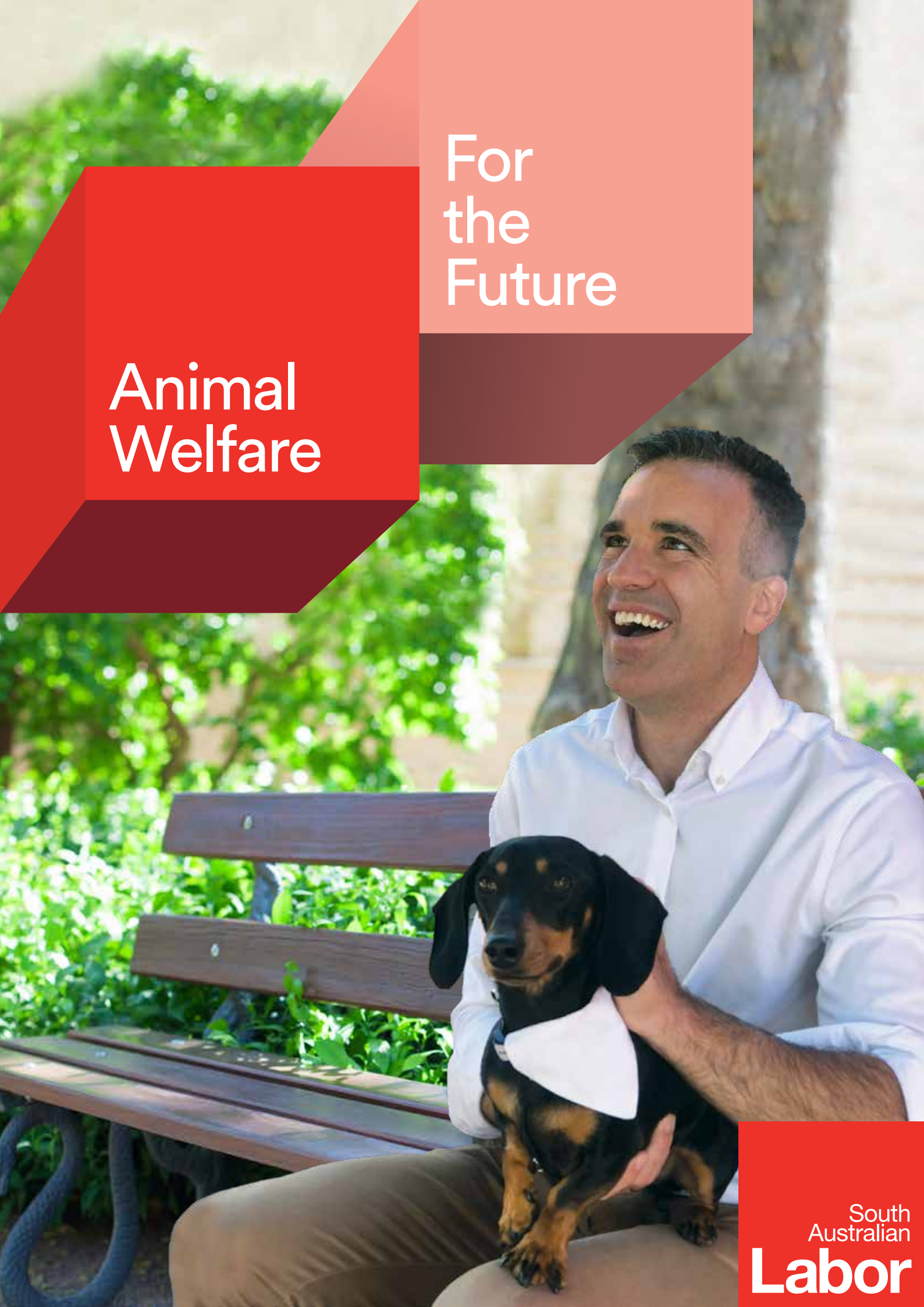


For
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Future

Animal
Welfare



South
Australian
Labor



Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

Foreword

South Australians have always loved animals, and the pandemic has served to remind us still more about the importance of companion animals in our lives. Labor recognises that community expectations and standards are changing and we all need to ensure that not only the law, but enforcement of the law are keeping up.

