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## RSPCA South Australia vs Wilson

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*The following statement is attributed to RSPCA South Australia;*

“Today in the Adelaide Magistrates Court, Mr Kent Wilson was sentenced for aggravated ill-treatment charges for shooting dead his neighbour’s cat which was roaming on his property in February 2015.

“Mr Wilson was handed down a \$2,000 fine and Magistrate Foley ordered no conviction be recorded.

“In light of the maximum penalty for an aggravated animal-cruelty offence being \$50,000 or four years imprisonment, RSPCA South Australia had hoped for a conviction and a significant fine.

“Mr Wilson had previously appealed his guilty verdict in the Supreme Court, but was unsuccessful in having it overturned.

“Whilst we push for convictions in all our animal cruelty matters, including this one, it is a positive that this case has demonstrated the illegality of shooting cats on your property.”

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