.

Yours faithfully

Karen Rhodes
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