



Live Animal Exports – Cruel and Unnecessary

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

Department of Local Government and Regional Development: New General Inspectors to boost livestock welfare

The Department of Local Government and Regional Development has established an inspectorate to enforce the Animal Welfare Act 2002 with focus on livestock during transport, at saleyards, feedlots and points of live export, particularly the Port of Fremantle.

The live export industry is considered extremely important to the State's economy and critical to rural communities, especially those already hard-hit by drought. Last year over 85% of all sheep raised in WA were exported live.

The new inspectorate aims to ensure that agreed animal welfare standards are met in the live export chain and that the livestock industry maintains a good reputation.

In addition to their compliance role, the General Inspectors will work with the livestock industry to achieve sustainable animal welfare improvements.

Enquiries on animal welfare issues can be directed to Jeni Hood, Manager Animal Welfare on 9217 1560.



Don't look away

Every year over 3 million Australian animals – sheep, cattle, goats, deer, camels, horses and buffalo – are exported live overseas for slaughter.

Tens of thousands of animals die during export through disease, starvation, suffocation, neglect, thirst, excessive heat, trampling, extreme stress and injury. Many of the surviving animals arrive sick and blind as a result of the long sea journey. Animals are exported to countries that have no animal welfare legislation, and are subjected to handling and slaughter practices that are both unacceptable and illegal in Australia.

PACAT believe that the unnecessary animal suffering inflicted by the live animal export trade is totally unacceptable. Our objective is to bring the trade to an end and replace it with the already-existing chilled halal-accredited meat trade.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead

Get Active!

Want to help stop live animal exports?

Here are some things easy things you can do:

- Come along to a committee meeting to share your ideas & share some tasks. The next committee meeting is on 6 October at 3pm. Members always welcome!
- Contact Heidi on 042 119 2119 or hnoe@cbhlegal.com.au to help out at the next PACAT stall.
- Hold your own PACAT stall! Just contact Heidi for assistance. It's easy & great fun.
- Contact Sarah on the PACAT office on 9430 8839 and ask her to send you some petition pages so you can collect signatures.
- Send your letters to the ministers below. Remember, they will not know what you are thinking unless you tell them!

The Hon Peter McGauran

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Senator Kerry O'Brien

Opposition Spokesperson for Agriculture
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

The Hon Kim Chance

Minister for Agriculture
11th Floor
Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth WA 6005

The Hon Ljiljana Ravlich

12th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Photos courtesy of Alex Cairns

Join the RSPCA

Q. How did people who have financial interests in primary industry (yes, live animal exports) get elected onto the WA RSPCA Committee year after year?

A. Because not enough people like YOU are a member of the RSPCA, and therefore you couldn't vote for people who actually care about farm animal welfare.

So phone the RSPCA NOW on 9209 9300 and get a membership form, join the RSPCA and make sure you know who to vote for in 2008.

URGENT

Live Export Company on Trial for Cruelty – Awaiting the Verdict

The WA Department of Local Government and Regional Development charged Emanuel Exports Pty Ltd and its directors Graham Daws and Michael Stanton with breaches of the Animal Welfare Act.

The charges were:

1. that animals were transported in a way that caused or was likely to cause them unnecessary harm;
2. animals were confined in a manner that caused or was likely to cause them unnecessary harm; and
3. were not provided with proper and sufficient food.

Defence lawyer Tony Bannon spent a relatively short while arguing that the confinement of the animals was not materially likely to "cause harm". The main bases for the defences were technical legal points that:

1. federal shipping laws override state animal welfare laws; and
2. the importer, Kuwait Livestock Transport and Trading, should have been responsible for the animals, not Emmanuel Exports

Interestingly, defence lawyer Tony Bannon admitted at the trial that the voyage was "routine".

We await the verdict.....



Upcoming PACAT Stalls!

If you can help out at any of the activities below, or you would like to hold your own stall, please contact Heidi at hnore@cbhlegal.com.au or 042 119 2119.

