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Subject: Submission from Save-A-Dog scheme

Consultation of the Definition of a Charity

The Board of Taxation

I write in support of the submission from the Save-A-Dog scheme re the definition of a charity in relation to that organisation's activities and their status as a charitable organisation.

The Save-A-Dog scheme fulfills the important aspects of a definition in that it is not for profit, provides for a need in the community and serves the public's interests.

Companion dogs play a significant role in the support of many groups in the community, especially children, the aged and infirm, single people. Dogs are often abandoned through no fault of their own, and require care and placement with families who benefit from their companionship. To rescue and care for animals who have been reared by and owned by members of the community would seem to be a community responsibility, and also in the common interest.

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