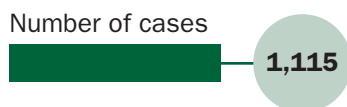


Animal Cruelty Offences in Victoria

The Sentencing Advisory Council has released the first ever report on how animal cruelty offences are sentenced in Victoria. This factsheet provides an overview of some of its key findings.

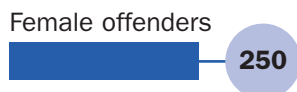
How many animal cruelty offences were sentenced?



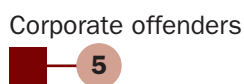
Between 2008 and 2017, 2,960 animal cruelty offences were sentenced in 1,115 cases in Victoria.



Who committed animal cruelty offences?

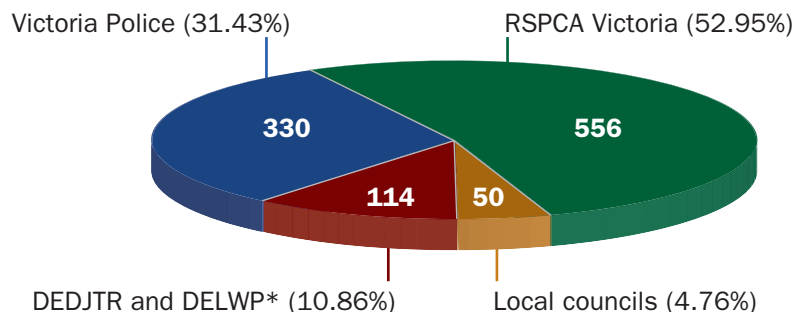


Three-quarters of animal cruelty offenders were male. Less than 1% were corporations.



Who prosecuted animal cruelty offences?

More than half of all animal cruelty cases were prosecuted by RSPCA Victoria.



*Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and Department of Land, Water and Planning

Animal cruelty is defined in this report as any act or omission that contributes to an animal experiencing, or being likely to experience, unreasonable or unnecessary pain or suffering.

Which animal cruelty offences were sentenced?

Most animal cruelty offending involved neglect-related behaviours, rather than deliberate cruelty.

Aggravated cruelty



Fail to provide treatment



Fail to provide food, drink or shelter



Cause or endanger pain or suffering



Deliberate cruelty



Improperly load, crowd or confine

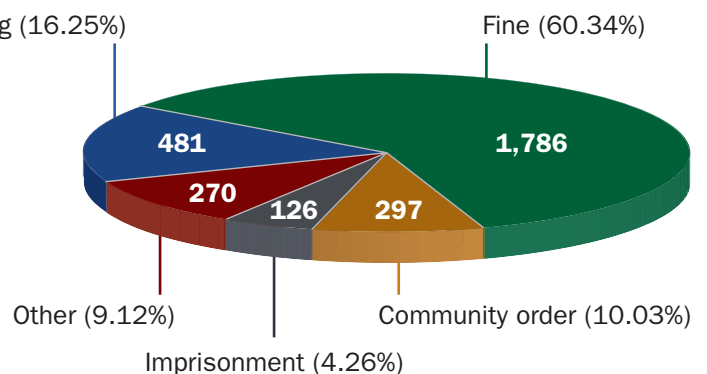


Other



How were animal cruelty offences sentenced?

Most animal cruelty offences were sentenced to a fine (average value: \$1,355)



The full report is available to download from the Sentencing Advisory Council's website.



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