

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICIES OF REGISTERED PARTIES

Party	Policy Type	Details
Animal Justice Party	Multiple animal welfare policies and statements ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide range of national animal welfare policies. • Supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ stopping the ACT kangaroo cull ○ maintaining the ACT ban on greyhound racing, ○ phasing out use of 1080 poison on animals in the ACT, ○ inquiry into impounding dogs at ACT government pound, ○ banning live chick hatching projects in ACT schools, ○ stopping government subsidies to the ACT horse-racing industry
ACT Greens	<p>Animal welfare policy:</p> <p>‘Animal Welfare. Supporting People To Care For Animals’²</p> <p>Incidental policies³</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog and cat desexing support for low-income earners • More domestic animal rangers for animal welfare and cat containment issues • Increase RSPCA investigation powers • End government hand-outs for horse racing • End live hatched chick projects at school • Increase funding for rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife • Reduce use of barbed wire fencing • Ban sale of some rodent poisons • Fund wildlife passes/virtual fencing to reduce harm to wildlife on roads • Reclassify dingo as native species and manage impact on farms • Habitat connectivity for aquatic species <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues to support the ACT annual kangaroo cull • Does not support phasing out 1080 poison in the ACT
ACT Labor	<p>Animal welfare policy:</p> <p><i>ACT Labor Policy Platform</i>⁴</p> <p>Chapter 4</p> <p>‘Animal Welfare’</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No inhumane treatment in commercial use of animals • Provide enforcement and oversight of treatment of animals • Strengthen legislative compliance measures • Ensure adherence with minimum cat/dog breeding standards. • Provide for non-lethal control of populous native animals • Support measures to ensure welfare of animals during transportation and containment • Support cat containment areas • Provide for lower registration fees for de-sexed dogs and cats • Take action against the destruction of animal habitat • Prevent harm to wildlife on roads through road signage and detection systems. <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues to support the ACT annual kangaroo cull • Does not support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ phasing out use of 1080 poison on animals in the ACT, ○ inquiry into impoundment of dogs at ACT government pound, ○ banning live chick hatching projects in ACT schools, ○ stopping government subsidies to the ACT horse-racing industry

¹ https://www.animaljusticeparty.org/our_policies; response to ADO election scorecard issues.

² <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024%20Initiative%20-%20Animal%20Welfare.pdf>;
<https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024%20Initiative%20-%20Caring%20for%20the%20Bush%20Capital%20%28%29.pdf>;
<https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2024-08/2024%20Initiative%20-%20Caring%20for%20Waterways%20and%20Catchments.pdf>

³ ‘Incidental policies’ are policies that are not directly about animal welfare but that the ADO believes may have positive outcomes for animals. <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2024-09/2024%20Initiative%20-%20Animal%20Welfare.pdf>;
<https://tinyurl.com/4x86sku5>; <https://tinyurl.com/mwuzvkw2>.

⁴ act-labor-platform-2023-24.pdf (actlabor.org.au) page 16; and response to ADO election scorecard issues.

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Belco Party	Animal welfare statement ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct independent review into ACT kangaroo cull • Strengthen ACT animal cruelty laws • Fast track a new RSPCA ACT shelter
Canberra Liberals	Animal welfare statement ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports a moratorium on and independent review into the ACT kangaroo cull <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear on whether would remove ban on greyhound racing⁷ • Incidental policy of release of large areas of land for development⁸
Community Action Party	Animal welfare statements ⁹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rejects culling of indigenous species such as kangaroos • Will protect nature reserves and wildlife corridors <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will 'improve control' of 'feral animals' eg foxes, Mynah birds.
First Nations Party	Animal welfare statements ¹⁰	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports ban on sale of cage eggs and sow-stall pork in the ACT. • Supports ban on poisoning wild animals in the ACT. • Supports reintroducing koalas to the ACT. • Policies re 'Caring for Country' with Aboriginal frameworks for land use planning; recognition that 'Looking after Country is looking after life, not just for people, but for all living things'. • Return of all Crown reserves to First Nations peoples. • Supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ stopping the ACT kangaroo cull ○ maintaining the ACT's ban on greyhound racing, ○ phasing out use of 1080 poison on animals in the ACT, ○ inquiry into impounding dogs at ACT government pound, ○ banning live chick hatching projects in ACT schools, ○ stopping government subsidies to the ACT horse-racing industry
Strong Independents	Animal welfare statements ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the ACT kangaroo cull • Foster maintenance and growth of native species (not possums) • Supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ maintaining the ACT's ban on greyhound racing, ○ phasing out use of 1080 poison on animals in the ACT, ○ inquiry into impounding dogs at ACT government pound, ○ banning live chick hatching projects in ACT schools, ○ stopping government subsidies to the ACT horse-racing industry <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports eradication of introduced species
Independents for Canberra	Incidental policies ¹²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritises 'the wellbeing of current and future generations by tackling root causes of the ... climate ... and biodiversity crises'.
Fiona Carrick Independent	Incidental policies ¹³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Maintain mature trees with tree hollows to support biodiversity' • 'A biodiversity overlay/plan' that focuses on 'habitat connectivity'
Canberra Progressives	No animal welfare policy or statement or incidental policies	N/A
Democratic Labour Party		
Family First		
Libertarian Party		

⁵ Policies — Belco Party (ACT)

⁶ https://freshopportunity.org/book/Policy_Fact_Sheet_A4_Kangaroo_Cull.pdf.

⁷ In person communication with ACT Liberals candidates.

⁸ https://freshopportunity.org/book/Policy_Fact_Sheet_A4_Land_Release_and_Planning.pdf

⁹ <https://www.cap.org.au/policies/sustainability>

¹⁰ <https://firstnationsparty.org.au/policies/return-full-control-of-all-crown-nature-reserves-to-local-first-nations-people/>; <https://firstnationsparty.org.au/policies/caring-for-country-framework/>; correspondence with the ADO.

¹¹ <https://www.strongindependents.com.au/naturalenvironment>; response to ADO election scorecard issues.

¹² <https://www.independentsforcanberra.com/policy>

¹³ <https://www.fionacarrick.com/climate-change-and-environment>