



ANIMAL WELFARE SEMINAR 2021  
18 - 19 February 2021 | ONLINE



Exploring humane domestic cat management in Australia.

## RSPCA Australia Feline Futures Animal Welfare Seminar 2021 Program

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February (all times are in AEDT)\*

12:00 – 12:15 AEDT	<i>Welcome to day one of the seminar</i>
	Chair: Dr Bidda Jones, Chief Science and Strategy Officer, RSPCA Australia Official welcome: Richard Mussell, Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia
<b>OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CATS, CAT MANAGEMENT AND CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE CAT MANAGEMENT</b>	
12:15 – 12:30	<b>Introduction</b> Dr Sarah Zito - Senior Scientific Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:30 – 13:30 KEYNOTE 1	<b>Rethinking the role of shelters as a response to outdoor cats</b> Keynote Speaker: Dr Kate Hurley - UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, USA
13:30 – 13:45	<i>Break</i>
13:45 – 14:10	<b>Legal classifications as social constructions on the place of cats in society</b> Dr Sophie Riley - Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney
14:10 – 14:35	<b>Can I buy me a social license? Understanding risk, trust, social capital and contested science in the context of domestic cat management</b> Dr Lynette McLeod - Post-Doctoral Fellow University of New England
14:35 – 14:50	<i>Break</i>
<b>UNOWNED AND SEMI-OWNED CATS - ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
14:50 – 16:35	<b>Management of unowned and semi-owned cats in the community and by cat management facilities</b>
14:50 – 15:15	<b>Connecting positively with cat semi-owners</b> Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand - Australian Pet Welfare Foundation
15:15 – 15:45	<b>Overview of Australian Local Government domestic cat management strategies</b> Nell Thompson – Secretary, Australian Institute of Animal Management & G2Z Coordinator
15:45 – 16:35	<b>Assessing suitability of cats for rehoming</b> Dr Gabrielle Carter - Veterinary Specialist in Animal Behaviour, RSPCA Victoria
16:35	<i>End of day one and closing remarks</i>



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12:00 – 12:05 AEDT	<i>Welcome to day two of the seminar</i>
12:05 – 13:00 KEYNOTE 2	<b>New models for humane and effective cat management in shelters</b> Keynote speaker: Dr Cindy Karsten - UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, USA
<b>HOARDING</b>	
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Characteristics of cat hoarders and ways forward for better management</b> Dr Rosemary Elliott - President, Sentient, the Veterinary Institute for Animal Ethics
13:30 – 13:45	<i>Break</i>
<b>OWNED CATS – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
13:45 – 16:05	<b>Current issues &amp; opportunities, including community action case studies</b>
13:45 – 14:05	<b>Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife: Using social science to inform and evaluate a community conservation program</b> Emily McLeod - Senior Social Science Research Manager, Zoos Victoria
14:05 – 14:25	<b>National Desexing Network (NDN) Cooperative Desexing Programs with Councils</b> Dr Joy Verrinder – Strategic Director, Animal Welfare League QLD, NDN & Getting to Zero
14:25 – 14:45	<b>Who let the cat out - overcoming barriers for cat containment</b> Dr Lynette McLeod - Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of New England
14:45 – 15:05	<b>Cat de-sexing programs - great partnerships achieving great outcomes</b> Dr Ann Enright – Shelter Veterinarian
15:05 – 15:25	<b>TassieCat: working with councils and the community to improve cat management and responsible cat ownership</b> Nikki Brookman – Regional Cat Management Coordinator, Tasmanian Cat Management Project
15:25 – 16:00	Panel discussion with audience questions and speakers from this session
16:00 – 16:05	<b>Wrap up</b> Dr Bidda Jones - Chief Science and Strategy Officer, RSPCA Australia
16:05	<i>Close of seminar</i>

\* Please note that all times shown are in **Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)** and may need to be converted to your local time zone. You can use an online tool such as *Savvy Time* to assist with finding your local time for the seminar. [Click here](#) to access the tool and add your city to the converter to see the equivalent local time.