Pride Fairday

PACAT's next stall is at Pride Fairday, Northbridge, on 30 September 2007!

We need YOU to help us gather petitions and hand out stickers between 10am and 6pm.

If you love fun fairdays, want to help stop the live animal trade and are available for a couple of hours, please contact Heidi.

Rockingham Spring Festival

PACAT will be holding a stall at the Rockingham Spring Festival on 17 & 18 November 2007.

The Spring Festival is a great opportunity to let the people of Rockingham know that livestock exports will soon leave from the proposed James Point Port near Rockingham.

Please contact Heidi if you can help out on either of these days.

Fremantle Festival Parade

Come along and parade with PACAT at the Fremantle Festival Parade!

At 4pm on Saturday 17 November 2007 PACAT supporters will be marching in the parade. If you are lucky, you can dress up in one of the gorgeous sheep & cow costumes!

If you are unable to help out on any of these days but want to be involved in other PACAT activities, please let Heidi know.



Fundraising dinner

Come along with a friend or two, have a delicious vegetarian Indian meal, enjoy views of the Swan River and help PACAT raise much needed funds!

This is our end of year wind-up. Come and meet other PACAT supporters and hear our upcoming plans.

Only \$25.

Venue: Annalakshmi restaurant
Jetty No 4, Barrack Street,
Perth
www.annalakshmi.com.au

Date: Thursday 29th November

Time: 6.30pm

RSVP: designmi@iinet.net.au
or contact Lauren on
0412 085 179

PETER MARJORAM

Sadly one of our long-term PACAT supporters, Peter Marjoram, passed away earlier this year. We extend our sincerest sympathies to Peter's wife, Pat and her family. We will remember Peter dearly. Over more than a decade he has provided much support to PACAT directly and also through his support of his wife Pat's ongoing activities with PACAT. Pat remembers particularly the UNICEF demo in 1996 when Pete got up at dawn to take her and all the gear into the city. Pete also made many contributions to our battles with bureaucracy with letter writing, reports and submissions. Pat and her family generously called for donations to PACAT in lieu of flowers. Our thoughts are with you Pat at this difficult time. Pete will be sadly missed by all.

Your fees and donations enable PACAT to:

- Rent an office where a wide range of activities can be effectively coordinated.
- Organise campaigns and demonstrations.
- Liaise effectively with news media.
- Promote TRUCK WATCH WA – whereby we assist people to submit animal welfare complaints to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development, Western Australia.
- Set up educational stalls at key events and collect signatures for petitions.
- Research live animal exports and promote alternatives.

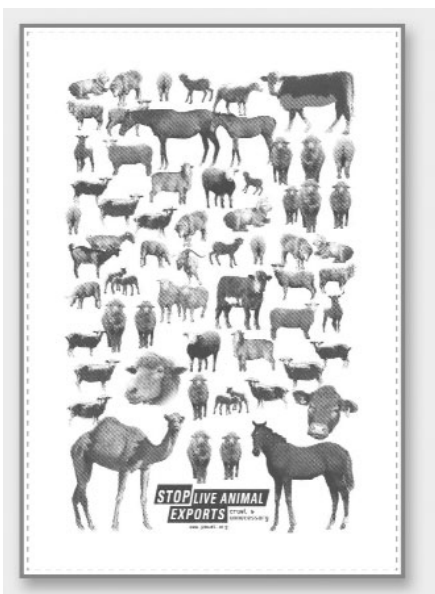
- Produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter to members.
- Maintain TRADEBAN, an email 'news and views' service.
- Send speakers to schools, universities and community groups.
- Lobby politicians by mass postcard or letter campaigns.
- Network with and provide assistance to other animal welfare groups.

Everyone has something to offer, so become an active PACAT member today.

PACAT is a society member of Animals Australia.



