

OFFICIAL WARNING UNDER SECTION 75A OF THE CHARITIES ACT 2011

Under the power in section 75A(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 the Charity Commission for England and Wales (“the Commission”) issues the following

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to

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) 219099

1. In this Official Warning:

“the Council” means the Council of the charity, the council members being the charity trustees; and

“the officers” means the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of the charity, who are members of the Council.

2. On the grounds that the Charity Commission considers that the officers of the charity at the time of the relevant decisions committed a breach of trust or duty or misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity in relation to:

- A failure by the officers to comply with their duty to ensure they were sufficiently informed before making a decision about the settlement to the former Acting Chief Executive;
- Failure to act with reasonable care and skill in relation to the negotiation with the former Acting Chief Executive.

Action that the Commission considers should be taken to rectify the misconduct or mismanagement or breach of trust

- The Council must adhere to the charity’s code of conduct;
- There should be formal training for council members to ensure they are fully aware of their responsibilities as charity trustees;
- The Council should implement the recommendations of the independent report. It must be brought to the attention of all the trustees.