Animals in Victoria

Animals are integral to the lives of Victorians.

In our homes

- **6.7M** pet animals
  - 43% of households own at least one dog (total of 1.15M)
  - 36% own at least one cat (total of 1.15M)
  - 11% own at least one fish (total of 2.5M)
  - 10% own at least one bird (total of 1.8M)

On our farms

- **150M+** farm animals
  - meat chickens processed p.a. on 225 commercial farms
  - 5M egg laying hens on 50 enterprises

In sport and recreation

- An estimated **608,000** horses in Victoria
- More than **10,000** animals at the Royal Melbourne Show

In our natural state

- **948** native animal species
  - many of which are unique to Victoria.

Animal welfare matters

That’s why the Victorian Government has released the **Animal Welfare Action Plan**

*Improving the Welfare of Animals in Victoria*

Improving animal welfare is a shared responsibility. Together we can get it right.

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