

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 22 of the Animal Welfare Act 1992 provides that the Minister may approve codes of practice relating to animal welfare.

The Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Kangaroos in the ACT was prepared by a joint working party of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee together with representatives from the ACT Rural Lessee's Association, the RSPCA, Animal Liberation and the Wildlife Foundation.

The ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee endorsed the Code of Practice for adoption in the ACT in September 1994.

The provisions of the Code are detailed in the Attachment.

Attachment A

The purpose of the Code is to specify the requirements for the humane destruction of kangaroos within the Australian Capital Territory.

The Code details the conditions under which kangaroos may be humanely destroyed. As well as culling situations, this Code also deals with injured kangaroos and orphaned pouch young resulting from culling operations or other trauma situations.

Section 2 outlines a number of methods that maybe employed to capture kangaroos to enable their destruction.

Section 3 details methods that can be employed to humanely destroy kangaroos in a culling situation.

Section 4 specifies methods that should be used to humanely destroy injured kangaroos and pouch young in both a culling situation or a roadside or other trauma situation.

Section 5 describes the requirements needed for humane destruction for scientific purposes.

Section 6 are tables of appendices which give the minimum specifications for firearms and ammunition for the purposes of the Code as well as the location for a point of aim shot to the brain and heart.