

**Submission  
No 5**

**INQUIRY INTO 2025 INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF  
THE APPROVED CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS UNDER  
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT 1979**

**Organisation:** Doggie Rescue  
**Date Received:** 23 September 2025

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Hon Mark Banasiak

Thank you for making us aware of this inquiry.

The key issue we would like to make you aware of:

Subject: Re: 2025 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 - Invitation to make a submission

A significant concern with the RSPCA is its dual role as both the policing authority for animal welfare under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 and as a service provider and fundraising charity.

Although it receives government funding for its regulatory and enforcement responsibilities, it simultaneously competes with independent rescue organisations for donor dollars. This dual function creates an inherent conflict of interest, as the RSPCA both regulates and competes with the very sector it oversees.

For independent rescue organisations, this can result in an uneven playing field, limiting their capacity to attract philanthropic support and grow sustainably. Addressing this structural conflict—either by separating regulatory functions from fundraising activities or establishing clearer safeguards—would help ensure fairness, transparency, and effective support for all animal welfare organisations.

Yours sincerely

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