

Animal Welfare League of Qld Inc



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Welfare group teaches pet owners to Get Aware

IF YOU ever find yourself defending your decision to own a companion cat, or are just concerned about the impact it may be having on the environment, the Animal Welfare League of Qld invites you to attend its innovative Don't Blame the Cat seminar.

Developed by the AWL education team, the 90-minute seminar is one of five in the new Get Aware Seminar Series, which will be held on the first Thursday of the month from 6-7.30pm until December (see schedule below).

Don't Blame the Cat is the first in the series and will give advice on how to keep a 'wildlife-friendly' cat; outlining what measures you can take to ensure your cat is as safe and healthy as possible while also looking at current research on cats and their impact on habitat.

Animal psychologist and University of Queensland researcher Tamzin Barber has also developed a Fantastic Felines seminar and she guarantees you will learn something completely new about your cat. Learn to speak cat (or at least understand it), how to assess your cat's personality and play type, and even how to make tailor-made toys for your feline friend. She will also address behaviours you may wish to change and advise on how to change them to those you may prefer.

If you find yourself staring at the ever-increasing range of eggs at the supermarket each week, trying to figure out which is the most ethical choice, then Codes of Cruelty is the seminar for you. You will learn about how Australian farm animals have been excluded from animal welfare legislation and the realities of farm-yard practices. This seminar is facilitated by AWL Strategic Development Officer and Animals Australia President Joy Verrinder.

Those who attend Codes of Cruelty may find themselves also booking in to the Happy Hens seminar first held in June. Experienced show poultry keeper Ross Summerwell will share his wealth of knowledge with new and current chicken keepers on everything from council regulations, housing, and how to get the tastiest eggs.

Going Green offers ten top tips on making the transition to becoming a successful – and satisfied – vegetarian. Hear from long-time 'vegos' about their challenges and successes and learn where to get the best recipes. This seminar also discusses why being vegetarian improves not just your health, but the health of the planet.

Cost for all seminars is \$10 each and pre-booking is a must. Education and Training Director Zoe Hinds urged anyone who is interested to do so ASAP as places were limited.

For more information on the seminars, or any of the resources, workshops and short courses available through the AWL Qld, please contact the Education Division on 5509 9032, email education@awlqld.com.au or visit the education page on our website at www.awlqld.com.au

For images, information or an interview opportunity please contact Public Relations Manager Gabrielle Wheaton at pr@awlqld.com.au or call (07) 5509 9030.

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GET AWARE

Seminar Series

 <p>Don't Blame the Cat: How to Keep a Wildlife Friendly Cat</p>	 <p>Codes of Cruelty: How Australian Laws have Abandoned Farm Animals</p>	 <p>Going Green: 10 Reasons to go Vegetarian</p>	 <p>Happy Hens: A Beginner's Guide to Keeping Chooks</p>	 <p>Fantastic Felines: Inside the secret world of cats</p>
<p>MARCH</p> <p>Thursday 5th 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>Thursday 2nd 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>Thursday 7th 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>Thursday 4th 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>JULY</p> <p>Thursday 2nd 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>
<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Thursday 6th 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Thursday 3rd 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Thursday 1st 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Thursday 5th 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Thursday 3rd 6:00pm - 7:30pm \$10.00 per person</p>