RASWA ANIMAL WELFARE STATEMENT

RASWA has a proud history of educating people about agriculture. Animals play an integral role in achieving this aim and as such, RASWA holds a duty of care to support the welfare of all animals whilst on RASWA property.

RASWA takes seriously its responsibility to provide people and facilities which promote good animal welfare.

Accordingly, all animals are:

*   Provided with fresh water and adequate nutrition;

*   Housed in comfortable surrounds with adequate space;

*   Monitored for pain, injury and disease, and treated or relieved of suffering where necessary;

*   Managed in such a way as to minimise stress and exhaustion; and

*   Free from any drugs which modify their behaviour or mask harmful health conditions.

Care of animals on RASWA property is underpinned by relevant State animal welfare legislation and codes of practice/standards and guidelines specifying requirements of their transportation, exhibition and management.

Recognising the critical role people play in ensuring animal welfare, RASWA ensures that its officials and volunteers are suitably experienced in providing for the welfare of animals, and are supported in their roles to identify and address concerns.

All owners and/or appointed guardians of animals on RASWA property are reminded of their duty of care to take all reasonable measures to ensure the welfare of their animals.

Whilst observing community values and expectations pertaining to animal welfare, RASWA strives to safeguard the rights of animal owners, exhibitors, competitors and RASWA officials and volunteers.

RASWA will promptly and actively respond to animal welfare incidents should they arise and engages with relevant stakeholders from time to time to ensure standards and practices are subject to continuous improvement.

RASWA's underlying principle in relation to animal welfare is to promote education and exhibition through animal-human interaction, without compromising the welfare of animals or their patrons' enjoyment and learning experience.

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