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Tēnā koe Janine

Thank you for your email of 14 July 2022 requesting information from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) relating to the SPCA. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You asked the following questions:

1. *Who is the SPCA accountable to?*
2. *Who is gives / issues the license should be responsible?*
3. *Please inform us who issues the license to the SPCA if it is not you and if it is you please confirm.*

The SPCA is a registered charity that is governed by its Board of Directors. Charities in New Zealand are regulated under the Charities Act 2005 by Charities Services, part of the Department of Internal Affairs.

As I advised in my previous letter to you, the SPCA is an approved organisation for the purpose of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. The SPCA was made an approved organisation under section 189(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Section 189(3) allows the responsible Minister to revoke the SPCA's approval if satisfied that it no longer meets the criteria in section 122(1) of the Act.

Under section 124 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, the Director-General of MPI is responsible for the appointment of Animal Welfare Inspectors, including those employed by the SPCA.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Orr'.

Gary Orr
Director Compliance Services