

STOP LIVE EXPORTS.

PEOPLE AGAINST CRUELTY IN ANIMAL TRANSPORT

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ACIL Tasman Report

ACIL Tasman released a ground-breaking report in August this year, commissioned by RSPCA Australia, which looked into the costs to the economy, farmers and options for farmers should live exports be phased out. The report notes that the costs to phase the industry out are much less than originally thought. In an adjoining Fact Sheet, RSPCA notes that "sheep numbers in WA are continuing to decline due to seasonal conditions and the expansion cropping area, so farmers are already adjusting to changing circumstances. Any adjustments to the loss of the live export market will be modest, particularly given that sheep exports contribute a small and declining percentage to total farm receipts".

"Sheep meat exports are four times more valuable to the Australian economy than live sheep exports. Australia exported \$1.5 billion worth of sheep meat in 2008 with the value of our live exports last year totalling just \$341 million."

Whilst the report does not deal with cruelty aspect of live exports, RSPCA notes in Factsheet Number 5 that its needs to be recognised that there is growing opposition to live sheep exports and that the Australian Government has limited ability to make a meaningful difference to the welfare of animals traded in this market.

The report can be read at <http://www.rspca.org.au/how-you-can-help/campaigns/live-exports/acil-tasman-report.html>

Stop Live Exports applauds RSPCA Australia for commissioning such an important report and hopes that farmers and Government alike take on the recommendations for a full phase out of live exports.

"Think occasionally of the suffering of which you spare yourself the sight."

Albert Schweitzer

Cruelty – There's no excuse



Photograph courtesy Alex Cearns

Fremantle Festival Parade

On Sunday 15th November we have again been invited to participate in the Fremantle Festival Parade. Last year was brilliant; we received a rousing response from the crowd and were clapped the whole way. If we have any supporters out there who might be able to help us with a float or if you have a great idea or concept, please call Jodie on 0428 767 005. We are looking for people to march in the parade as well. The National Day of Action against live exports will also be around the same time, we will keep you posted.

Thank You Radio Fremantle

We would like to sincerely thank Bob Edwards from Radio Fremantle who is a wonderful supporter of *Stop Live Exports*. He regularly helps us to get the message out there about live exports with radio interviews and talks about the issues on air. Thanks Bob!

Movie Afternoon

After the success of our Movie Afternoon 2008 fundraiser, we will again be holding a movie afternoon to raise much needed funds. The date to keep free is **Sunday 11th October, at 3.30pm**. The price is \$20 waged and \$18 unwaged and includes the cost of the movie and drinks and nibbles. The movie will be *Mao's Last Dancer*, produced by acclaimed director, Bruce Beresford and is based in the true story of Li Cunxin and how he emerges as one of the great classical dancers. Please see enclosed flyer to order your tickets. You can watch the trailer at <http://media.theage.com.au/entertainment/trailer-park/trailer--maos-last-dancer-669028.html>



Dinner

Thurs 3rd Dec

Our annual dinner will be held at Annalakshmi at the Barrack Street Jetty Perth, on Thursday 3rd December. Join us for a delicious vegetarian buffet and a catch-up with fellow supporters. A flyer will be sent with the next newsletter, but feel free to let Jodie know in advance by emailing pacat@iinet.net.au if you would like to attend.

Tradeban

If you haven't signed up for our Tradeban email list, you might like to. It's a great way of keeping in the loop on what events we have coming up, news and information about live exports. We usually send around 2-3 emails per week. To register, please email tradeban1@gmail.com

Please check the front of your envelope to see if your membership is due.

BLEAT Update

If you haven't joined our volunteer team yet, then why not? BLEATers have a great time getting together, meeting new people and getting the message out about live exports. We would really like more people to help us out in October ahead of the Eid-Al-Hadh or Festival of Sacrifice in the Middle East. This is the absolute worst time for animals in the Middle East.