Animals depend on us to treat them with kindness and compassion.

A Malinauskas Labor government will:

- ▶ Update the Animal Welfare Act to ensure it reflects community expectations to protect animals.
- ▶ Ban puppy factories, the cruel practice of breeding dogs to sell the puppies while keeping the mothers in cramped conditions. When you get a new dog for the family, you deserve to know that the puppy came from a healthy and cared for mother.
- ▶ Establish standards for shelters so that they are offering the best care to the animals they rescue, and so that animals are able to be rehomed into loving families

- ▶ Review the practice of hunting for native birds which are not overabundant pests.
- ▶ Increase the funding to the RSPCA by \$1m over four years to enforce animal welfare laws: it is unacceptable to ask a charity to enforce laws without sufficient resources.
- ▶ Introduce a personalised vehicle license plate “The Koala State”, passing on the additional funds to native fauna rescue organisations who look after injured and orphaned native animals. These wonderful people deserve our support.



Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader





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Strong Laws: Strong enforcement

Companion animals and livestock are an integral part of our lives: as company, for protection and providing food and materials. We all share responsibility for making sure they are treated well, with respect and without suffering.

Labor will ensure that the laws governing animal treatment stay up to date with community expectations. The last time there was a complete review of the Animal Welfare Act was in 2007 – it's time to refresh it. Labor will undertake comprehensive community consultation to check how the laws are working and how they might be improved.

We also recognise there is no point in having strong laws if they are not being enforced, **that is why Labor will** increase funding to the RSPCA so that animal welfare inspections can be undertaken in time and thoroughly.

Puppy explosion from seize dogs

THE number of dogs seized by the RSPCA from an Adelaide Hills “puppy farm” is likely to double because so many were pregnant at the time of the raid.

Sunday Mail | 7/7/13

A dozen dogs, including puppies, rescued from squalid property in Salisbury

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Banning puppy factories

A glaring example of intolerable cruelty is the puppy factories where female dogs are forced to breed year after year and are kept in cages all their lives, crammed in filthy conditions.

Labor will eradicate puppy factories and will prevent any such operations setting up in South Australia.

A Malinauskas Labor government will:

- ✓ Ensure standards governing commercial breeding of companion animals in South Australia are at least as strict as any jurisdiction in the nation so there is no incentive for unscrupulous operators to move here to establish their cruel operations.
- ✓ Introduce a cap on dog numbers in commercial breeding facilities and a limit on how many litters a dog can have.
- ✓ Introduce a limit on the number of breeding females in commercial kennels to be no more than the most strict state in Australia.

ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP ACCUSED OF GROSS CRUELTY

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A RSPCA rescuer says she has found a puppy of more than 20 weeks, charges in the case of the alleged puppy farm in Salisbury. The dog was found in a squalid property in Salisbury.

RSPCA rescuers have found a puppy of the same breed and size, along with another, in a squalid property in Salisbury. The dog was found in a squalid property in Salisbury.



Photograph: Oscar

Recreational hunting of native birds

Labor recognises the concerns of many people about recreational hunting of native birds which are not overabundant and will hold an inquiry into this practice.

Increasing penalties for dog theft

Recognising how important dogs are to their human families, and the threat of dog-napping arising from spiraling prices, Labor will introduce increased penalties to deter dog theft.

Ensuring standards in shelters and transparency on euthanasia

There are many caring shelters taking in unwanted companion animals. There are occasionally shelters that become overwhelming for the people running them, and sometimes the animals in the shelters are not kept in adequate conditions.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

- ✔ Work respectfully with shelters to create a licence system with appropriate conditions for standards so that everyone who takes an animal to a shelter for rehoming and care can be confident that they will be treated well.
- ✔ Work with those shelters that euthanise rescued animals to be sure that the conditions for euthanasia are what the community would expect: a last resort, done without suffering and with reporting for transparency.

Be a Koala Mate: Get a Koala State Plate

Labor will create personalised “Koala State” car plates for an additional \$50. All of that money will go to rescue organisations who rescue and rehome SA’s native animals.





