

On behalf of the team here at SAFE, thank you for everything you do to protect the rights of animals in New Zealand.

SAFE doesn't receive any funding from corporate sponsorship or the Government, so we can remain independent and act on the animal rights issues that matter most. Everything we achieve is thanks to the generous support of individuals like you!

Together we have made great progress towards raising the bar for the minimum standards of care for mother pigs, mother cows, the horses, bulls and calves used in rodeos, and hens kept in cages.

These gains are stepping stones on the way to our ultimate goal of broader systemic change, with the appointment of an independent



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Giving animals a voice in the beehive

In May SAFE launched a petition calling for the appointment of a Commissioner for Animals in New Zealand.

A Commissioner for Animals could achieve tangible legislative change that would bring us one step closer to an Aotearoa where the legal rights of all animals are honoured and upheld.

Ideally, a Commissioner would provide independent oversight, advice and accountability for animal welfare in Aotearoa. They would review the current animal welfare regime, including Codes of Animal Welfare, report on the latest

animal welfare science and make formal recommendations for the care of New Zealand's animals that are consistent with their legal rights under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. ■



WORKING TOGETHER TO EFFECT CHANGE

Helping You Help Animals (HUHA), New Zealand Animal Law Association (NZALA), New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) and World Animal Protection have joined our call for a Commissioner for Animals.

THANK YOU FOR ADDING YOUR NAME TO OUR PETITION!

Please share this with the animal lovers in your life, so they can add their name alongside the 12,600 caring people calling for a Commissioner for Animals.



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

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Animal Matters On the Podcast

Animal Matters is SAFE's 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

- 5 Aug: Rodeo cowboys miss the point of a recent High Court decision
- 19 July: Cowboys in court
- 13 June: Kōrero with Lynn Charlton, Anti Rodeo Action

Animal Matters is now accessible through all the top podcasting platforms including Spotify and Apple podcasts.

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Animal Squad

Thank you for sending us so many wonderful rabbit poster designs!

Animal Squad's 25th newsletter was released this quarter to an ever-growing number of members, including teachers who share SAFE's learning resources with their classes.



Supporter Update

Te hotoke (Winter) 2022

Shaping New Zealand's animal laws

Justice for
animals used
in rodeo

Justice for
mother pigs

Working together to ensure the rights of animals

Animal law in Aotearoa



The Animal Welfare Act 1999 is supplemented by Codes of Animal Welfare which set the *minimum* standards for the care of animals in New Zealand.

The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) provide advice to the Associate Minister of Agriculture (Animal Welfare) by drafting codes, collating feedback and making recommendations. There are currently 19 Codes of Animal Welfare, covering everything from zoos, circuses and companion animals to the transport and killing of animals.

Many of these Codes undermine the Act. They allow practices that contradict the Act's underlying principles: that animals are sentient individuals with the right

Animals have a right to a standard of care much better than the minimal levels laid out in the Codes of Animal Welfare.

to live their lives free from unnecessary and avoidable suffering and the right to express their natural behaviour.

As an animal rights organisation, SAFE believes our duty of care to animals is much higher than the minimum standards laid out in the Codes of Animal Welfare. As such, we will take every opportunity to raise the bar for animals, by engaging in the consultation process held by NAWAC for the Codes, attending NAWAC meetings as observers, and holding the Government accountable when it fails to follow due process. ■

Code of Welfare Rodeo

Thank you so much for supporting SAFE and NZALA's legal justice fund, to defend the rights of animals used in rodeo.



On 11 July SAFE and NZALA challenged the Minister for Agriculture and NAWAC in the High Court in Wellington, making the legal case that rodeo violates the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and is unlawful.

Together we held the Government to account for not following the correct procedure on the Code of Welfare for Rodeo, because they didn't give anyone the opportunity to consult or give submissions on the Code in 2018.

However, the Court has declined to make a ruling on the legality of rodeo and dismissed the judicial review sought by SAFE and the NZALA. The High Court has said that the place to challenge the legality of rodeo is in NAWAC's consultation process. ■

The SAFE and NZALA teams were overwhelmed by the outpouring of messages of support we received from you, our SAFE community.

Right: NZALA legal team addresses the High Court in Wellington on 11 July. Photo: 1news



Code of Welfare Pigs

1,770 of you made your voices heard for mother pigs, demanding a ban on farrowing crates.

At the end of April, a new draft of the Code of Welfare for Pigs was opened up for consultation. The draft Code proposed a number of new measures, including a ban on farrowing crates.

