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\$12 MILLION FOR RSPCA SHELTER EXPANSION

The largest animal shelter in NSW will receive a major upgrade thanks to a \$12 million investment by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government in the 2019-20 NSW Budget.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said the RSPCA's Yagoona centre is highly valued by the community for its shelter and animal welfare enforcement services, veterinary clinic, as well as the education and training programs it runs.

"Everyone knows the RSPCA does a great job caring for thousands of animals every year, so I am proud to commit \$12 million to ensure the organisation can renew and expand their adoption facilities at Yagoona," Mrs Hancock said.

"We are pleased this funding will ensure the RSPCA can continue its important work."

The investment builds on a previous \$7.5 million contribution by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government used to rebuild and refurbish veterinary facilities at the centre.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the RSPCA cares for more than 45,000 animals across NSW every year, with the Western Sydney centre making up a quarter of the intake.

"The centre provides an invaluable adoption service making sure thousands of animals are well looked after and matched with loving families," Mr Perrottet said.

"The current site is more than 40 years old. Each year around 15,000 cats and dogs are adopted through the Yagoona centre and with this major expansion, even more furry friends will now be able to find a home."

The Yagoona centre is situated on Crown land and recently signed a new lease. This will allow the RSPCA to plan for the long term, with security over the land until 2056.

RSPCA CEO Steve Coleman said this facility has been the hub of animal welfare, not just for the Sydney basin, but also for the community of NSW.

"We want this facility to see us through the next few decades and one that helps us promote responsible pet ownership in a positive way," Mr Coleman said.

"This facility is responsible for supporting, educating and helping communities that want to understand more about what an animal will mean for them in their lives."

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