

# SPCA Facts

**We are New Zealand's oldest Animal Welfare Charity.** Our oldest branch was established in 1883 and we've been protecting and caring for animals for over 125 years.

**The majority of the SPCA's funding is donated by the public.** Nationally it costs over \$14 million a year to operate the SPCA and the National Office gets less than 2% of this from the government. The rest we must find by running events like Cupcake Day for the SPCA.

**We do more than just rescue cats and dogs.** We also care for and protect other companion animals, native animals and livestock breeds. We actively lobby government and decision makers to change and abolish unfair or cruel animal practices, and we operate an inspectorate of approximately 100 enforcement officers dedicated to policing offences against animals.

**We support the community.** We have numerous community support programs running throughout New Zealand. These programs include, at national level, our mobile de-sexing clinic and the One of the Family in school empathy and education program. At a local level these include the Outreach program run in tandem with St Johns, education programs at several centres across the country as well as the day to day support our branches offer the public when it comes to animal care and protection. We also work with other welfare agencies and emergency services when called upon.

**We are the animals voice in times of need.** Our Branches receive over 14,000 cruelty complaints each year. Many of these complaints can be addressed on the spot by giving pet owners guidance and information on how to better care for their pets. However, when people deliberately neglect their animals, our Inspectors have the power to seize the animal and prosecute the person for neglect or animal cruelty.



**Thank you for supporting the SPCA.**