



Animal Care Campus

Some answers to your questions about our vision for an Animal Care Campus at Glenthorne Farm

Why do we need this?

For animals. We simply must do more to prevent suffering before it occurs. We are therefore strengthening our focus on RSPCA's mission to prevent cruelty to animals.

In 2016/17, we received 4,231 reports of cruelty. Neglect is the primary cause of animal suffering. Almost every animal that endured neglect suffered not because of deliberate cruelty, but because their owners didn't understand how to adequately care for them.

Education is by far our most powerful tool to address this issue. We need to create a community hub that facilitates significantly expanded education programs, so we can all work together to prevent animal cruelty.

We also re-homed 4,393 animals during 2016/17, yet we have the most outdated RSPCA animal shelter of any of the major states, which presents avoidable challenges in providing best practice care to the animals.

A new facility would enable us to better serve animals in our care, while also educating more South Australians on how to best care for their animals.

What will the cost be? A \$20 million investment is needed to make this vision a reality.

Where is the money coming from? We will fund \$10 million of the project from our own reserves. We are then seeking \$10 million from the State Government and, if needed, our supporters.

Why not spend this money on more Animal Welfare Inspectors? Prevention is at the core of who we are and what we do. Our team of Inspectors are critical in saving animals from cruelty and neglect, and prosecuting animal cruelty offenders. However, we must do more to help stop this suffering before it occurs. To achieve this, the most powerful tool we have is education. Our new Animal Care Campus will operate both as a new hub for our inspectors and as a visionary new education centre to better educate, engage and empower the community in best animal care. Our expanded veterinary centre, built to the best practice standards in animal medicine, will also better assist in rehabilitating animals rescued by our hardworking Inspectors.

Why Glenthorne Farm? Our Lonsdale site is not suitable for the proposed expansion. We are looking for a more accessible and highly visible location, which will remind passersby to care for animals while inviting everyone to engage with this important community hub. We want to stay in the southern region where we have enjoyed enormous support for more than 30 years.

We need space – 4 hectares of land is required to realise our vision. This represents only 2% of Glenthorne Farm's 208 hectares.

Our vision for a community facility celebrates and supports the importance of Glenthorne Farm as a green living space with a thriving wildlife environment that everyone can support and enjoy.

How will the campus impact the aesthetic of the area? Our vision is for the campus to blend beautifully with the surrounding environment and to complement the landscape of Glenthorne Farm.

The architecture will be made up of low-rise, Australian vernacular designs that look attractive and natural.

When will this happen? Our vision is to transform RSPCA for a new era. As with any proposal, a number of elements must first be finalised, such as funding and location. We hope these will be confirmed in 2018 so we can move into the design, planning and approval phase for our Animal Care Campus.

How can I have my say? If you have any further queries or you'd like to be involved in the Animal Care Campus consultation process, please visit our website at www.rspcasa.org.au/newdirection or call 1300 477 722.
