

Submission
No 14

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

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 28 October 2025

Partially
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I am concerned about the current relationship between RSPCA and WIRES. I was a member of wires for ten years and had done hundreds of rescues and rehab imitated numerous animals when in 2020 the audited my premissis, removed animals from my care and suspended my membership. I had never had any indication from them that they had any concerns with my care and I was in fact a trainer for the organisation.

WIRES reinstated me as my solicitor pointed out to them that they had not proceeded according to their own constitution.

Wires subsequently re issued my suspension. In the intervening period they had employed onto their animal welfare team. was a previous RSPCA employee. The new document that they provided to me to explain the allegations was a 254 page document set out as an RSPCA report and at each stage indicated that the matter would be passed onto them for prosecution.

I ultimately resigned from Wires as I did not feel safe from vexatious prosecution after it came to light that my rebuttal information and correspondence from my solicitor were not presented to the investigating committee.

Since I left WIRES I have been aware that they have referred several other carers to the RSPCA for prosecution. Also, there have been further former RSPCA staff appointed as members of the Wires Welfare team.

Should the RSPCA be being used a the 'stick' by WIRES in their monitoring of their volunteers? Why is the RSPCA becoming involved in these matters? Surely additional education by WIRES for their members would be more appropriate. '