



14<sup>th</sup> March 2005

The Secretary  
Beauty With Compassion  
P O Box 1373  
AUCKLAND

Dear Lucille

**BWC and The Lord Dowding Fund**

I did not want to complete this process until AWINZ had bank accounts in its own name. Until now it has been operating through a trust account.

I am now happy to tell you that the bank account for the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand is:

National Bank of New Zealand Mount Albert

Account Number: 060 968 0067477 00

For the record I am repeating the essence of the letter I wrote to you on 29<sup>th</sup> April last year.

The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand has been functioning since its inception in 1998 as the channel for animal welfare inspectors at Waitakere and North Shore Cities. AWINZ is one of only two "approved organisations" recognised by the Minister of Agriculture and Gazetted as such. The other one is the SPCA.

Over the four years of the making of *The Lord of the Rings* AWINZ was contracted to Peter Jackson's production company, Three Foot Six Ltd, to provide independent monitoring of the welfare of animals used. Similarly, AWINZ provided independent monitoring of the making of the movie *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

There has been significant interest in work that was done by Massey University, and funded by the Lord Dowding Fund, whereby most of the teaching of animal anatomy is now done by computer simulation, rather than with real animals. This work is at the forefront of the replacement of animals in teaching of animal science and has been acknowledged internationally as of worldwide significance.

AWINZ has been the principle advocate of First Strike in New Zealand, in advancing the connections between early childhood animal cruelty and later criminal violence in the adult life.

We recognise the enormous effort that was done by BWC and The Lord Dowding Fund in the 70s and 80s. The gradual acceptance by the international cosmetics industry that testing products on animals was no longer acceptable to the community, can be attributed largely by the work done by BWC both here and in the UK. Similarly the work pioneered by The Lord Dowding Fund is having a lasting effect on non-animal procedures in animal science and teaching.

AWINZ would be happy to take on any residual funds from BWC and The New Zealand Fund for Humane Research.

Any funds from The Lord Dowding Fund would be kept as a special trust fund within AWINZ to be applied according to the original tenets of the Fund. We are planning to explore ways to expand funding so that the fund is built up. We will retain the fund as "The Lord Dowding Fund".

Any funds from BWC would be applied to the general work of AWINZ.

I trust this proposal is acceptable and we have everything in place for the transfer of the funds and this will enable you to close your books.

Warm regards

*Neil Wells*

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