Animals Australia investigators have footage of sheep being dragged, trussed, thrown, shoved and of course horrific footage of slaughter. These images are a reminder that we cannot stand by and let this type of thing happen. There are many ways to get involved, with a variety of activities and time commitments.

Remember the quote by Edmund Burke:

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Down at Fremantle Port

More evidence that the industry cannot comply with the Codes of Practice and that we need more monitoring at feedlots and ports by the relevant authorities was gathered in mid August at the Fremantle Port. Sheep with serious shearing cuts were loaded onto ships for their 3 week journey to the Middle East. The Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock Standard 1.7 clearly says sheep should have "no significant lacerations".

A few days later, volunteers took photographs of a sheep with a badly bloodied mouth.



Sheep with shearing cuts



A sheep with mouth sores



A trapped sheep



A sheep with shearing cuts on leg

Raffle

We will be conducting a Raffle to raise some much needed funds for upcoming campaigns. Please let us know if you don't want to receive a book of 10 tickets (tickets are \$2 each). Why not take them into work or school as an easy way to help the animals. We will enclose a form which will outline the payment options. If you would like more books, or can help us out on a stall to sell the tickets, please give Jodie a call. To opt out of a raffle book, please call 9430 8839 and leave a message or email pacat@iinet.net.au

Humane Chain

Don't forget to become a part of the Humane Chain and log on to www.humanechain.org. Here you can join with thousands of other caring and compassionate people across Australia to voice your opposition to the live export trade. You can also generate in easy automated letter to your local MP in just a few minutes. They have really done all the hard work for you!

University Petitions

Are there any University students out there who would like to help out with some petitioning at your University? A small team went to Curtin University and received an excellent response from students with over 6 pages of petitions signed in just a few hours. The volunteers noted that many of the students were very much in opposition to the trade and many wanted to know more about how to get involved.

Annual General Meeting

Please find enclosed agenda and a nomination form for our AGM, to be held on Saturday 17th October at 1.30pm. We are looking for new people to come onto the Committee. If you would like to discuss what is involved, please contact Jodie on 0428 767 005. Nominations forms must be faxed or sent back to us by 3rd October 2009.

RSPCA WA Elections

Hopefully you all rushed out and joined RSPCA WA in readiness for this year's elections. *Stop Live Exports* have been approached by two volunteers who have a deep commitment to helping all animals, with a special interest in live exports who have nominated for a position on the RSPCA WA board. Please look out for Rainer Repke and Megan Dare (see profiles at right), on your ballot paper, and give them your support.

From the RSPCA WA newsletter:

The Society's election will again be conducted by the WA Electoral Commission and all enquiries should be directed to the Commission. Ballot papers will be issued on 7th October and voting will close on 21st October. The outcome of the 2009 Board Election will be announced at the AGM of RSPCA Members on 30th October 2009 at the RSPCA Animal Welfare Centre, Malaga.

Members should renew their membership if required, to eligible to vote. The membership role for the purpose of the election will close on 24th September.

Stop Live Exports Membership

Having a current Membership with *Stop Live Exports* is very important for several reasons. We often discuss the number of paid up members with media and Government officials, showing them that a great number of people in the general are concerned about live exports. So, its very important, the more people we represent, the more weight this argument holds. Please check the front of your envelope to see if your membership is due. If you dont wish to renew, it would be great if you could let us know. Your fees go towards:

- Renting an office space where a wide range of activities can be coordinated
- Organising campaigns such as letter writing, billboards, postcards, promotional material etc
- Liaising with news media across WA and Australia
- Setting up educational stalls and events to collect petition signatures, sell merchandise and educate the general public on the issues
- Researching live animal export and promote alternatives
- Producing a regular newsletter to all members and supporters
- Maintaining TRADEBAN, an email "news and views" service
- Sending speakers to schools, universities and community groups
- Meeting and lobbying politicians either with face to face meetings, letters, submissions and postcard campaigns
- Networking with other animal welfare groups

