

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

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In 2021 I had joined the RSPCA to make an impact on unwanted dogs. Being a service dog trainer I wanted to be able to use my abilities and space for good, especially since I personally didn't want to make a long term commitment on a pet at the time. One particular dog that I was actually pleaded to take in was a bull arab^x that was originally with council and picked up as a stray. She loved people so much that the council kept pushing back her euthenisia date hoping a a home foster carer would open. She wasn't very comfortable with other dogs so she had to be in a no dog household.

When she was brought in to care with me she had 'zero' training. Nothing. By day three I had her waiting patiently while I filled her bowls with food until I told her alright, sit nicely and we made amazing progress on the lead. Day 3 she was desexed. Day 9 she was assessed. The part of her assessment in regards to her dog reactivity she did fine walking passed the male dog that sat quietly. Then when it came time to the female who was an excited dog herself and barked she reacted to her and that is all that RSPCA head office needed to decide her euthenisia. No effort or support offered to me or behavioural plan from head office even though the local chapter believed she deserved a real chance.

At day 17 she was brought to their facility in the Central Coast for "further assessment and training". Meaning, they took a nervous dog who needed the support to get over her lead/dog reactivity (will make comments about this later on) to a loud kennel environment, different people every single day and put her on 2 medications.

She was at that facility for 7 days and deemed a dangerous dog and required 2 handlers. Mind you I was 28 weeks pregnant at the time and could handle and support her during outside time and walks.

When she came back every ounce and then some of the training I had done was obliterated. The medications made her ultra anxious, hyper aware and hyperactive. I am not sure of the trauma the RSPCA facility had caused her, but to see a dog regress that dramatically, when everyone here knew her as such an intuitive, smart dog that was always eager to learn, is beyond me and raised some major big red flags.

She was still on the block to be euthenised and head offices methods were falling short. I personally had gotten Emma Hurst involved. Which only then would RSPCA release her to me and relinquish their ownership.

This happened 'AFTER' RSPCA had passed their so called state wide ban on convenience killing. Yet They decided after 9 days to euthenise a dog with 3 days of training before a major surgery and zero support or behavioural plan. I whole heartedly believe this to be because of their discrimination to rehabilitation plans for large breeds. This I had experienced first hand as a previous RSPCA foster carer.

The hypocrisy in what they spout to the public and other organisations compared to how head office actually works is absolutely unreal and disgusting.