

DONOR IMPACT REPORT 2024

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CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
OF VOICELESS



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Voiceless acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.





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A LETTER FROM ONDINE SHERMAN, VOICELESS CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

How do I recall the last twenty years of Voiceless and do it justice? Countless projects, talks, campaigns, reports, memories, and proud achievements. And too many wonderful team members, supporters and partners to name...

One of the facets that I am most proud of is how Voiceless has remained an intentional, small organisation, nimble and effective in adopting new ways to protect animals by quickly pivoting strategies and jumping on opportunities to create change. Over the years, we have employed diverse and complimentary approaches and methodologies all with the express aim of ending legalised cruelty to animals, as fast as possible.

Our in-depth reports “lifted the veil of secrecy” on industries and made their way into the hands of top lawyers, CEOs and politicians during parliamentary debates. Voiceless lobbied government for key law and policy reforms, planted and grew the field of Australian animal law (and hired Australia’s very first animal lawyer!) and toured the world’s most effective changemakers across the country as part of our long-running Voiceless Animal Law Lecture series. Including the late great Prof. Steven Wise, animal lawyer and founder of

the Nonhuman Rights Project. Today, members of our audiences, such as law students and seasoned lawyers, credit these Voiceless talks for turning them into life-long animal advocates.

Animals were absent from media platforms and there was virtually no coverage of factory farming or other cruel industries when Voiceless began. By engaging journalists through prizes and networks, Voiceless increased national media exposure of key animal issues. We bolstered animal protection values in the scientific community via the Australian Museum’s Eureka Prizes and spread animal protection messages to Australian visual arts and literature communities with arts events and publishing the Voiceless Anthology in partner with our Patron and Nobel laureate, J.M. Coetzee.

Voiceless presented to leading corporates, banks, and law firms on the importance of animal protection as part of their sustainability goals and campaigned for banning and ending cruel practices such as sow stalls, live export and battery cages. Our animal law education team built a national network of educators at law schools, implementing our unique animal law education programmes. We ran a national advertising campaign to end

factory farming, published the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI), an online index comparing global levels of government-sanctioned animal cruelty (with Australia shamefully last). And built and strengthened the Australian animal movement with \$2 million in seed funding and grants. Our Animal Protection Education programmes, the first of its kind, and are now used by thousands of students across schools in Australia and NZ.

Looking back at our twenty years, a few highlights for me personally were Voiceless’s 2015 groundbreaking report, The Life of the Dairy Cow, as I learned, together with my team, about the terrible suffering of mother cows and calves. Voiceless’s powerful printed ‘recipes’ in Australian top magazines detailing cruelty in pig, dairy and chicken industries; and our Animal Protection Education resource focusing on broiler chickens, a lesser known but key animal cruelty issue, also come to mind as proud moments of changing hearts and minds.

Today, I feel excited about new and emerging opportunities in the animal protection space. A raft of initiatives that enable win-wins across often opposing sectors. As part of our Voiceless Grants

Program, we are investing in solutions-based projects such as Farm Transitions Australia. The concept of transitions, now a global movement, helps farmers move from animal agriculture to plant-based industries, a win-win for all parties – animals, people and the environment.

Another example is plant-based food tech helping companies provide consumers with the product they love without animal cruelty, environmental cost or economic loss. That's a success for companies, animals and the environment. Voiceless Grantee, Vegan Friendly is excelling in this space, saving tens of thousands of hens in the battery egg industry with a simple animal-free revision, in partnership with a major food company, of a favourite retail cookie.

I'm also excited about co-existence work, as too often wildlife and humans are perceived to be in conflict with a devastating cost to animals who are often shot or cruelly poisoned. We are excited to work with Kangaroos Alive in the area of kangaroo-farmer co-existence, developing strategies that enable farmers to see profits at the same time as protecting animals.

Over the years we've been blessed with smart, thoughtful, kind team members, each of whom brought their gifts and some of whom have remained together with us today as part of our Board of Directors or community of supporters.

I want to acknowledge the great losses of my beloved father, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Brian Sherman AM as well as my dearest friend and colleague, Elaine Morris.

Without my wonderful father, Voiceless simply would not exist. Founding Voiceless together as a father-daughter team back in 2004, we formed a unique and true partnership and did not have a single disagreement about our vision, despite different styles and strategies. My father's passing in 2022 was a seismic, earth-shattering loss and I dedicate this anniversary report in his honour.

My other Voiceless partner for nearly twenty years was Elaine Morris, whose love for animals and devotion to Voiceless was unparalleled. In 2004, pregnant with my first child, Elaine jumped in to be my 'maternity-leave' and Voiceless' first team member. She proved her worth a million-fold, running Voiceless seamlessly as COO and never left. Elaine passed five years ago, and we miss her with all our hearts.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to continue working together with the wonderful Voiceless General Manager, Kate Grigg along with our Board of Directors, Advisory Group, pro-bono supporters and many other partners and allies to continue creating change for animals.

Twenty years ago, animals were suffering and dying in their billions due to human exploitation and violence and urgently needed our voice. They still are today, and we have a long hard road to continue. As on the first day that my father and I founded Voiceless, I do believe that together, we can and will make a difference. However, my aspiration is that our work to promote animal rights and flourishing will eventually create no need for Voiceless or other animal organisations. That may seem a utopian future, but it's in our reach.



