

# Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

1892 – 1955

## Details

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The Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals dropped the word “Animals” from its title in 1892. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty inspectors worked voluntarily as probation officers until 1912, when the inspectors of the State Children Department took over these duties. The Council of the Society, following a close study of the ill-treatment of children, prepared a Bill to assist with their protection. The Bill was “shelved” several times in the Legislative Council. Finally, in 1896 the *Children’s Protection Act* became law and consequently, the ill-treatment of children in Queensland became a penal offence.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (1876 - 1892)
  - **Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty (1892 – 1955)**
    - Royal Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty (1955 - 1981)
    - Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Queensland (1981 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Legislation

- [Children's Protection Act 1896, Queensland \(1896 - 1966\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Home Secretary's Office, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland \(1 December 1911 - 5 December 1935\)](#)

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### Resources

- [Cruelty Prevention Society Protest](#), Brisbane Courier, 19 July 1927

## Records

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- [Registers of Wages Collected on Behalf of Female State children - Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty \(1899 - 1909\)](#)
  - [Registers of Adopted Children - Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty \(1917 - 1918\)](#)
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