

Media Release

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MORE SUPPORT FOR ANIMAL WELFARE NOT-FOR-PROFITS

Not-for-profit animal care organisations are receiving crucial support to purchase or upgrade their equipment and expand their services thanks to backing from the Allan Labor Government.

Today Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence announced the successful recipients of Round 11 of the Animal Welfare Fund Grant Program.

A total of \$1.59 million was awarded for Round 11. Of that sum, \$1.14 million was granted to not-for-profit organisations, animal shelters, companion animal rescue and rehoming services.

Funding of \$450, 000 was granted to not-for-profit and community vet clinics to improve services and set up new low-cost clinics in areas of need across the state.

One such recipient is The Lost Dogs Home in North Melbourne, who will receive a grant of \$197,032 towards their Mobile Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic.

The funding will be used to purchase and fit out a low-cost mobile veterinary clinic, which will provide subsidised veterinary services to vulnerable communities in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The clinic will provide dental procedures, microchipping, health checks, vaccinations, senior animal checks, lump checks, medical case reviews, basic health concerns, surgical planning and advice, and also include basic diagnostics such as cytology and blood testing.

Animal care organisations often rely on donations and volunteer support to deliver their services.

For these organisations, there can be significant challenges around supporting animals in their care, including the cost of veterinary treatments, equipment and specialist services to enable the successful delivery of treatment and rehabilitation.

The Animal Welfare Fund Grant Program has been running since 2012 and has provided almost \$13 million in funding to animal welfare groups through its programs to date.

For more on the Animal Welfare Fund Grant Program, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals.

Quote attributable to Agriculture Minister Ros Spence

"The Animal Welfare Fund Grant Program is making a real difference for low-cost services in our communities, and I am proud to support wonderful organisations like The Lost Dogs Home."

Quote attributable to The Lost Dogs' Home CEO Grant Robb

"We are grateful for the commitment of the State Government in helping us improve domestic animal welfare and support low-income pet owners who are facing significant cost-of-living pressures such as housing and food costs."

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