

# Media Release

**The Hon Jaclyn Symes MLC**

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Minister for Regional Development  
Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Resources



**DELIVERING  
FOR ALL VICTORIANS**

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## SUPPORTING ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS ACROSS VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with supporting our hardworking and valued animal shelters and rescue organisations with increased funding announced today.

The funding has been awarded as part of the first round of grants administered by Animal Welfare Victoria and is the sixth round of grants supported by the Government's *Animal Welfare Grants Fund*.

Funding recipients include:

- Purrs of Point Cook Inc, who will receive \$4,500 to improve their record management facilities
- Horsham Dog Obedience Club, who will receive \$2,450 expert to hold a weekend of dog behaviour seminars and workshops that aim to educate dog owners within the local community on responsible ownership of animals
- Victorian Brumby Association, who will receive \$6,498 to increase training facilities at VBA for training new brumby owners and other horse owners to increase their skills.

Not-for-profit animal welfare organisations could apply for large grants of up to \$50,000 and small grants of up to \$10,000.

Grant funding can be awarded to projects that provide community education programs, animal relief services and facilities, facilities to promote dog exercise and socialisation, as well as upgrades to facilities to improve companion animal welfare.

For more information, visit [animalwelfare.vic.gov.au](http://animalwelfare.vic.gov.au)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes

*"We're getting on with giving our animal shelters and rescue organisations the funds they need to make lives better for animals."*

*"We're improving the welfare of animals across Victoria through a range of measures, including funding to improve current shelters, facilities and programs, and by reforming of Victoria's animal welfare laws, including ending cruel and barbaric puppy farming."*

*"These animal welfare grants play an important part in supporting organisations improve or upgrade their current facilities and we're proud to play our small part in making that a reality."*

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