Animal welfare gets a funding boost

Four not-for-profit animal welfare organisations across the Territory will share in more than $190,000 funding through Animal Welfare Fund Grants announced today.

The RSPCA Darwin will receive $46,713 for improvements and maintenance to their animal shelter.

Minister for Local Government, Malarndirri McCarthy said the grants go towards improving animal wellbeing and good animal management practice particularly in remote areas.

“The Government is pleased to support animal welfare organisations as they provide a valuable service in the Territory, both through care for neglected and abandoned animals and education programs for Territorians,” said Ms McCarthy.

“I am also particularly pleased to support animal welfare education strategies in regional and remote areas.”

“The Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) will receive $75,000 to employ an education officer who will help deliver the ‘Caring for Dogs, Caring for Communities’ education strategy in the West Arnhem, Victoria Daly, Central Desert, MacDonnell and Barkly shires.

“This important strategy aims to improve community health by improving the wellbeing of the dogs which will deliver benefits to residents.”

The Animal Welfare Fund Grants recipients include:

**RSPCA Central Australia - $75,000**
Construction of a cattery at the Alice Springs animal shelter.

**Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) - $75,000**
Employ an education officer to help deliver the ‘Caring for Dogs, Caring for Communities’ education strategy in the West Arnhem, Victoria Daly, Central Desert, MacDonnell and Barkly shires.

**RSPCA Darwin - $46,713**
For improvements and maintenance at the RSPCA Darwin animal shelter.

**Friends of Nina's Ark - $1,500**
Construction of a possum closure.

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