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Help support PACAT by purchasing our new merchandise!

cute 'n cuddly soft toys (10cm high) **\$4 each**



100% cotton t-towels **\$10**



calico shopping bags **\$5**



Burgundy unisex style t-shirt (100% cotton) Sizes M, L (M: 54cm chest, 72cm length) **\$25**

Chocolate fitted t-shirt Sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 20 **\$30**

ORDER FORM

Please mail to PACAT, PO Box 499, Fremantle WA 6959

Burgundy unisex t-shirt: size M size L Quantity _____ \$25 each (plus \$5.20 packaging and postage, up to 3 shirts)

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

Sheep and cow soft toys (10cm high) \$4 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 \$ _____ **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.

Woolly Thinking

We've been led to believe that sheep are pretty unintelligent but a study of sheep psychology has found man's woolly friend can remember the faces of more than 50 other sheep for up to two years. They can even recognise up to ten familiar human faces. The hidden talents of sheep, revealed today by a study in the journal *Nature*, suggest they may be nearly as good as people at distinguishing faces in a crowd.

Keith Kendrick, a neuro-scientist at the Babraham Institute near Cambridge who led the investigation, said that the nervous system of a sheep recognised a face in the same way as humans. "They have specialised areas in the brain to help them to do this, which is much like humans. In humans this area is active not just when you see a face but when you think about that person when they are not around.

"Sheep form individual friendships with one another, which may last for a few weeks. It's possible they may think about a face even when it's not there."

The researchers also found female sheep had a definite opinion about what made a ram's face appealing as a mate.

Recognising different faces in a flock must be important in helping sheep to arrange hierarchies as well as bond with individual animals. During the experiments – where sheep had to choose between pairs of familiar and unfamiliar faces to get a food reward – the animals would form orderly queues with those at the top of the hierarchy first, Dr Kendrick said. "[So] it is important not to chop and change the social environment of sheep, which is evidently so important for their well being."

Source: *The Independent*

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 office for details.

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If you would like to include anything in the next newsletter please email pacat@inet.net.au

The awful truth about live animal exports

Myth: The live animal export trade is NOT cruel and the industry condemns any cruelty.

Fact: Australian animals are exported to countries that have no animal welfare legislation, and are subjected to handling and slaughter practices that are both unacceptable and illegal in Australia. Extensive investigations in the Middle East exposed extreme cruelty towards exported animals. Documented evidence shows dead and dying animals in feedlots, animals being dragged and tied up by their legs, sheep transported in boots of cars, animals slashed with knives to disable them and slaughtered whilst fully conscious.



Nizra slaughterhouse, Middle East, 2006. Australian sheep dragged and slaughtered. Photo provided by Animals Australia.

Did you know? In Australia, 67% of export abattoirs have a Halal program whereby ritual slaughter is done in accordance with the relevant legislative basis and guidelines.

(Anand Deo, Food and Safety Manager, Department of Agriculture)

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Myth: Animals are well cared for on board livestock vessels.

Fact: Despite the efforts of the live export industry, deaths on board live sheep vessels increased in 2005. The majority of sheep die because they fail to eat during the journey or succumb to salmonella. Identifying sick and dying animals on board is nearly impossible due to stocking density. Every year millions of animals aboard livestock vessels are subjected to stressful

handling, social dislocation, and face unacceptable risks and delays due to severe weather, extreme temperatures and trade disputes.

◀ Livestock vessel, Al Kuwait, 2003, dead sheep on deck. Photo provided by Animals Australia.



Did you know? In 2005, 35,534 sheep and 769 cattle died on board livestock vessels at a much higher rate than if the same healthy animals were living on a farm.

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Truck Watch WA

Thank you to the PACAT members who have submitted Truck Watch WA incident reports to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development. The complaints about animal cruelty on trucks are taken very seriously and show the State Government that the community takes animal welfare very seriously. If you see animals suffering on trucks please go to our website: www.pacat.org and print an incident report template and submit a complaint. It's a chance for you to speak up for the animals.

Keep the instructions and report, a camera and pen in your car.

Remember, when out on the road and while looking at trucks, keep in mind your own personal safety.