

In this edition our Working for Animals President Jeannette Lloyd Jones writes about founder Christine Townend receiving the inaugural Peter Singer Life Time Achievement Award. Included are several of Jeanette's excellent photographs. We all warmly congratulate Christine for this thoroughly deserved acknowledgement. It is especially moving as it was Peter Singer's book *Animal Liberation* (1975) which really set the direction of Christine's life: founding Animal Liberation in Australia, and later co-founding Animals Australia with Peter Singer. He has described her as a "hero".

We also introduce you to two new Committee members who bring a diverse range of perspectives, skills and experience to WFA. Bryan Seymour, a well-known journalist has covered many important animal and conservation issues, and interviewed Christine for his article *A Lion for Lambs* about live sheep exports and laboratory- grown meat. (see the website www.workingforanimals.org.au under News/News Posts).

Irene Callahan seems to have devoted her life to animals with many organisations, in administrative and volunteering roles, and with adventures all over the world. This includes volunteering at Help in Suffering where she first met Christine Townend.

The Working For Animals Committee want to acknowledge the loss of Committee member the late Susanne Briggs. She had a very successful career and a lifelong commitment to caring for animals and will be sadly missed.

Also included are more photographs from the Animal Shelters DAS and KAS by Yogita Chettri. Her regular reports can be followed on the website and on Instagram and Facebook.



Christine Townend at Help in Suffering. Unlike any other country the Constitution of India states that there is to be "compassion for all living creatures".

ANIMAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION

Peter Singer Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 to Christine Townend

Our founder Christine Townend was recently awarded this inaugural award above by the Animal Justice Foundation.

Professor Singer as many will know is an Australian philosopher and author of the book '*Animal Liberation*'. The award is made to an individual who has provided outstanding service to the animal movement over a long period of time (more than 20 years).

The awards judging panel includes representatives from the Animal Justice Foundation, Animals Australia and the Animal Rights Forum and they evaluated more than 90 nominees this time. Christine was awarded the prize for her tireless work for the movement.

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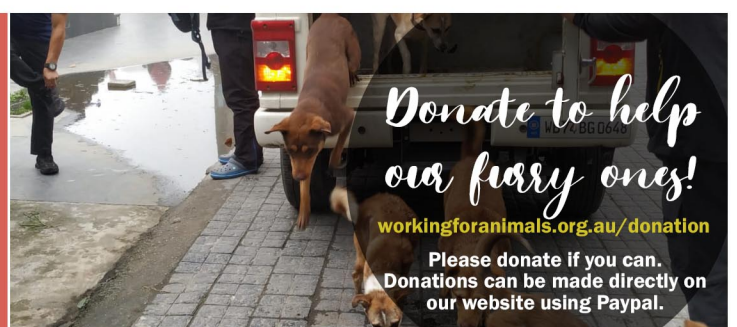
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Megan Corlass of Animals Australia has written to us about Christine's award and her words are as follows:

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"Christine began the first animal rights group in this country, arguably in the world. She was the forerunner of activism putting the spotlight on live export, mulesing and factory farming.

She started groups in India saving animals, beginning programs to desex and release free-living dogs and these programs continue to this day. She has utilised her many talents to raise awareness of the suffering of animals through her activism, her writing and her art.

Christine began Animal Liberation NSW 45 years ago and that snowballed to autonomous animal liberation groups around the country. So much of the awareness of animal suffering can be laid at Chris' feet. It is difficult to outline here all her incredible work, suffice to say she has progressed the rights of animals in Australia and beyond.

She is inspirational."

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And needless to say we are very proud being on the committee of Working For Animals with Christine.

This is just another recognition of Christine's work with her receiving an Order Of Australia two years ago again for her work in animal protection.

Jeannette Lloyd Jones
President
Working For Animals



Christine and the camel ambulance in Bassi



Jeannette Lloyd Jones and Christine in Jaipur



Christine with her Peter Singer Lifetime Achievement Award.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bryan Seymour

Bryan Seymour is an investigative journalist based in Sydney, Australia. Over thirty years he has covered politics, corporate fraud, crime, natural disasters, missing persons and breaking news.

His passion for animal welfare has resulted in numerous stories highlighting cases of animal cruelty and legislative reform to improve the quality of life of animals. He loves dogs and was inspired to join the WFA team after researching the transformative work they do at their animal shelters.



Irene Callahan

1997: A founding Director of Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services Inc, commonly known as Sydney Wildlife Rescue

1997-2010: Secretary to Board of Directors of Sydney Wildlife Rescue (minus one year 2005/6)

2014-2017: Member of Animal Ethics Committee, UTS

Voluntary hands-on experience:

1987-current: wildlife rescuer/carer – first 8 years with WIRES, and 25 years with Sydney Wildlife Rescue.

November 2005-May 2006: volunteer with Help in Suffering, during which time I spent two weeks at Kalimpong Animal Shelter, and was taken on a day visit to the shelter in Lebong.

2006-current: Penguin warden, watching over Manly's Little Penguin endangered colony during the breeding season.



Brief periods of volunteering:

Uganda, Ngamba Island, Chimpanzee Sanctuary: France, Animaux Secours: Thailand, Chiang Mai, Elephant Nature Park.

Memberships:

Animals Australia
Animal Justice Party

VALE SUSANNE BRIGGS

It is with great sadness that I have to record the passing in May of WFA committee member and secretary, Susanne Briggs. I knew Susanne and her mother Gloria since the early days of Animal Liberation. She was a dear friend and we shared a deep belief in and love of animals. She was well known as an animal activist and professionally in the world of art. She will be sorely missed. See tribute of the Ensemble Theatre.

<https://www.ensemble.com.au/media-release-vale-susanne-briggs/>

And obituary by Susanne's friend Jamelle Wells published in the Sydney Morning Herald.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/susanne-briggs-arts-publicist-and-animal-rights-campaigner-20220707-p5azqh.html>



Photo from <https://www.smh.com.au>

By: Christine Townend



Vet Asst. Wangel from DAS ready to vaccinate the Pony against rabies



Yearly vaccination of Ponies by DAS



Wangel from DAS vaccinating a Pony from Darjeeling, Chowrasta

Health camp for the Ponies, a joint venture of Darjeeling Animal Shelter, the Animal Resource Department, Darjeeling Municipality, and Woofers

Chowrasta, the most intriguing square in Darjeeling is one of the best spots to hang out, with friends, family, and children. It is thronged by many locals and tourists alike every day and the place has been an open home to many dogs and of course, the Ponies, which are used for joy rides.

The gorgeous-looking Ponies are not always in good shape, which is why this health camp was conducted so that they would have the right access to healthcare facilities including their vaccinations. Ponies suffer from a range of diseases – hoof sores, laminitis, tetanus, etc. and there is a great amount of pain caused by shoeing, which is used for protection while riding tourists or carrying loads in general.

Dr. Mihir (the vet at DAS) and Dr. Deo Pandey (the vet at KAS) jointly with Dr. Bob from the Municipality and Dr. Sameer from ARD and Ms. Paruka from Woofers conducted an on-spot camp, wherein the stakeholders were sensitised about their upkeep, including feed, healthcare management, and vaccination. Ponies are also susceptible to rabies from dogs or any other wild animals thus, their vaccination is very crucial. The Darjeeling Animal Shelter team has been routinely following their rabies vaccination updates every year and the same was also implemented this year.

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