

Animal Welfare (Animal Boarding Establishments) Code of Practice 2008

Disallowable instrument DI2008-234

made under the

Animal Welfare Act 1992, s 22 (Codes of Practice)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Animal Welfare Act 1992* (the Act) provides for the welfare of all animals within the ACT. Section 109 of the Act establishes the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with the responsibility of creating and amending codes of practice under the Act.

Section 22 of the Act places the responsibility for approving codes of practice relating to animal welfare with the Minister.

The purpose of the Code of Practice for Animal Boarding Establishments (the Code) is to detail the minimum standard requirements for the care and management of dogs and cats held at animal boarding establishments in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Code was amended by the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with input from boarding establishments, the Australian Veterinary Association and individual veterinary practitioners within the Australian Capital Territory. Reference was made to the 'Guidelines for the Care and Management of Cats and Dogs in Animal Boarding Establishments' produced by NSW and the 'Code of Practice for the Operation of Boarding Establishments' produced by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.

The ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee endorsed the amended Code on 11 June 2008.

This instrument revokes the previous Animal Welfare (Animal Boarding Establishments) Code of Practice Approval made on 8 December 1993.