PROFILES

Rainer Repke

Rainer is retired business executive and has supported the Cat Haven for the last six year in its transition to a forward looking pro life shelter. Rainer successfully lobbied City of Joondalup for two years to include sterilisation into its upcoming Cat Law. He has also been on the team that has lobbied for a State Cat Law, and the Law is now being drafted. Some key areas he will work on if elected are:

- A State Cat Law including sterilisation of all cats older than 6 months,
- An overhaul of the Animal Welfare Act and make Codes of Practice enforceable
- A national policy on ending the sale of animals from pet shops
- A phasing out of live animal exports. People in the Middle East buy more and more processed meat and WA stock numbers are low, so we have fewer sheep to sell. Let's put a limit on the number of sheep which can be exported and reduce that number year by year, so that one day the number is zero. Is easier to sell in State Government and easier for the sheep farmers and the exporters to adjust their activities.

Megan Dare

Megan has been actively involved in the community for a number of years from assisting the Asthma Foundation, running a social, non-profit dog group, volunteering at the RSPCA and fostering animals in need.

Megan was responsible for the donation of over one hundred trees, plants and services, worth more than \$70,000 for PawsCentral Malaga. She arranged for the donation of a \$900 washing machine needed for the new Admissions building. She is also an active member of the Perth RSPCA Auxiliary.

Megan's key objectives include educating the community on the humane treatment of domestic and farm animals, including ending the live export trade; to amend and add new legislation for the protection of animals and, to enforce existing laws to prosecute offenders.

The RSPCA values and objectives are closely aligned to Megan's own personal values, she will do everything in her power to ensure these objectives are upheld. Megan is responsible, accountable, committed and passionate and looks forward to a future where all creatures, great and small, are cared for and protected.



Volunteer Profile

We are lucky to have Gina and Mike as part of our fantastic volunteer team. Please see below for more information about them!

OCCUPATION:

Michael is a Veterinarian and Gina is a Speech Pathologist.

FAVOURITE QUOTE:

The triumph of evil is where good men do nothing.

COMPANION ANIMALS:

Our lovely cat 'Toffee'. He was brought in to Michael to be put down and has given us much joy for sixteen and three quarter years (& still going strong).

WHAT CAUSES ARE WE INVOLVED WITH:

We are Members of Greenpeace and *Stop Live Exports*

WHY WE CHOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH ENDING LIVE EXPORTS:

We want to end the horrific suffering and cruelty for animals that people generally overlook and disregard (eg. farm animals).

PEOPLE YOU ADMIRE:

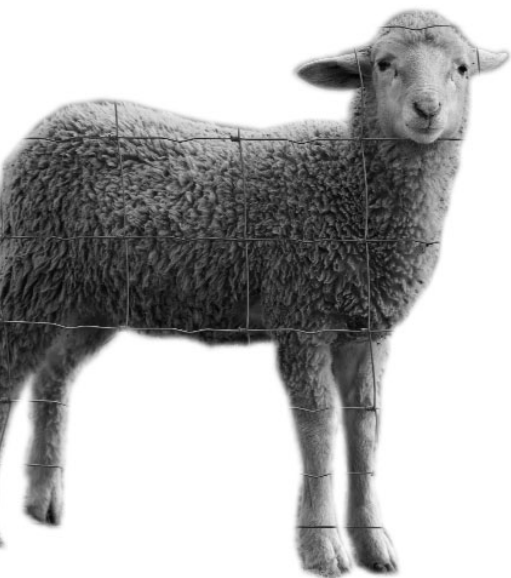
Michael admires David Attenborough & Peter Singer (fantastic advocates for animal rights & the natural world). Gina admires people who give their time & energy to *Stop Live Exports!*

FAVOURITE FOOD:

All the delicious vegan and vegetarian fare at The Juicy Beetroot.

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language."

