

Together, we are inspiring change

As we usher in kōanga (spring), we wanted to take the time to say thank you and to share the successes we've achieved together these past three months.

With your unwavering support we have made significant strides towards our collective goals of achieving a cage-free future for hens, an end to racing for greyhounds, and justice for animals in rodeo. Read on for more about how your support is helping create a better future for all animals.

Through the ups and downs of alert level changes across the country, our work to give animals a voice has never faltered. Your support means that we can continue to work for animals despite lockdowns.



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Justice for ANIMALS IN RODEO

The New Zealand Animal Law Association and SAFE have teamed up again

This time we're taking the Minister of Agriculture and the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) to the High Court to seek justice for animals abused in rodeo.

In July, we filed a legal challenge with the High Court stating that rodeo events are in violation of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. With your support we are again able to call for an end to the abuse of animals in the strongest way possible – through a complete, legal ban.

You've stood with SAFE for many years as we've spoken out against the suffering caused to animals forced to perform in rodeos. You've been with us at the protests. You've contacted your MP. You've written to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture asking that they ban the roping of baby animals and use of painful spurs for the entertainment of a minority.

Despite your commitment to animals, rodeo events continue, causing abuse and suffering to animals and we've had enough. We've tried everything, and now, we'll see the Government in court.

We're committed to bringing an end to the over 30 rodeo events that are held every summer for the entertainment of a minority. This isn't who we are as New Zealanders, and we will argue in the High Court that it's not legal.

As with our successful challenge in 2020 against the use of farrowing crates and mating stalls for mother pigs, this will not be easy. We will face opposition from all corners and there will be those that say

the lives of these animals don't matter – but we will not stop until we have justice for animals abused in rodeo.

Your support of another historic legal action makes a difference. We will keep you posted throughout this process and as we await the assignment of our court date, a day when the voices of animals abused in rodeo will finally be heard. ■

Give a gift to SAFE's Legal Justice Fund at <https://safe.org.nz/donate-now/donate>



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Hiwihiwi (kelp fish): Found around the coasts of New Zealand.

Thank you for your support and helping us make a kinder world for animals.

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Or email info@safe.org.nz
Or write to us at **PO Box 28110 Kelburn, Wellington 6150**

Cover image: El Gato is one hen who was lucky enough to get a second chance at life – outside of a cage. She had survived some terrible injuries at the cage farm but Kelly, her rescuer, took her home and nursed her back to health.



Supporter Update Kōanga (Spring) 2021



Working together to ensure the rights of animals

OVER 37,700 PEOPLE

show their love for greyhounds

On 4 August 2021, SAFE and the Greyhound Protection League of New Zealand handed in a petition with over 37,700 signatures calling for a ban on greyhound racing in Aotearoa.

Guest speakers included Green Party MP and Animal Welfare Spokesperson Chlöe Swarbrick and Labour MP Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan, who accepted the petition on behalf of the Government. We were also joined by several stylish greyhounds wearing a variety of fashionable jackets to keep out the winter chill, accompanied by their passionate greyhound-loving humans and a large crowd of supporters.

With the Government review of the industry now underway, we look to bring this outdated industry to an end. It is time that the Government acknowledges that it is unacceptable that these animals are dying for gambling profits and takes action by implementing an immediate ban on greyhound racing.

Thank you to everyone who signed and shared the petition and travelled from far and wide to join us for this momentous event. We couldn't have done it without you! ■

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Above: The collar pictured here was presented alongside the petition to ban greyhound racing in New Zealand. It contains 31 tags, engraved with the names of each of the dogs who lost their lives for gambling profits during the 2020–2021 racing season.

greyhounds



Image: 4 August 2021. Supporters gathered on the steps of the Parliamentary Library in Wellington to present the petition.

Show your Heart For Animals



Help animals year round by joining SAFE's treasured community of monthly donors.

Making a monthly gift means that you are working with us behind the scenes to build the future we want for animals. You are driving our long-term campaigns and helping millions of animals by creating systemic change.

As a Heart For Animals member, your kindness makes a world of difference to animals.

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ANIMAL SQUAD takes action

Earlier this year Animal Squad member **Gabrielle Wards** was inspired by our *Animal Bites* newsletter on greyhounds. Gabrielle took action for animals by writing a letter to **Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern** asking her to ban greyhound racing.

In her letter she wrote, "You should ban greyhound racing because they are forced to run and ... get hurt and it's just not very nice for them."

We were so excited when we heard that Gabrielle received a reply with a handwritten note added to her official letter. Jacinda wrote in her reply to Gabrielle, "I love greyhounds, they're lovely sensitive dogs. I agree we need to look closely on this issue."

It's fantastic to see young people like Gabrielle getting involved and taking action to make the world a better place for animals. She is a real asset to the Animal Squad community – thanks Gabrielle!

A video of Gabrielle talking about her letter can be found on the SAFE YouTube channel.

SAFE Animal Squad is our youth programme for young people aged 13 and under. safeanimalsquad.org.nz.

Animal
Matters

On the Podcast

Animal Matters is SAFE's weekly podcast about all things animal rights and the issues impacting animals in Aotearoa. Will Appelbe discusses the latest current affairs for animals in Aotearoa, the decisions of policymakers and government and the complexities that surround the exploitation of animals.

Recent Podcasts

- ▶ **15 Sept:** Northern Eggs colony cage cruelty
- ▶ **8 Sept:** The beginning of the end for greyhound racing?
- ▶ **31 Aug:** Kōrero with **Luzia Schneider**, VP of Investigations, Mercy for Animals

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OUR CAGE-FREE FUTURE

We asked you to speak up for hens in cages – and you answered. Over 12,500 of you have signed the petition we launched in July 2021 to ban colony cages in Aotearoa!

With this petition and our ongoing work with supermarkets and food service groups to secure their cage-free egg commitments, together we are leading the way to a cage-free future for all hens where they can live natural lives free from the stress and disease caused by confinement.

You can help hens by sharing this petition with whānau and friends.

If you are a veterinary professional and would like to add your name to this open letter, please send an email to Emma at: emma@safe.org.nz

Main image: 1.2 million hens are confined to colony cages in New Zealand.

Inset images: Minnie and Barb are hens lucky enough to get a second chance at life - outside the cage. Follow their story of recovery on SAFE's Facebook or Instagram @SAFEnewzealand



CAGE HEN EXPOSÉ

We have also recently made public the powerful testimony and photographic evidence provided by an anonymous informant from a Northland egg farm. The evidence of the true suffering of hens in colony cage farms was exposed by this courageous person at great risk to their personal safety. The tragic experience of these hens demonstrates the urgent need to free all hens from cages through an immediate ban, further strengthening our case to the Minister of Agriculture, Hon Damien O'Connor.

It's time to
EMPTY THE CAGES