

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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To it may consume;

As a consuming member of the public, I believe that the RSPCA had been and are over stepping the line when it come to the welfare of animals within their care. As it all too easy for them to put health animals to sleep or take health animals away from their homes.

I have seen and heard of this been done on a number of times, in some cases the animals where living in a healthy home but RSPCA inspector deem it necessary to take the animals away without a heath check or a warrant which **can only be issued by a court**. In other cases, I have heard of the RSPCA inspector taking the animals away even after a veterinarian has done a heath cheek and side that the animals in question are in heath condition due to the RSPCA inspector having this power to do so.

RSPCA inspector **should not have or every had this power** as it should have never left DAFs, but because the RSPCA inspector have had this power to do what every they want, hundreds if not thousands of innocent people have had their lives and loving pet taking away from them and then charged or fined for animal cruelty, this has been going on for far too long now and it needs to stop. The RSPCA inspector have been able to get away with every they wanted and have not had to answer to anyone for their cries for a long time. DAF should be the only ones take animals away from their homes if it calls for that and I believe that DAF should be the ones to charged people with animal cruelty **NOT THE RSPCA**.

Over half of the RSPCA members and inspector DONOT HAVE THE qualifications or the expertise needed, a good example of this is in the rehoming of reptiles, as a Herpetologist and someone how has had over 22yr working with reptiles, came across a posted on the RSPCA website, trying to rehome a black-headed Pseudonaja textilis (eastern brown snake) as Aspidites melanocephalus (black-headed python). The P. textilis is a species of highly venomous snake in the family of Elapidae. The post was removed and deleted only after I tagged 2 other Herpetologist and 2 QLD snake catcher within the posted.

Why is ok for the RSPCA inspector to take reptiles away from the primary address of the permit, without a **movement advice or a reptile license**, yet the members of the public how own reptiles were to do this, DES would take the reptiles and fines would be issued out. I have heard and seen reptiles come back from the RSPCA in worst condition then when they were taking. As a Herpetologist and reptile lover and someone how has worked with reptiles, dose the RSPCA now what they are doing when it comes to reptiles? do they know what minerals and nutrients a reptile needs per day? when the reptile is taken, is that reptile in a take/enclosure or is that reptile been keep in a box? If that is in an enclosure what temperature is the enclosure? As different reptiles require different heat and humidity within the enclosure, is the enclosure big enough for that species of reptiles. Are the reptiles being keep in quarantine and away from other reptiles after being brought in by the inspector, as reptiles can pass on sunshine virus and Noroviruses which are both fatal. The lack of UVB and vitamin D3 can ultimately result in metabolic bone disease in reptiles, so does the RSPCA have qualified personnel to look after all the different reptiles, a reptile's enthusiast is not qualified to make decisions or judgement calls on welfare of reptiles.