

I, Kate Kramara,  
petition which contains 695 signatures.

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### **Minimum penalties for animal abuse under the Animal Welfare Act 2002**

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

share concern, distress and disappointment as a community in the minimum penalties for animal abuse in the Animal Welfare Act 2002, and the penalties applied to recent cases of animal abuse. In February 2022 a man was convicted of brutally and savagely assaulting his dog, Red, in Katanning. The attack went on for 5 minutes, with CCTV footage also shared on social media. The penalty was 9 months community service and a 3 year ban on owning animals. In addition to this incident, there have been other cases in the last month alone in WA including neglect cases in Guildford and Midland, and a case in Kelmscott where a dog was tied up outside in 41 degree heat, with no shelter or water, resulting in a painful and long death.

Now we ask the Legislative Council to support a review of the Animal Welfare Act 2002, specifically the minimum penalties for animal abuse as per sections 19(1) and 19(2). The minimum penalties in the Act, and the penalties applied in the Katanning assault and neglect cases in Guildford and Midland, are too lenient and not appropriate to the magnitude of assault that occurred.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray