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John Elferink, Member for Port Darwin

**Funding boost for NT animal welfare**

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The Country Liberals Government is making life safer for animals across the Territory, with $200,000 in grants available to not-for-profit groups whose work benefits animal welfare.

Acting Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries John Elferink urged organisations to apply for funding under the Animal Welfare Fund grant program.

“Grants of up to $50,000 are available for projects that have the capacity to improve animal wellbeing, raise community awareness around animal responsibilities or assist in progressing good animal management practices,” Minister Elferink said.

“The Northern Territory is home to a vast array of animals from pets to livestock and it’s important each and every one is treated in a humane manner.

“Animal wellbeing and safety is a matter the NT Government takes extremely seriously,” he said.

Five organisations were successful in receiving funding under the program in 2014:

- $47,500- Wildcare Alice Springs Incorporated for educational resources and training
- $45,000- Ark Aid Incorporated for refurbishment of facilities
- $45,000- Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous communities for animal welfare programs
- $45,000- Northern Territory Cattlemans Association for educational resources and training
- $20,000- RSPCA Gove for the continuation of veterinary services

The Animal Welfare Fund grant program opens today, with applications closing on 1 June 2015.

Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded at www.animalwelfare.nt.gov.au

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