



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 18th 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
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CATS, CAT MANAGEMENT AND CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE CAT MANAGEMENT	
12:15 – 12:30	Introduction Dr Sarah Zito - Senior Scientific Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:30 – 13:30 KEYNOTE 1	Rethinking the role of shelters as a response to outdoor cats Keynote Speaker: Dr Kate Hurley - UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, USA
13:30 – 13:45	<i>Break</i>
13:45 – 14:10	Legal classifications as social constructions on the place of cats in society Dr Sophie Riley - Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney
14:10 – 14:35	Can I buy me a social license? Understanding risk, trust, social capital and contested science in the context of domestic cat management Dr Lynette McLeod - Post-Doctoral Fellow University of New England
14:35 – 14:50	<i>Break</i>
UNOWNED AND SEMI-OWNED CATS - ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
14:50 – 16:35	Management of unowned and semi-owned cats in the community and by cat management facilities
14:50 – 15:15	Connecting positively with cat semi-owners Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand - Australian Pet Welfare Foundation
15:15 – 15:45	Overview of Australian local government domestic cat management strategies Nell Thompson – Secretary, Australian Institute of Animal Management & G2Z Coordinator
15:45 – 16:35	Assessing suitability of cats for rehoming 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	New models for humane and effective cat management in shelters Keynote speaker: Dr Cindy Karsten - UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, USA
HOARDING	
13:00 – 13:30	Characteristics of cat hoarders and ways forward for better management Dr Rosemary Elliott - President, Sentient, the Veterinary Institute for Animal Ethics
13:30 – 13:45	<i>Break</i>
OWNED CATS – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
13:45 – 16:05	Current issues & opportunities, including community action case studies
13:45 – 14:05	Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife: using social science to inform and evaluate a community conservation program Emily McLeod - Senior Social Science Research Manager, Zoos Victoria
14:05 – 14:25	National Desexing Network cooperative desexing programs with councils Dr Joy Verrinder – Strategic Director, Animal Welfare League QLD, NDN & Getting to Zero
14:25 – 14:40	Who let the cat out - overcoming barriers for cat containment Dr Lynette McLeod - Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of New England
14:40 – 15:05	Cat desexing programs - great partnerships achieving great outcomes Dr Ann Enright – Shelter Veterinarian
15:05 – 15:25	TassieCat: working with councils and the community to improve cat management and responsible cat ownership 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	Wrap up Dr Bidda Jones - Chief Science and Strategy Officer, RSPCA Australia
16:05	<i>Close of seminar</i>

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