



AWARE NEWS

ANIMAL NEWS FOR YOU!

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RSPCA AWARE

On February 18, 2020, RSPCA South Australia launched our new education programme, AWARE. This programme is free for all South Australian schools and includes a heap of fun resources, activities and lessons all focussed on ... you guessed it, animals!

The RSPCA South Australia team had a lot of fun launching the programme at Highgate Primary School, we even had some special animal visits from a range of our favourite furry creatures.

If your school isn't involved, you can mention to your teacher that you would love to try some of the lessons next term. Teachers can register for free at rspcasa.org.au/aware.



Cass from RSPCA with an orphaned Joey, and 'Koala Mum' Rae with Honey the koala.

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Reception class students at Highgate Primary School meet rescue officer Brigitte and her 2 dogs, Lolly and Sugar.

Freedom from Pain, Injury and Disease



ALL ANIMALS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE VETERINARY ATTENTION WHEN THEY ARE SICK OR INJURED

All animals should be entitled to immediate veterinary attention when they are sick or injured. To avoid unnecessary suffering, animals should be taken to a veterinary clinic when sick or injured and treated accordingly. In most cases, unnecessary pain and injury can be prevented through regular visits to a veterinarian.

Medical (Veterinary) Care: Just like when we visit the hospital or dentist, for many animals, a visit to a veterinary clinic can sometimes be a little bit scary. Regardless of how enjoyable or not the experience is, animals should visit a veterinarian at least once a year for a health check-up and vaccinations against a range of infectious diseases. Ensuring your pet receives preventative medical care is part of being a responsible animal guardian. If animals show any signs of pain, injury or ill health, it is important they receive veterinary care immediately. An indication that an animal may be ill could include:

- rapid weight loss
- vomiting
- diarrhoea
- discharge from ears, eyes or nose
- lumps or bumps
- loss of appetite
- sluggish behaviour/difficulty moving around

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



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).

Mark from Blackwood asked how he could slow his dog down when she eats. Harriet (pictured with one of her favourite toys) has a habit of 'speed eating' her biscuits!

Mark, there are many ways you can slow Harriet down. Maybe pop her biscuits in a muffin tin so she can only get one or two out at a time. Or invest in a Kong wobble toy (you can purchase one from our Petville stores) which will be sure to slow her down. And don't worry, this is a common issue with dogs, who are often highly food motivated.



Why not bring along your pooch to this years Million Paws Walk? Held on Sunday May 17 it promises to be a fun day for doggos and their hoomans. Head to <https://www.millionpawswalk.com.au/SA/home> to register and use the discount code **AWARE10** to get 10% off your entrance fee (for you and your family).