This new Code was prompted by SAFE and NZALA's successful court case in 2020, when we challenged the legality of farrowing crates. The High Court ruled that the continued use of farrowing crates was unlawful and a violation of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

The pig farming industry quickly mobilised to fight many of the changes proposed. SAFE responded in kind with billboards, ads on Stuff and in the Sunday Star Times, and by setting up a dedicated web page allowing for submissions direct to Government. We helped make it easy for you to make a submission demanding that farrowing crates be banned – thank you for answering our call and making your voices heard! ■



The changes proposed for the Code of Welfare for Pigs would never have happened had it not been for SAFE and NZALA's court action in 2020.

Code of Welfare Dairy cattle

Your support of our Done with Dairy campaign helped our team to complete this important work behind the scenes.

Animal activism is not all placards and petition signatures. Sometimes it's long hours reading scientific articles from animal behaviour and veterinary journals to compose thoroughly fact checked and informed submissions on proposed changes to animal law.

In June NAWAC sought feedback on a draft Code of Welfare for Dairy Cattle with an unusually long list of 80 questions. SAFE's campaigns team responded with a comprehensive reply. We urged NAWAC to implement clear requirements for cows' shelter, to ban the use of electric devices and to end intensive winter grazing.



Your calls for change have sent a strong message to NAWAC that we care passionately about the rights and wellbeing of mother cows used in intensive farming.

These included:

- More than 3,700 caring SAFE supporters who emailed the Government urging them to create a plan of action to assist farmers to move out of industrial dairy farming.
- More than 3,500 of you who sent your own submissions to NAWAC on the Code of Welfare for Dairy Cattle. ■

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SAFE joined a coalition formed by Greenpeace Aotearoa, alongside the SPCA, Animals Aotearoa and NZALA, to call for an end to intensive winter grazing through the Code of Welfare for Dairy Cattle review.

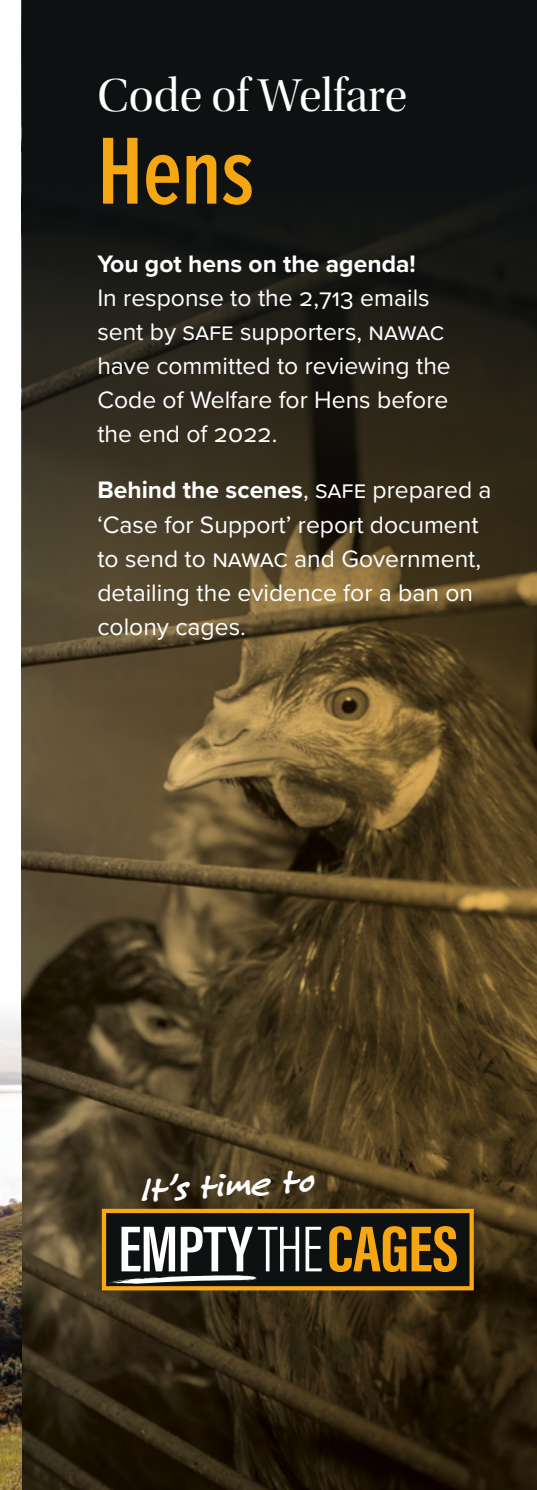
Code of Welfare Hens

You got hens on the agenda! In response to the 2,713 emails sent by SAFE supporters, NAWAC have committed to reviewing the Code of Welfare for Hens before the end of 2022.

Behind the scenes, SAFE prepared a 'Case for Support' report document to send to NAWAC and Government, detailing the evidence for a ban on colony cages.

It also allows us to work on long-term campaigns that push for major, systemic changes that can improve the lives of millions of animals, now and into the future.

Start giving monthly today and join a community dedicated to standing up for animals year-round. **Your kindness makes a difference.**



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