



AWARE NEWS

ANIMAL NEWS FOR YOU!

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BY RSPCA
for all creatures great & small

WHO ARE RSPCA?

RSPCA stands for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. RSPCA helps protect approximately 135,000 animals in Australia every year. This number includes animals who are sick, injured, lost, abused or simply abandoned. We are the only charity with the power to protect all animals and prosecute people under the Animal Welfare Act.

How did it start?

RSPCA has a long history that dates back all the way to the 19th Century. Take a look at how it all started:

- 1800** The RSPCA began in England.
- 1822** The first law to protect animals was passed by several people, including William Wilberforce and Richard Martin.
- 1824** Rev Arthur Broome formed the RSPCA in London.
- 1871** a public meeting to discuss the ill treatment of horses in Victoria led to the formation of Victoria's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Other states soon followed. They were:

- 1873** New South Wales, **1874** South Australia, **1878** Tasmania, **1883** Queensland, **1892** Western Australia

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Room 3 at Crafers Primary School raised \$600 for the animals at RSPCA by baking cupcakes and selling them to their schoolmates.

THANK YOU ROOM 3



Freedom from Discomfort

ALL ANIMALS SHOULD LIVE IN AN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT.



The conditions and surroundings given to an animal contribute to their overall wellbeing. By providing an animal with shelter and a comfortable resting area, you are ensuring that the animal remains healthy and happy.

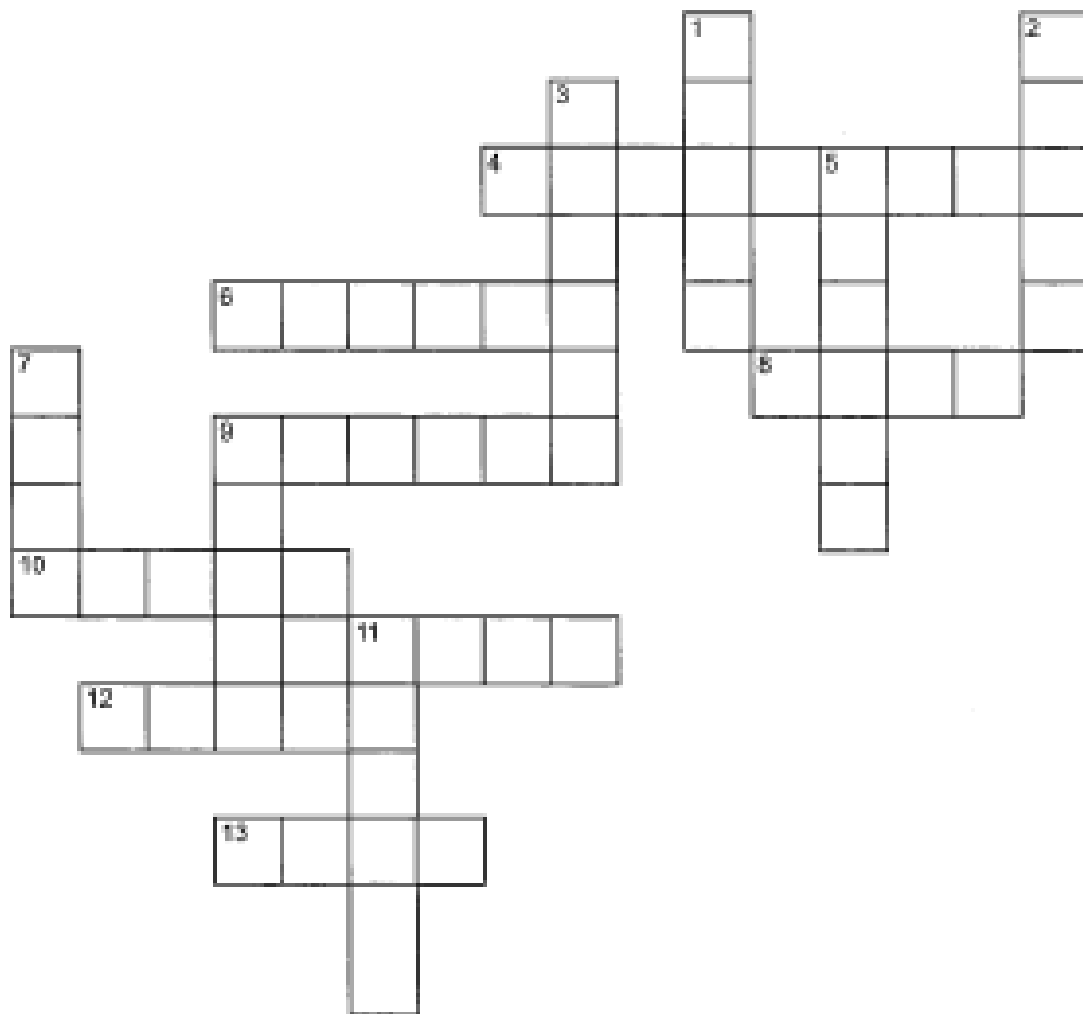
Shelter: Just like people, animals need places where they are sheltered from wind, rain and hot sun. Some animals, such as guinea pigs and rabbits, also need shelter to protect them from predators like cats and dogs. Enclosures, kennels, hutches, houses and aviaries provide shelter for our pets while barns, stables and sheds protect farm animals. If an animal's shelter is also their home, it must be as comfortable as possible. It must also be as large as possible, with attached areas for exercise and opportunities to express natural behaviours.

Bedding: Within the shelter bedding should be provided that is soft, warm, dry and cleaned regularly. There are lots of ideas on youtube on how to make cheap and cheerful beds for your companion animals.

Grooming: You probably wouldn't feel too great if you went months without having a wash, combing your hair or brushing your teeth! Many companion animals are the same. They need regular grooming to keep them feeling at their best and to ensure they have freedom from discomfort.

Check out the animal care page for your companion animal to see what advice we have that is specific to your animal.

RSPCA Crossword



ACROSS

- 4 What teeny tiny computer can be placed into your animal to ensure they find their way home to you if they get lost?
- 6 Which Aussie animal can be 'bare nosed' 'southern hairy nosed' or 'northern hairy nosed'?
- 8 What is a baby kangaroo called
- 9 What is the name of a group of rabbits underground home?
- 10 How many species of kangaroo are there in Australia?
- 11 What is a baby sheep called?
- 12 How many animal shelters do RSPCA SA have?
- 13 How many freedoms are there?

DOWN

- 1 Parasites that can make animals sick can be fleas, ticks or ???
- 2 What is a baby dog called?
- 3 What is a baby cat called?
- 5 What is a large group of flying foxes called?
- 7 What is a baby cow called?
- 9 What should all animals drink?
- 11 What is a koalas favourite snack?



Ask an Expert

Emma is RSPCA's education manager. She knows a lot about animals, and if she can't answer, she knows someone who can!

So if you have a question, just email it through to education@rspcasa.org.au with the subject 'Ask Emma' (please include your name, age, and contact information when you email us).