

## **RSPCA South Australia vs Gary Taylor** *Puppy & kitten dealer prosecuted and banned indefinitely*

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In a big win for animals against the backyard puppy and kitten trade, known dealer Gary Taylor has today been prosecuted for the fifth time by RSPCA South Australia, and banned indefinitely from owning or having custody of any animals.

Today in the Christies Beach Magistrates Court, Gary Taylor was also fined \$2,500 by the Magistrate and ordered to pay \$3,000 in costs.

He pleaded guilty earlier this year to failing to provide adequate living conditions for 11 cats and kittens, and failing to take steps to mitigate harm relating to 3 of those cats and kittens - one of which was found deceased.

Of the 11 cats seized, nine of the cats and kittens were fully rehabilitated and rehomed, while two were sadly so sick they were euthanised on humane grounds.

This photo shows one of the cats at time of seizure, and after he was rehabilitated by RSPCA South Australia and ready for his new home.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

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Of Mr Taylor's previous convictions, the most recent involved an adult dog who he sold with a severe, untreated ear infection. He was found guilty at trial in January, convicted, and banned from owning animals for 12 months. He launched an appeal in the Supreme Court, which was unsuccessful.

Today the court has ruled he now cannot acquire, own or have custody of any animals until further order, rather than just 12 months.

This is the outcome RSPCA South Australia has long been seeking, to put a stop to a known cruelty offender.

Remember - if you're looking for a new cat or dog, choose the adoption option. Visit an RSPCA shelter in Lonsdale, Whyalla or Pt Lincoln, or your local animal shelter.

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