

	<b>QUEENSLAND YARD &amp; UTILITY TRIAL ASSOCIATION INC</b>	
	<b>TITLE:</b> Animal Welfare Policy	<b>POLICY REF NO:</b> POL 1  <b>VERSION:</b> 1

## 1.0 Policy Statement

The Queensland Yard & Utility Trial Association Inc (QYUTA) recognises that it has a duty of care in relation to the health and safety of the animals involved in our sport. This document represents the associations, Animal Welfare Policy. Members of the QYUTA are expected to comply with this policy. This policy has been adapted from the policy developed by the Victorian Yard Utility Farm Dog Association Inc.

## 2.0 Approach

In the formulation of this policy, QYUTA has been to leverage information publicly available. Where possible and appropriate, existing industry level information has been used in the formulation of this policy. QYUTA has also utilised the resources of our other state organisations.

## 3.0 Definition

Animal welfare – it's your duty to care'. 'Duty of Care' is an obligation for people to take reasonable measures to protect the welfare of any animals that their activities may impact upon.

## 4.0 Summary

This Policy provides a framework to:

- ensure the ethical and responsible treatment of animals in all aspects the QYUTA's operation; and
- ensure QYUTA's compliance with all relevant statutes, codes and guidelines.

QYUTA takes its ethical obligations to animals seriously and commits to fulfilling these obligations with respect to all animals used by in all aspects of its operations.

## 5.0 Responsibility

Role	Person
Responsible Officer	<b>Standard Trial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trial Organising Committee</li><li>• Open Judge in their absence</li></ul> <b>Championship Trial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trial Organising Committee and or</li><li>• QYUTA Management Committee</li></ul>

## 6.0 Scope

This Policy applies to all members, volunteers, judges and Trial Organising Committees associated with the training and trialling of working dogs and the operation of QYUTA.

## 7.0 Policy Guidelines

Respect for animals underpins all decisions and actions involving the care and use of animals as part of the operation of QYUTA. This respect is demonstrated by application of the following principles:

- a) QYUTA has zero tolerance for any act of animal cruelty. This includes, but is not limited to, willful mistreatment and neglect of animals and acts that maliciously cause pain, injury or suffering. We expect all members to adopt and adhere to proper animal care and handling methods at all times;
- b) Our events are to be conducted in line with our Constitution, Competition Rules, Code of Conduct, Trial Organiser's Pack and other relevant policies and guidelines;
- c) Adherence to relevant industry and government policies and regulations;
- d) Banning of the use or advocating the use of products such as electric collars on dogs;
- e) A zero tolerance for any mistreatment of livestock and dogs in any situation including trials and training days through neglect, over use or a failure to consider the impacts of high temperatures, and

- f) Yards are to be designed in a manner to consider the welfare of the stock involved.

All people involved in the conduct of QYUTA will be aware of, and comply with this policy. We require all people involved in the handling and care of livestock and dogs to be appropriately educated to perform these tasks competently and appropriately.

## 8.0 Monitoring

Members are to submit a report to the QYUTA Secretary for review by the Management Committee. Breaches of this policy will be dealt with under the QYUTA Constitution.

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### Acknowledgements:

The following documents and websites were used as references in the creation of this document.

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