An introduction to SPCA
Who are we?
What do the letters **S.P.C.A.** stand for?

**S**ociety for the **P**revention of **C**ruelty to **A**nimals
What animals?

SPCA does everything it can to ensure all animals throughout New Zealand are being looked after.
The SPCA in New Zealand

There are now 42 SPCA Centres across New Zealand, providing help to animals and owners 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
SPCA works with the community to help protect animals in 5 key ways:

• Prevent Cruelty & Educate
• Animal Rescue
• Rehabilitate
• Shelter, rehome & reunite
• Seek Justice
SPCA encourages the **humane treatment of all animals** and **prevents cruelty being inflicted upon them**.

SPCA rescues thousands of animals every year from harmful situations, attends hundreds of animal emergencies, and investigates thousands of complaints about animal cruelty.
Why do animals come to the SPCA?

• Sick
• Abandoned
• Injured
• Lost
• People were cruel to them
• They no longer have a home
What happens when an animal arrives at the SPCA?
SPCA Animal Incoming Process
Hospital

- Scanned for a microchip
- Checked by a vet

Medical care is given if it is needed
SPCA Animal Incoming Process

Holding time

Stray time

Quarantine
SPCA Animal Incoming Process

Care – onsite or at a foster home
A needle is inserted under the skin at the scruff of the neck, the microchip itself enters under the skin through the middle of the needle.

All microchips carry a unique code which identifies your pet. The number is found by using a scanner; the number is then put into the computer on a national microchip database.
There are too many companion animals in NZ and not enough homes.

There are only so many homes for companion animals in NZ and sadly there are far too many animals and just not enough homes.

Every rabbit, puppy or kitten you allow your animals to breed, takes a place and the chance of life from an animal already waiting.
SPCA Animal Incoming Process
Finding a forever home
Bright Eyes - before
Bright Eyes - after
Muffy – before
Muffy – after
Each year, our 42 SPCA Centres care for over 45,300 animals
(and those are just the ones that enter the animal shelter!)
Responsible animal guardianship could have prevented majority of those animals suffering and needing to be rescued by the SPCA.
What is responsible animal guardianship?
Responsible Animal Guardianship

Do you enjoy playing with your dog and grooming your cat? Do you love your rabbits so much you hate leaving them behind when you need to be at school? If you love your animals and want to be an even better animal guardian, read on because this section is for you.

As you know, animals aren’t toys and animals also aren’t small, strange looking humans! Animals are living, breathing creatures with personalities and feelings. Yes, they feel. They feel pain. They feel hunger. They feel fear. They feel happy. They feel sad. They feel excitement. They feel loneliness.

When we learn why the animals in our care do what they do, and need what they need, it helps us understand how to be the best animal guardians can be.

Click on the links below to find out more information on how to care for your companion animal(s).

- The Five Freedoms
- Microchips
- Spay & Neuter
- Fleas, Ticks & Worms
- Adopting an Animal
- Hot Weather Advice
- Cold Weather Advice
- Fireworks Advice
- Going on Holiday

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Animal Care

Choosing to have a companion animal in your life is a big responsibility and a lifelong commitment. Most companion animals are fully dependent on humans for their quality of life. It is important to ensure you and your family can properly care for a companion animal and understand all of their needs, before you adopt them into your family.

Companion animals don't just need food and water; they need appropriate shelter and living space, regular vet check-ups and preventative vet care to ensure they remain happy and healthy. Just as importantly, your companion animal needs you; your time, love and attention. Many companion animals need mental stimulation and regular exercise to prevent them from becoming bored or overweight.

Click on the links below to find out more information on how to care for your companion animal, and how to care for some of the wonderful wild animals we share our backyard with – that may need a helping hand now and again.

- Dogs and Puppies
- Cats and Kittens
- Rabbits
- Guinea Pigs
- Rats
- Mice
- Wild Birds
- Hedgehogs
- Chickens
- Cows
- Horses
- Pigs
- Goats
- Sheep
- Pet Birds

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Five Freedoms

Responsible animal guardians provide these five groups of things for the animals in their care:

- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from fear and distress
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
- Freedom from pain, injury or disease

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SPCA is a charity organisation.
What is the definition of a charity?

• An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

• The voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need.
How can the SPCA afford to help so many animals?

We receive no direct government funding so we rely on:

- Volunteers
- SPCA Op Shops
- Donations
- Fundraisers
- Sponsorship
Where does the money go?

• $25 will provide medical supplies such as antibiotics or bandages for one injured animal.

• $50 will keep my Inspector van on the road for a day, responding to emergencies.

• $100 will allow us to de-sex, vaccinate and microchip one cat. This will prevent hundreds of unwanted kittens from being born.

• $150 will provide medical treatment and care for a litter of kittens and their mum until they are ready to find their new homes.

• $500 will provide medical treatment and care for a litter of puppies and their mum until we are able to find them loving homes.

• $1,000 will provide emergency surgical treatment to a severely injured animal to give them a chance to live.
How can you help?
How can you help?

- Spread the word
- Charity starts at home
- Spay & Neuter
- Microchip
- Buy SPCA Blue Tick®
- Fundraise
- Donate items
- Foster
- Adopt
- Volunteer
How can you help?

Make toys for animals in need

Visit our Kids’ Portal for fun facts, quizzes, interviews, and toys you can make for the animals:

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Check out our brand new Kids’ Newsletter!

Each term, you can find a new issue of the SPCA Kids’ Newsletter, Kind Matters. Each issue features animal-related stories, facts, activities, crafts, competitions, and much more!

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