Ondine Sherman
Voiceless Co-Founder and
Managing Director



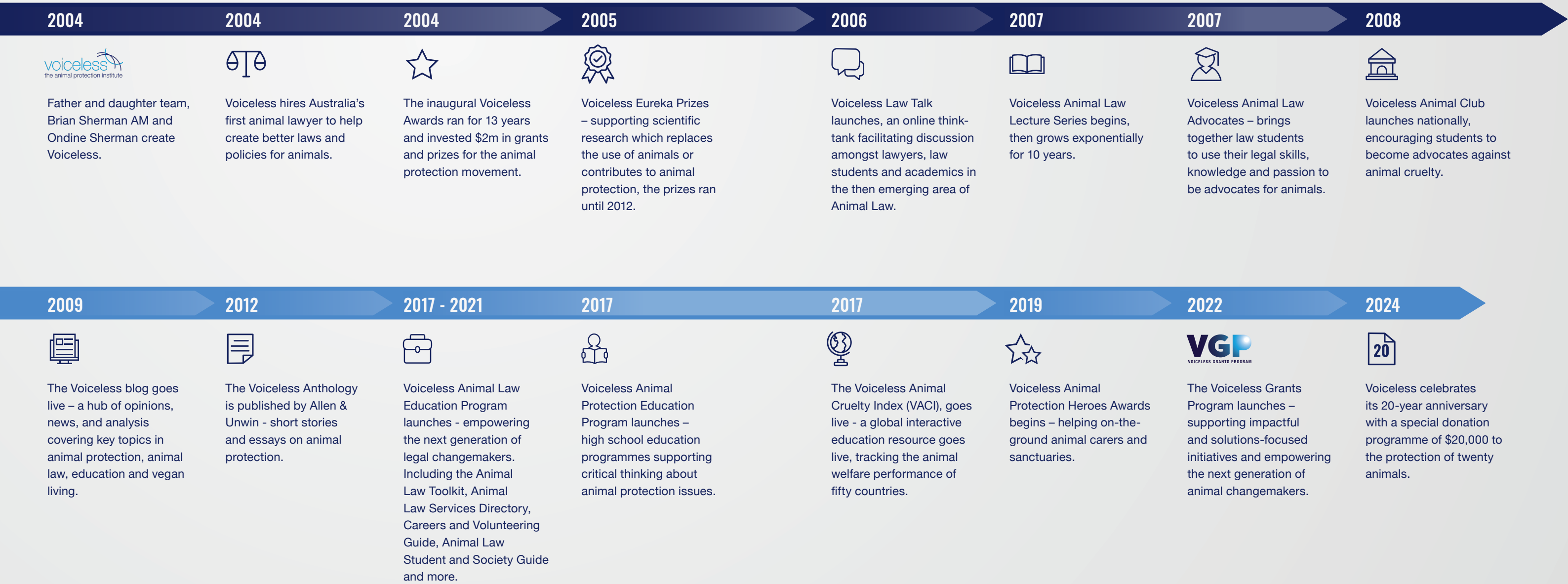
Brian Sherman AM
Voiceless Co-founder and hero for animals
1943-2022



Elaine
Voiceless Head of Operations
1969 - 2019

IN LOVING MEMORY

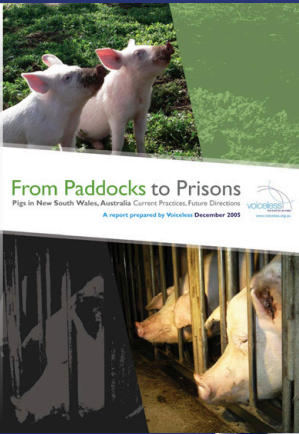
20 YEARS OF VOICELESS – A SELECTION OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST 2 DECADES



Voiceless's in-depth reports on key issues in animal protection and law provided detailed analyses, highlighting legislative gaps and offering recommendations for reforms. These reports served as essential resources for policymakers, legal professionals, and activists aiming to enhance animal welfare standards.

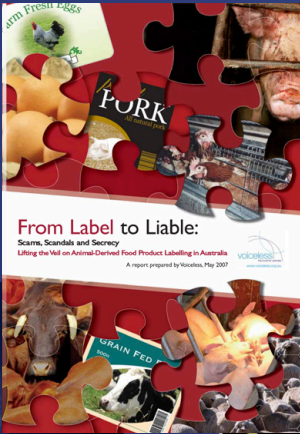
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From Paddocks to Prisons



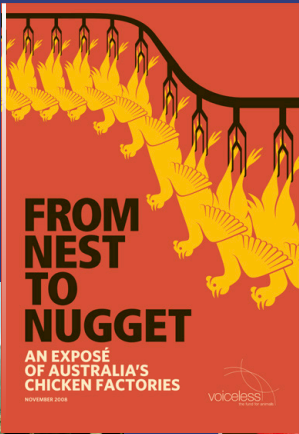
2007

From Label to Liable: Labelling Report



2008

From Nest to Nugget: An Expose of Australia's Chicken Factories



2013

Science and Sense: The Case for Abolishing Sow Stalls



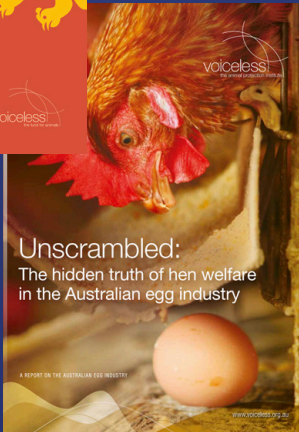
2015

The Life of a Dairy Cow: A Report of the Australian Dairy Industry



2017

Unscrambled: The Hidden Truth of Hen Welfare



Voiceless acknowledges that new animal advocacy strategies are required to achieve meaningful *change*



Kate Grigg, General Manager, reflects on the VGP



Kate Grigg
General Manager, Voiceless

The Voiceless Grants Program (VGP) has exceeded my expectations in terms of the value it plays for both the grant recipients and the animals we are all working for. By fulfilling a vital need within the animal protection movement with financial and trust-based support, the VGP allows animal advocates to realise their ideas and projects with the network, support system and encouragement they need to create real and lasting changes for animals. For me personally, Voiceless and the VGP allows me to contribute to protecting animals in a positive, uplifting, and solutions-led way.

Why the Voiceless Grants Program (VGP)?

New and different animal advocacy strategies are required to achieve meaningful change and address the root causes of animal exploitation that shape the world that we live in.

Eighty billion land animals and up to three trillion fishes are consumed globally each year and experience routine confinement, transport and slaughter. These sentient animals experience lives of abject suffering and deprivation through legalised and institutionalised cruelty. Millions more land animals are exploited for their fur and skins, or used for sports, trophies and other human entertainment with little concern as to their experiences.

A long history of anthropocentric values and speciesism has allowed humans to consider animals as property, things, killable, with little moral value or use beyond human desires.



Watch our explainer video about the Voiceless Grants Program (VGP)

What is our Theory of Change?

Voiceless invests in and empowers visionary people and transformative ideas to create positive change and reforms for animals in our social, political, and legal framework.

We encourage advocacy that challenges the status quo, increases critical thinking about deep-rooted, anti-animal beliefs and disrupts anthropocentric attitudes. Through this approach, we can reform systems of legalised animal exploitation and cruelty, and see animals begin to flourish on their own terms.



VOICELESS GRANTS PROGRAM – INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANIMAL CHANGEMAKERS

In the last 24 months, Voiceless has partnered with 40 unique, local and international organisations, **investing 100% of donations received**, to support a shared vision of ending the legalised cruelty of animals across many animal protection issues. These focus areas of investment and support included:

	<div>Humane and animal protection education</div> 	<div>Animal law and policy reform</div> 	<div>Social research</div> 	<div>Alternative protein food technology</div> 
<div>Non-animal derived fashion</div> 	<div>Farm transitions</div> 	<div>Human and animal co-existence</div> 	<div>Kangaroo and dingo protection</div> 	<div>Film and documentary making</div> 
<div>Global South animal advocacy</div> 	<div>Racing bans</div> 	<div>Live export</div> 	<div>Emergency grants</div> 	<div>20th anniversary donations recognising inspirational advocacy work for 20 animals</div> 

The Voiceless Grants Program inspires the next generation of changemakers for animals. Meet our visionary partners and the initiatives that are reforming our social, cultural and political systems.



2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Australian Alliance for Animals

As a core member, Voiceless supported the Australian Alliance for Animals policy reform program, intent on establishing a national and Independent Office of Animal Welfare to repair Australia’s broken animal welfare system and achieve beneficial reforms for Australian animals.



Photo credit: Australian Alliance for Animals

Little Oak Sanctuary

Creating a brighter future for animals through their empathy-based primary school education program and workshops - ‘The Compassionate Classroom.’

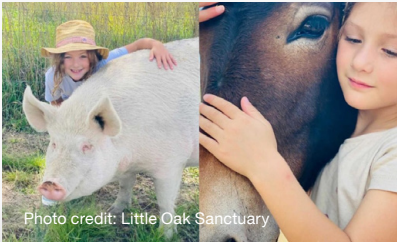


Photo credit: Little Oak Sanctuary

Israeli Human and Animal Institute

The impactful and youth-focused organisation, The Israeli Human and Animal Institute, developed the empathy-based ‘Animals with Us’ primary school coursework program with support from Voiceless. ‘Animals With Us’ encourages human and animal connection via video and web-based tools and has now been used as an educational tool in over 2,000 classrooms across Israel.



Farm Transitions Australia

Voiceless was proud to invest in the beginnings of the innovative, Farm Transitions Australia (FTA), who provide free assistance, tools, resources and business support services to animal-based farmers wanting to transition their farms and embrace new opportunities in plant-focused agriculture. 12 months on, FTA are undertaking their first two farm transitions with a beef and dairy farmer and creating a more compassionate future for animals, people and the planet.



2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Vegan Friendly

The Food Engineering project collaborates with food producers to replace animal products with plant-based alternatives in popular consumer products, maintaining taste, texture, appearance, and cost. By partnering with top food companies, the project has removed the use of animals from the supply chain for dozens of products. Over 1 million eggs from hens confined to the battery cage system and thousands of litres of cow’s milk from the dairy industry, have been eliminated so far. The project will continue to expand with more food manufacturers and products in 2024.



Alternative Proteins

Food Frontier, Australia’s preeminent alternative proteins research and advisory organisation, led the 2023 Alt Proteins CRC bid. This initiative aimed to solve challenges and unlock new opportunities to grow the alternative proteins market in Australia and help advance alternatives to animal products from industrial animal agriculture.



Collective Fashion Justice

‘Total Ethics Fashion’ by Emma Hakansson integrates animals into fashion sustainability discussions. This manifesto for the fashion industry prioritises the well-being of all animals and the planet over profit. It has gained acclaim both locally and internationally, with availability in major book retailers across Australia, the UK, and the US, translation into Italian, inclusion in major fashion education reading lists, and discussion at the 2024 Copenhagen Global Fashion Summit.



Kangaroos Alive

2023 World Kangaroo Day celebrated co-existence with kangaroos and our First Nations People’s perspectives on kangaroo protection and their cultural significance.

A partnership with organisation, Back to Country was cemented to drive education about the cultural significance of the kangaroo to First Nations Australians via the Yuin Declaration adoption across Australian councils and the Kangaroo Walks and Talks Program.

Media coverage of World Kangaroo Day 2023 reached an estimated audience of 25 million people.



The Pollination Project – African micro grants

Voiceless has been bolstering Africa’s nascent animal protection movement through our partner, The Pollination Project. Through a series of seed grants, the aim is to grow animal and plant-based advocacy in small, local communities, demonstrating that small changes lead to significant results.



Photo credit: The Pollination Project

Animalex

The world’s first global animal law educational resource library and network hub grows the animal law movement and recognises the increasingly important role lawyers are playing in advocating for and advancing animal rights. The collaboration between the Centre for Professional Legal Education at Bond University and the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School will launch in mid-2024 and will make animal law educational resources freely accessible to everyone and connect animal law teachers, researchers, advocates, attorneys, and students across the world.



Photo credit: Animalex

Nup to the Cup

The Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses and their 2023 Nup to the Cup campaign, encourages the celebration of horses instead of their exploitation. From humble beginnings in 2010, the Nup to the Cup movement has been gaining momentum and community support by successfully raising awareness about the inherent cruelty of horse racing.



Creating a Vegan World

Documentary, Creating a Vegan World spotlights the most effective strategies and ideas from animal advocates worldwide. Years in the making, film-makers Andrew Alexander and Sarah Martin have interviewed hundreds of global leaders in the vegan, plant-based health, and environmentalist movements and have identified the fastest ways to end the exploitation of animals and transition the world to sustainable plant-based agriculture. Currently in post production with a launch date coming soon.



2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Greyhound Protection

A coalition of greyhound protection organisations progressing strategies to influence public opinion and target state governments to commit to a ban on this cruel industry. This included commissioning consumer polling research to spotlight the negative consumer sentiment towards the greyhound racing industry and its ongoing receipt of government funding.



Photo credit: Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds

Defend the Wild

Defend the Wild’s documentary, *Native Pest*, examines the dual perception of dingoes in Australia as both pests and ecological stabilisers. The film explores the cultural significance of Australia’s indigenous canine and the tension between nature and agriculture.

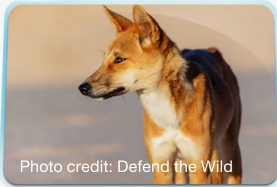


Photo credit: Defend the Wild

Farm Transitions Australia

Farm Transitions Australia’s commission of a National Dairy Farmer Survey spotlighted willingness of dairy farmers to consider animal-free futures. Over one-third of dairy farmers expressed a willingness to transition away from dairy farming. With Voiceless support, Farm Transitions Australia can offer farmers a pragmatic roadmap away from animal farming.



Australian Alliance for Animals

As another live export disaster unfolded, with 16,000 animals stranded on board the MV Bahijah in the heat of summer 2024, Voiceless joined and supported the Australian Alliance for Animals (and the broader End Live Sheep Exports working group) to continue lobbying for a national phase-out of the live sheep export industry and an Independent National Animal Welfare Commission. In May 2024, the Australian government announced that it would end this cruel trade by 1 May 2028.



Photo credit: Jo-Anne McArthur / Israel Against Live Shipments

Modern Agricultural Foundation

Bolstering outstanding female leadership within the Alt Proteins field through the Modern Agriculture Foundation (MAF). MAF are on a mission to accelerate the growth of the alternative protein ecosystem, foster high-impact innovation, spark entrepreneurship and nurture a collaborative community locally in Israel and globally. With 30% of the food tech sector led by women, and only 4% of these visionaries funded by venture capitalists, MAF is advancing the Alt Proteins ecosystem for females and creating the future of food.



Photo credit: Modern Agriculture Foundation

EMERGENCY GRANTS



City of Dogs, Ukraine

Came to the aid of impacted animals in war-torn Ukraine in 2022 to fund their monthly food, heating and medical costs.



Israel / Gaza

Rescuing animals from areas around the Israel/Gaza border for urgent needs, food and shelter. Grantees included SPCA Ramat Gan, Freedom 4 Animals, Sulala Animal Rescue and Starting Over Sanctuary.



Haytap, Turkey

Search and rescue operations, veterinary care and rehome and adoption work for displaced animals following the February 2023 earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.



Celebrating 20 Years Protecting 20 Animals



Donating \$20,000 to help twenty animals who routinely suffer from systemic and legalised human cruelty and exploitation. Twenty inspirational organisations and advocates received \$1,000 as a token of our appreciation for their outstanding advocacy work and contribution towards protecting a dedicated animal.




















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Let the Ladies Go | 9.  Sheep
Lamb Care Australia | 16.  Chimpanzees
Jane Goodall
Institute Australia |
| 3.  Dogs
Oscar's Law | 10.  Wild Cats
Coalition Against
1080 Poison | 17.  Orangutans
Wildlife Justice
Commission |
| 4.  Dolphins
Action for Dolphins | 11.  Pigs
Contented Pig Inn | 18.  Camels
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Liberation NSW |
| 5.  Donkeys
Starting Over | 12.  Bears
Animals Asia | 19.  Kangaroos
Red Box
Wildlife Shelter |
| 6.  Dingoes
Dingo Culture | 13.  Goats
Furever Farm | 20.  Horses
Animal
Defender's Office |
| 7.  Ducks
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Aquatic Life Institute | |

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RESPONSE TO OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY DONATION INITIATIVE



Congratulations on an incredible milestone of 20 years, Voiceless has been a huge personal inspiration of mine for many years and I have been in awe of you and your team's commitment and compassion, advocating for the protection of animals. Being selected as one of the first 10 organisations to receive support as part of Voiceless's 20th-anniversary celebration is an immense honour, and we feel incredibly privileged to be a part of this milestone.

Phoebe Wisken
Companion Cows

Many thanks to Voiceless for the donation and for all the very important work Voiceless has done since Brian and Ondine started the organisation 20 years ago.

Laurie Levy
Coalition Against Duck Shooting

Awesome news, especially awesome when it comes from such a respected organization like Voiceless.

Tania Daykin
Let the Ladies Go

Congratulations on reaching the incredible milestone of 20 years of impactful work assisting animals. It's truly an honour to have been one of the 20 charities you have chosen to support. The dedication and commitment you've shown over the years have undoubtedly made a profound difference in the lives of countless animals, and we're privileged to be part of your journey. I want you to know that Voiceless holds a special place in my heart, and I truly value everything you do. Your friendship and supportive ear over the last 18 months have been invaluable to me.

Krystal Camilleri
Companion Cows

On behalf of everyone here at Animal Liberation and the Coalition Against 1080 Poison, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for selecting us as the recipient of this very generous donation. Your support means the world to us, and will make a significant difference in our work, particularly in supporting families who have lost loved ones to 1080 poison and our lobbying efforts to secure a national ban on its use.

Alex Vince
Coalition Against 1080 Poison

Your donation means we can continue to rescue the last 250 bears still languishing on bile farms in Vietnam, and will help us to achieve our goal of ending bear bile farming in Vietnam by 2026. Thank you to the moon and back!"

Jill Robinson MBE
Animals Asia

This is fantastic news, thanks so much to you, Ondine, and the whole team at Voiceless. This donation will go such a long way in our work to protect dolphins.

Hannah Tait
Action for Dolphins

We greatly appreciate your support and are honoured to be included in this initiative.

Catalina López Salazar
Aquatic Life Institute

Thank you sincerely for the recognition of our work for the Uluru camels, and with the NT Government now agreeing to a review of the NT Act and Regulations, for all NT animals. Your generous donation will go directly towards our camels campaign work which will continue to gear upwards.

Lisa Ryan
Animal Liberation NSW

We deeply appreciate all the support Voiceless has given us to continue our work towards protecting both dingoes and crocodiles.

Alix Livingstone and Caitie Wilson
Defend the Wild

Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of Voiceless. We are honoured to be selected as one of the 20 organisations to receive this gift.

Wildlife Justice Commission Team

We at Furever Farm feel it is an amazing achievement for Voiceless reaching 20 important years, and we cannot thank your organisation enough for what it does for the animals. Your recognition of sanctuaries and animal advocate organisations is truly inspirational.

Darren and Hayley Appleby
Founders, Furever Farm

To receive this recognition and donation is a real boost! My team and I love pigs beyond measure, and we hope our contribution will help change some hearts and minds. I have attached a photo of our Belly who was the victim of the "mini pig" breeders. She was starved for 5 years, and it almost cost her her life. She is now a very happy and healthy girl, even if somewhat out of proportion.

Kathie Anderson
Contented Pig Inn

I thank you with all my heart for giving a light to shine to the cultural perspective and advocacy work of the dingo.

Sonya Takau
Dingo Culture

As we love to keep reminding people, the Animal Defenders Office is only here thanks to Voiceless, who supported us with our founding grant back in December 2013!

Tara Ward
Managing Solicitor
Animal Defenders Office

It's a great honour for us! The donation will help us a lot, especially during this time. Today, we have over 800 donkeys in the shelter who were saved from hard labour and were badly abused.

Sharon Cohen
Starting Over Sanctuary

Your gift allows our rescue of caged bears to go on - which is particularly relevant today given our agreement with the Vietnam government to end bear bile farming and rescue all the remaining bears. As they say, how can the farms be closed without anywhere to actually home the bears, and hence why the urgency to construct our second sanctuary in Vietnam, and see this truly dreadful industry become a thing of the past.

Jill Robinson MBE
Animals Asia

What a wonderful email to enjoy my morning cuppa over. Eleven joeys fed, the teens enjoying some supplement feed and our local liberty mob have arrived on the front lawn to also enjoy a breakfast buffet that we lay out each morning at 4 am. Mr Boo hasn't made a cameo yet as he'll be waiting for the last of his family to come home. Once the breakfast rush is over, everyone heads to the 60 acres of bushland behind our house to sleep the day away. My days start in a bubble of magic.

Last year Mr Boo was hit by a car but managed to drag himself a great distance to get home. He came looking for help and spent 3.5 months in front of our fire as he recovered. After years of freedom, he has not forgotten the warmth of that fire and with a chill in the air at dawn, it's not unlike him to be at the back door looking for an invitation in. He moves between worlds seamlessly, never forgetting his kin or human family. He is our inspiration and I will be proud to tell him that once again, his program has been seen and is appreciated. Without him, the program may never have even been thought of. So full credit to this young man (8-9 years old). ... I really want to thank you SO very much for considering us and offering us such a generous donation. Every cent will be funnelled back into the care and education of the kangaroo people.

Nikki Medwell
Red Box Wildlife Shelter

HOW VOICELESS IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hear from our community of animal changemakers about how Voiceless has made the work desperately needed for animals, a reality.



Krystal Camilleri

Founder and Director
Farm Transitions Australia

Without the support of organisations like Voiceless, our mission and our work with farmers would be a far-off dream. With the grant that we have received from Voiceless, I'm proud to announce that we have just commenced our first farm transition, supporting a beef farmer in New South Wales, transitioning him away from farming and into an Agritourism business model. We're also looking at a sanctuary for his beautiful 800 Angus cattle. Voiceless, thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in our work and helping us as we support Aussie farmers as they pave the way towards a more sustainable and ethical future for Australia.

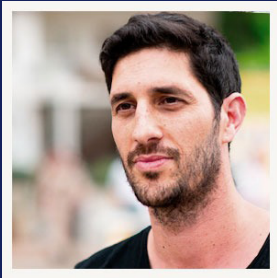


Emma Hakansson

Founder and Director
Collective Fashion Justice

Without the support of Voiceless and its Grants Program, it would not have been possible to publish Total Ethics Fashion. This book is a manifesto for my charity, Collective Fashion Justice (CFJ), and invites people to endorse a future fashion system that protects people, our fellow animals and the planet before profit. It highlights the reality that without ending the oppression of animals in fashion, other interconnected harms facing people and our shared planet will not end, either.

For small charities like CFJ, grants from Voiceless are so important, and make the work that we know is critically needed a reality.



Omri Paz

Founder and CEO
Vegan Friendly

We want to thank Voiceless for their generous support. Although Vegan Friendly is an international and established organisation, their support of our Food Engineering project was extremely impactful. Due to their support, we were able to veganise four products, making veganism more accessible and saving a total of 300,000 eggs every year. We are extra excited to take the knowledge from our project in Israel and share it with other organisations in the world.

On top of that, we have to say that there are many grants that have a very inefficient process that takes a lot of time and resources out of the grantees. This is not the case with Voiceless. Their grant process was very efficient. They knew to ask us all the right questions, making the process very professional on the one hand but efficient on the other hand.

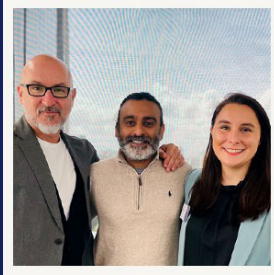
During the whole process, Kate and Ondine were wonderful. They were very clear on their side about what they were looking for and gave lots of great feedback and constructive criticism.



Kate Clere

Founder and Director
Kangaroos Alive

Kangaroos Alive are a not for profit that coordinate a global movement for the ethical treatment of kangaroos. Each year Kangaroos Alive host World Kangaroo Day - an international day of celebration that acts as a conduit for animal advocates, indigenous nations, wildlife carers, conservations, biologists, educators and animal lovers to raise public awareness for kangaroos. The Voiceless support for World Kangaroo Day ensures all these voices for kangaroos are heard, with a special focus on First Nations Voices through the Yuin Declaration for Kangaroos Program that creates a foundation for World Kangaroo Day and our ongoing work. Programs such as the Kangaroo Walks and Talks, Co-existing with Kangaroos and the campaign to end the importation of kangaroo body parts into the EU, have all benefited from the support of Voiceless. Kangaroos Alive thank Voiceless for enabling us to challenge and change the outdated colonial narrative that exploits and disards kangaroos - to one of co-existing, caring and appreciating our wildlife.



The Animalex Team

Professor Nick James (Bond University),
Dr Raj Reddy (Centre For Animal Law
Studies) and Dr Meg Good (Bond University)

The grant support from Voiceless for the Animalex collaboration between the Center for Animal Law Studies (CALS) at Lewis & Clark Law School in the United States and Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLE) at Bond University in Australia will help support our development of the world's first open-access online animal law education resource library and networking hub.

Through increasing access to critical animal law resources and educational materials such as course syllabi, lesson plans, presentations, assessments, and more, Animalex will empower animal law advocates, educators, and scholars and educate and inspire members of the general public.

The Voiceless Grants Program provides valuable support that helps make initiatives like Animalex possible. We are grateful to Voiceless not only for its grant support but also for its commitment to our collective belief in the transformative power of animal law education. We believe that by connecting animal lawyers around the world and opening up access to animal law education to the public, Animalex can help create important stepping stones towards improved animal protection around the globe.



GIVING TO THE ANIMALS

“Angel donor”, Lara Goodridge speaks about her lifelong affinity with and understanding of animals, and how human violence and cruelty towards them inspires her giving.

What was the catalyst for your interest in animal protection?

I tried to become vegetarian at the age of 6 or 7 when my Dad made a joke about a truckload of lovely sheep driving alongside us being on their way to becoming lamb kebabs. It was the first time I really put it together. The horror. Those beautiful, innocent animals on their way to slaughter. I didn't succeed in staying vegetarian then, but I did from 15 onwards. I stopped wearing leather and started a life of more mindfully choosing as little violence against animals as I could in my life. I love being around animals. There is a purity to their existence that is both innocent and wise. Our cruelty towards them is deeply disturbing to me.

How would describe Voiceless to others?

I would describe Voiceless as a visionary organisation who you can trust to do the hard work, and the most valuable work possible through research and action.

What inspired your gift to Voiceless?

Voiceless has been one of the most impressive and exciting organisations in animal protection in the last two decades. There is a meticulously researched approach to everything they do that is incredibly inspiring and exciting to watch, and the scope of their work over this time has been vast. Most recently, getting behind other working organisations who are equally dedicated to the welfare of animals is such a great way of strengthening existing work being done out there. Empowering these smaller organisations to build on their skills and resources seems to me to be a clever way of exchanging knowledge and skills. It feels like a very practical and resourceful way of expanding the networks of like-minded people with the common aim of reducing animal harm, both locally and globally.

What do you see as the most important changes needed to ensure our vision of a just, equitable world where animals can flourish?

We as humans have chosen dominion over the earth over cooperation and collaboration. As a result, we have denuded our landscapes and created a violent world to both the environment, and to those who live on it. We must see ourselves as part of an ecology, rather than as overlords, exploiting the land and all our inhabitants.

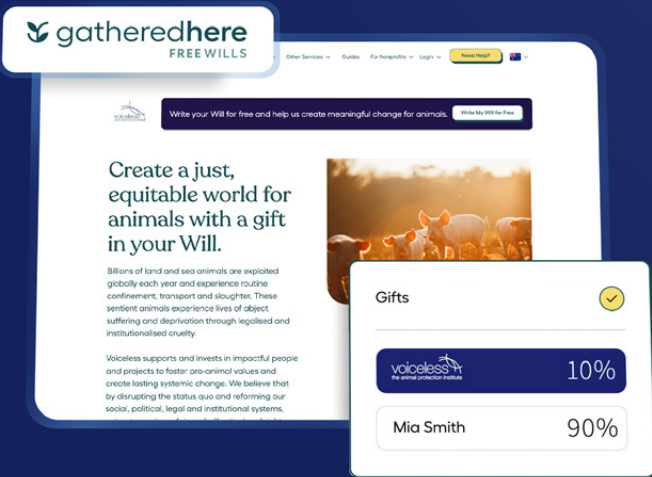


“ If we can understand that animals experience the world in many ways that humans do, that they feel fear, pain, sadness, and joy, then we would want them to experience joy and freedom in their lives. ”

CREATE A JUST, EQUITABLE WORLD FOR ANIMALS WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

By leaving a bequest to Voiceless, after providing for family and loved ones, you are making a powerful commitment that will help us change the future for animals for the better, for generations to come.

The road that leads to a better world for animals is long, and we are determined not to stray from it. The animals need us now more than ever so whether large or small, your gift will be valued greatly, and your kindness and compassion will endure.



How do I include Voiceless in my Will?

We recommend that wills and trusts be prepared by a professional legal advisor. This ensures that your exact intentions are followed.

If you would like to change your existing Will to include Voiceless, you can do so by adding a codicil. Your legal advisor will be able to assist with this as well.

If you have a simple estate, you can also write your Will for free with Gathered Here, our trusted online Will provider. It only takes 10 minutes to complete your Will and you will receive unlimited updates for life. By pledging a gift to Voiceless in your Will, you can help progress our work towards a just, equitable world for animals into the future.

Create your Will at no cost:

Create your Will online now, for free!

Or if you would like to speak with our Voiceless team directly, please don't hesitate to contact Kate Grigg, our Voiceless General Manager, at info@voiceless.org.au or on 02 9357 0723.

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20 YEARS HIGHLIGHTS AND MEMORIES

When I reflect on Voiceless's accomplishments over the past two decades I am most proud of our efforts to build the animal law movement and inspire a generation of lawyers to advocate, litigate and legislate for animal protection. When Voiceless was established in 2004, there were no law schools teaching animal law and few lawyers specialising in animal protection. As a result of Voiceless's initiatives over the past two decades, including our strategic engagement with key members of the legal profession, animal law is now taught across Australia and there are many new opportunities for lawyers who wish to dedicate their career to advancing the interests of animals. Although there is still much to be done, Voiceless's work has seeded many leaders in animal law and helped ensure that this field continues to gather momentum for decades to come.

Katrina Sharman

Voiceless Director and
first Legal Counsel for Voiceless

It was my privilege to assist Voiceless for many years in its endeavours on behalf of our suffering, voiceless animal cousins. During this time, I enjoyed the friendship of Brian Sherman, whom I grew to admire enormously for the passion and energy he threw into the organisation they created out of nothing. Voiceless has now passed into the capable hands of Ondine Sherman, who continues her father's work tirelessly. Though they are entirely unconscious of Brian, of Ondine, of Voiceless and the various associates of Voiceless, there are thousands and millions of animals whose load has been lightened, even if only slightly, because of the selfless efforts of these good human beings.

J.M. Coetzee

Novelist, literary critic and Voiceless Patron, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, a two-time winner of the Booker Prize and winner of the Christina Stead Prize for Fiction in the 2010 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

Congratulations to Voiceless on their 20-year anniversary. The one change during that time that stands out is Voiceless' amazing record in promoting the teaching of animal law. Twenty years ago, there was one university offering animal law, and at present there are more than 20 universities in Australia and New Zealand offering subjects in animal law at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels, largely due to the efforts of Voiceless. In tandem with the growth of animal law studies, Voiceless hosted a lecture series showcasing renowned speakers such as Steven Wise, the Honourable Micheal Kirby and Gillian Triggs. This further served to raise the profile of animal law and its importance in protecting animals. Voiceless also hosted an annual teaching seminar series, which became the catalyst for the establishment of AALTRA Inc (The Australasian Animal Law Teachers' and Researchers' Association). Voiceless has gone from strength to strength and taken the animal law movement with it.