Martin Buber



WA Greens

The first Green Member of the Legislative Assembly (lower house) in Western Australia, Adele Carles MLA (Fremantle), spoke out against live animals exports in her inaugural speech in May. This brought a flurry of media attention to the issue. Longtime anti-live exports campaigner Lynn MacLaren MLC (South Metropolitan Region), who was elected in September, took up her seat in WA's Legislative Council (upper house) in May, and also targeted the end of live exports in her inaugural speech.

Ms MacLaren, whose office is also in Fremantle, is the founding President of PACAT (now Stop Live Exports) and now has the Animals portfolio for the Greens in the WA Parliament. She will be working with campaigners around Australia, including elected Greens MPs in other States, toward an end of live exports. Contact her office on southmetro2@mp.wa.gov.au if you want to be involved.

what you can do to help

Please put pressure on the Government and write to call for the end of live animal exports...

Tony Burke, Minister for Agriculture

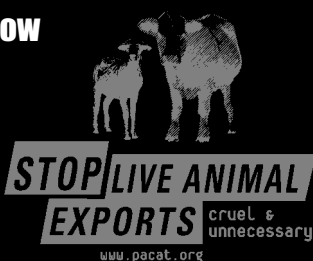
PO Box 6022, Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Stop Live Export Men's T-Shirts now available

Men's T-shirts in sizes M, L & XL are available in Dolphin Grey cotton with either a red or blue print. The order form is over page!

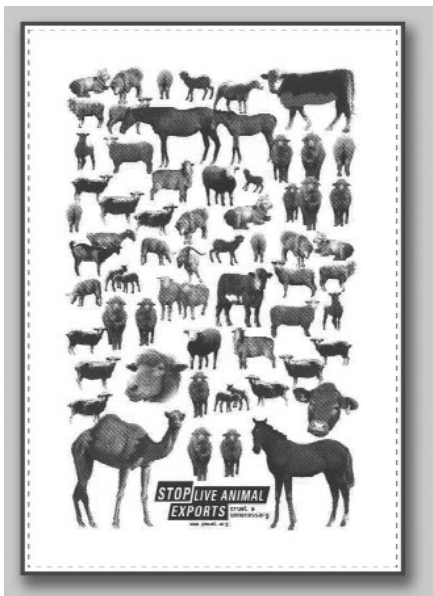


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"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi

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\$5 each



◀
100% cotton t-towels
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calico shopping bags **\$5**



Chocolate fitted t-shirt (please note, small sizings)
Sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20.....\$30
red or blue printed design

Men's Dolphin Grey t-shirt
Sizes M, L, XL.....\$30
red or blue printed design

ORDER FORM

+ Please mail to PACAT (Stop Live Exports), PO Box 499, Fremantle WA 6959

Chocolate fitted style: size 8 10 12 14 16 Quantity _____ \$30 each (plus \$5.20 packaging and postage, up to 3 shirts)

Men's Dolphin Grey t-shirts: size M L XL Quantity _____ \$30 each (plus \$5.20 packaging and postage, up to 3 shirts)

Sheep and cow soft toys (10cm high) \$5 each (plus \$4 packaging and postage for up to 4 toys, then 50c extra per toy thereafter)

I would like to order _____ soft toy cows & _____ soft toy sheep.

T-Towel: Quantity _____ \$10 each (plus \$4 packaging and postage, up to 2 t-towels, \$5.20 for up to 4 t-towels)

Calico Shopping Bag: Quantity _____ \$5 each (plus \$4 packaging and postage, up to 2 bags, \$5.20 for up to 4 bags)

Donation to PACAT (Stop Live Exports) \$ _____ TOTAL (all items, including postage) \$ _____

Title: First name: _____ Second name: _____ Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email: _____ Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Payment method: Cheque Cash Bank Card MasterCard Visa

Card number ____/____/____/____ Expiry date __/__/__ Name on card _____ Signature _____

Please note:
Merchandise is ONLY
available within
Australia.

If you have an idea or would like to help with fundraising or campaigns, you're welcome to come along to the next committee meeting. Call the PACAT (Stop Live Exports) office for details.

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