

Chris McIntyre

From: Chris McIntyre
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2009 9:49 a.m.
To: 'Neil Wells'
Subject: Complaint - The Animal Welfare Institute Of New Zealand (CC11235)

Dear Neil

I refer to our recent correspondence relating to a complaint received by the Charities Commission relating to The Animal Welfare Institute Of New Zealand (AWINZ).

In a letter to the Complainant dated 13 August 2009 the Commission -

1. Advised it was satisfied that the registration of AWINZ is valid;
2. Noted the orders of the Court against Grace Haden;
3. Advised AWINZ was entitled to take legal proceedings under the Deed of Trust;
4. Noted the Court made orders in favour of AWINZ but neither damages nor costs have been paid;
5. Advised AWINZ noted that there is no requirement to disclose details of grants made for research;
6. Noted that AWINZ had advised that the grant of \$5750 funded research into measuring stress levels in animals kept in custody for long periods;
7. Noted that AWINZ had advised that the capital sum of the Lord Dowding Fund was \$90,000, at the end of 2007 accumulated interest amounted to \$8208, that this amount was credited to the AWINZ general account in 2008 and the \$90,000 was reinvested.
8. Advised it would not be taking the matter any further.

In relation to your advice regarding the grant of \$5750 paid from the Lord Dowding Fund interest of \$8208 (which was credited to the AWINZ general account), the Commission asks whether interest from the Lord Dowding Fund capital sum should be credited to a Lord Dowding Fund general account and payments be made from that account. This would ensure the Lord Dowding Fund funds are not merged with AWINZ's general funds, unless this is permitted, and the financial accounts would then show the total Lord Dowding Fund funds invested and available to be disbursed.

We appreciate your co-operation in addressing the complaint.

Yours sincerely

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