Assoc Prof Sophie Riley

Voiceless Grants Advisor,
animal law professor

VOICELESS PATRON

Billions of sentient animals still suffer in the unspeakably cruel conditions of factory farming systems. If we don't speak out on their behalf this will never change. In this respect the work of Voiceless in school education, animal law, and capacity building in the animal protection movement, has been invaluable. Voiceless is challenging the inhumane practices of industry, raising public awareness, and advancing much needed legal protections in Australia. I am proud to be a Voiceless Patron and congratulate them on twenty years of speaking out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE

Founder
The Jane Goodall Institute,
UN Messenger of Peace and
Voiceless Patron



Photo: Vincent Calmel

20 YEARS HIGHLIGHTS AND MEMORIES

I am delighted to see Voiceless supporting Farm Transitions Australia. Having trained in agriculture, I know that farmers are only doing what the market wants. Helping farmers to transition from low welfare, inefficient, polluting animal production systems to efficient and ethical plant production systems is vital in today's world. Voiceless has shared the vision to transition farmers gently down this path, without regulation, without condemnation and without the financial hardship of declining markets for commodities such as wool. Thank you Voiceless for your commitment to helping farmers to produce our food and fibre ethically, by supporting a brave organisation that assists farmers who share this vision.

Prof Clive Phillips

Voiceless Grants Advisor,
animal welfare scientist

Voiceless has provided tremendous support for the protection of wild kangaroos by supporting investigative research, journalism, awareness campaigns, documentary filming, and international lobbying about the kangaroo industry. Consequently, the total number of commercially killed kangaroos has decreased by a third to half of the previous levels; national sentiment has shifted against the commercial killing of kangaroos; and traditional animal protection organizations now recognise the brutal killing of joeys.

Dr Dror Ben-Ami

Voiceless Director,
wildlife ecologist

Voiceless has been absolutely integral in building and supporting animal law education in Australia over the past two decades. At a time when animal law wasn't well known in the legal profession or in the public eye, Voiceless gave its unwavering support to an endless list of animal law initiatives that catapulted animal law into the legal education mainstream. Voiceless has always understood that through educating the next generation of law and policy experts we can help transform the unacceptable way animals are classified and treated under the law in Australia.

Dr Meg Good

Voiceless Director



VOICELESS PATRON

I am proud to join with others in paying tribute to the magnificent work done by Voiceless in the 20 years of its remarkable life.

Brian was a most remarkable human being. He was a canny businessman; an experienced leader of civil society; and yet a kind and gentle human being.... He turned that human gentleness into action when he helped to create Voiceless.

As Patron, I would attend many events and hear the struggles where Voiceless became a moral compass for Australia.

On live sheep exports. On barbaric chicken farming. On sow stalls. On protests against cruel farming practices. On shifts from dairy milk and so on.

I gave up eating meat and poultry, out of conviction, conveyed to me by Voiceless. I rejected burgers and bacon. And also dairy milk. I shifted to soy. It changed my life and that of many others. I know it has helped to change Australia. There is more to be done. Self-satisfaction was never Brian Sherman's attitude to Voiceless or life. I look forward to participating in the courage of Voiceless to challenge the future. So should we all!

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG

Voiceless Patron and Former Justice
of the High Court of Australia

2024 AND BEYOND

Voiceless has been delighted to see the overwhelming response to the launch of our Grants Program in early 2022 and its placement as the leading grants program for animal protection in Australia. The strategic role Voiceless plays within the animal protection movement was authenticated, seeing the number of applications received and the quality of applications made by Australian and international organisations. Through our trust-based philanthropy model, Voiceless has met the unmet needs of passionate and inspiring animal advocates who require financial support, partnership and networks to create and maintain their transformative work for animals.

In 2024 and beyond, Voiceless will continue directing 100% of all donations received into its annual funding pool to maintain its dedicated and solutions-focused Grants Program, aligning with its vision and objectives. This will continue to add to Voiceless's previous \$2.25 million of grants that helped capacity-build the animal protection movement over the last 20 years.

We aim to continue advancing animal rights and leveraging, empowering and strengthening the animal protection movement. Critical areas such as humane education, animal law and policy reform remain true to our core values, and we are excited to support new and emerging strategies such as solutions-focused alternatives to animal use including food tech, farmer transition programmes, the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in animal protection and, human and animal co-existence ideas and projects.

The Voiceless Grants Program will continue to be overseen by Voiceless Co-Founder Ondine Sherman, Voiceless General Manager Kate Grigg, and our Grants Advisory Committee, comprised of some of Australia's most prominent animal lawyers, scientists, and advocates, as well as the Board of Directors.

We look forward to sharing our announcements and impact stories from past, present and future grant recipients through our regular email communications, social media platforms and website updates. With your continued support, Voiceless will strategically fund the most impactful and vital animal protection initiatives, which have significant potential to make positive changes to the lives of animals.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to join our solutions-focused donor community or provide support through pro bono assistance.



We support impactful initiatives to create a just, equitable world where animals can flourish





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