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## FACT SHEET

### Kangaroo Meat – A Raw Deal

Consumers are misinformed or do not know the truth about the kangaroo meat processing industry.

Wildlife Advocate believes that no true Australian would purchase or partake of kangaroo meat if they knew the whole truth.

This fact sheet summaries the truth about kangaroo meat products.

**Perception:** There are too many kangaroos.

**Truth:** Kangaroo numbers have halved in the last three years and are now the lowest since 1985.

**Perception:** Kangaroos are slaughtered humanely.

**Truth:** Every night at least 5,000 joeys will be bludgeoned to death, decapitated or left to die of starvation.

**Truth:** The RSPCA objects to the slaughter of kangaroos in its current format.

**Perception:** Kangaroo meat is safe.

**Truth:** Once shot, kangaroos can be left in the open for up to 14 hours without processing or refrigeration.

**Truth:** Kangaroo meat is subject to a different set of standards than those that apply to other meats. If the normal standards were to apply, kangaroo meat would be condemned.

**Truth:** Kangaroo meat contains toxins and biologicals that can not be identified post-mortem and require ante-mortem inspection of animal behaviour to identify potential problems. However, there is no ante-mortem inspection of kangaroos by trained food inspectors.

**Perception:** Kangaroos are farmed.

**Truth:** Kangaroos are taken from the wild, shot at night whilst grazing. Those who profit from kangaroos do not feed, raise or care for kangaroos.

**For more information on any one of these truths, see the separate fact sheets available on the Wildlife Advocate website [www.wildlifeadvocate.com](http://www.wildlifeadvocate.com)**