Willem Westra van Holthe, Member for Katherine
Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

Animal welfare bolstered in Red Centre

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Animal welfare in the Red Centre has been given a major injection of funds, with two successful grant recipients sharing in more than $60,000.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Willem Westra van Holthe said the Animal Welfare Fund is a highly competitive grant program.

“The Alice Springs Animal Shelter is well known for its commitment to making the lives of animals better and I commend the group on its success in obtaining this important funding,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“$45,000 will go towards the construction of a quarantine facility, ensuring puppies and dogs are housed in a comfortable, friendly environment when they are first admitted to the animal shelter.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to the highest level of animal welfare standards across the Territory and the Animal Welfare Fund goes a long way to achieving that,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

Jill Hall, Manager of the Alice Springs Animal Shelter, said the Northern Territory Government funding is extremely important to improving animal welfare standards.

“More than 450 dogs came through the shelter last year. This new quarantine building will ensure dogs that come through are in a welcoming environment as we check their health and wellbeing.”

Minister Westra van Holthe also congratulated Wildcare Alice Springs for its success in obtaining an Animal Welfare Fund grant.

“Wildcare Alice Springs will receive $15,400 to go towards its rehabilitation programs, to provide wild life with emergency care,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“In total, $200,000 in grants has been awarded to Territory not-for-profit groups whose work benefits animal welfare.

“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.
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