



Exploring humane domestic cat management in Australia.

RSPCA Australia Feline Futures Animal Welfare Seminar 2020 Program

Venue: Mantra Bell City, 215 Bell St, Preston, Victoria.

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration, Coffee/Tea</i>
	Chair: Dr Bidda Jones, Chief Science and Strategy Officer, RSPCA Australia
09:00 – 09:05	Official welcome Richard Mussell, Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CATS, CAT MANAGEMENT AND CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE CAT MANAGEMENT	
09:05 – 09:15	Introduction Dr Sarah Zito, Senior Scientific Officer, RSPCA Australia
09:15 - 09:55	Rethinking the role of shelters as a response to outdoor cats
KEYNOTE (part 1)	Keynote Speaker: Dr Cindy Karsten, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, USA
09:55 – 10:15	Can I buy me a social licence? 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
10:15 – 10:40	Legal classifications as social constructions on the place of cats in society Dr Sophie Riley - Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney
10:40 – 11:10	Morning tea
11:10 – 12:00	New models for humane and effective cat management in shelters
KEYNOTE (part 2)	Keynote speaker: Dr Cindy Karsten, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, USA
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>



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UNOWNED AND SEMI-OWNED CATS - ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

13:00 - 14:15 **Burst Session on current issues & opportunities, include community action case studies: 3 x short 15 min presentations followed by panel/audience discussion**

Overview of Australian Local Government domestic cat management strategies
Nell Thompson – Secretary, Australian Institute of Animal Management & G2Z Coordinator

Local government and cat management – the elephant in the room
Rebecca Graley – Program Manager Warner Institute, Victoria

Supporting Councils to overcome cat management challenges through the TassieCat campaign and regional stakeholder engagement
Nikki Brookman – Regional Cat Management Coordinator, Tasmanian Cat Management Project

HOARDING

14:15 – 14:40 **Characteristics of animal hoarders and ways forward for better management**
Dr Rosemary Elliott, President, Sentient, the Veterinary Institute for Animal Ethics

OWNED CATS – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

14:40 – 16:25 **Burst session, include community action case studies: 5 x short 15 min presentations followed by panel discussion**

‘Think CATS’/‘Glenelg Shire Cat Welfare’ strategic initiative
Sally Meakin -Education and Learning Manager, RSPCA Victoria

Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife: Using social science to inform and evaluate a community conservation program
Emily McLeod - Senior Social Science Research Manager, Zoos Victoria

National Desexing Network (NDN) Cooperative Desexing Programs with Councils
Dr Joy Verrinder – Strategic Director, Animal Welfare League QLD, NDN & Getting to Zero

Who let the cat out - overcoming barriers for cat containment
Dr Lynette McLeod - Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of New England

Cat de-sexing programs - great partnerships achieving great outcomes
Dr Ann Enright – Shelter Veterinarian

16:25 – 16:30 **Wrap up**
Dr Bidda Jones, Chief Science and Strategy Officer, RSPCA Australia

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