

Man charged with multiple animal ill-treatment offences

The following statement is attributable to Ms Andrea Lewis, RSPCA South Australia Chief Inspector:

“RSPCA South Australia yesterday charged a 60-year-old man from Aldinga Beach with multiple breaches of the Animal Welfare Act.

“The man has been charged with one count relating to an alleged failure to seek appropriate veterinary treatment for a dog. It is alleged the man advertised the dog for sale in the classified section of a newspaper, and subsequently sold the dog whilst it was suffering from a serious pre-existing medical condition.

“The man has also been charged with a number of offences relating to 11 cats and kittens, seized by RSPCA South Australia Inspectors. These include an alleged failure to provide adequate living conditions, and alleged failure to provide appropriate veterinary care with respect to kittens suffering from serious medical conditions. In addition, the man has also been charged with hindering RSPCA Inspectors in the course of their duties.

“This Inspectorate matter acts as a further warning to members of the public about the risks associated with the unregulated breeding and sale of puppies and kittens - particularly via newspaper and online classifieds, and websites such as Trading Post or Gumtree.”

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