

Media Release

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GRANTS OPEN TO IMPROVE PET WELFARE ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is backing shelters, rehoming groups and community vet clinics – making vet care more affordable and helping more pets find loving homes across Victoria.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence today announced the opening of applications for Round 13 of the Animal Welfare Fund, which will invest \$1.6 million to support companion animal welfare across Victoria.

This round offers Pet Welfare Grants of up to \$100,000 for not-for-profit organisations, animal shelters and community foster care networks. Eligible projects include those focused on rehoming, education, emergency animal relief and expanding facilities available to the community during times of crisis.

Low-cost vet clinic grants of up to \$50,000 are also available to put towards equipment, upgrades and expansions for not-for-profit and community vet clinics, and up to \$200,000 to establish new low-cost vet clinics.

Previous grants awarded under the Animal Welfare Fund Grants program have helped Geelong Animal Welfare Society to establish new kitten enclosures and cat isolation wards, enabled Victorian Animal Aid to purchase a dental x-ray machine and assisted The Australian Animal Protection Society to create a sensory dog park.

Over the past decade, the AWF Grants Program has awarded more than \$14.75 million in funding to not-for-profit animal shelters, foster care organisations and community vet clinics – directly improving the wellbeing of companion animals across Victoria.

Applications for Round 13 Animal Welfare Fund Grants are open until 27 November 2025. To apply and for more information visit animalwelfare.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence

“The Animal Welfare Fund grants recognise the importance of companion animals for Victorians and the crucial work domestic animal services do in our communities to ensure our pets are safe and cared for.”

“These grants ensure our animals and their owners have access to affordable veterinary care and allow more of Victoria’s vulnerable cats and dogs to find a loving forever home.”