



Interim Constitution

(To be added to and aligned with NPO requirements for South Africa)

This document will always be a work in progress and will be the result of a negotiated consensus between Alliance member organisations, who will have input into ANY aspect of the Custodian Alliance organisation. Everything is negotiable and decided by members by democratic vote.

Purpose of the Alliance

To act as a collective in respect of South African 'pro-life' domestic animal welfare 'big picture' issues having a long-term perspective and a wider ambit than is possible within a single animal welfare organisation. Initiatives focusing on legislative, political, regulatory and precedural issues within the domestic animal welfare sector would include but not be limited to the following:

1. Phased approach to establishing and policing domestic animal sterilisation legislation.
2. The establishment of a 'pro-life' Inspectorate and Inspector Development School.
3. Strengthen the Animal Protection Act, raising the bar as close to the Custodian Rule as possible.
4. Improve Fireworks legislation and policing.
5. Repeal or alter the Municipal Dog and Cat By-Laws.
6. Regulate the [Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rehoming process](#). Develop legislation in this respect with Government.
7. Education in Schools regarding Animal Behaviour and Needs.

These initiatives would be undertaken by people who would be nominated and given a mandate by Alliance member organisations democratically, giving the initiatives credibility. These people would then act on behalf of the Alliance member organisations, who would provide infrastructural, financial and promotional support where necessary. The team or individuals selected in each case would report back regularly to the Alliance member organisations in respect of progress for each initiative through the Alliance newsletter.

Membership

Members will include two types:

1. Member Organisations, which will be ideally registered Domestic Animal Welfare NPO's (but not necessarily) whose Management Teams or Committees will agree to the organisation becoming members.
2. Individuals who are willing to be involved in and support Alliance initiatives.

Creation of Memberships

Member organisations may only become members by invitation from existing members and only if they comply with Alliance policies and procedures, including the [Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rehoming process](#). Once Member Organisations are accepted, their logos and banners will be displayed on the Alliance Blog and they will be added to the Alliance Member Organisations mailing list.

Individuals who wish to become members may register on the Alliance mailing list for ordinary members.

Creation of Initiatives and Teams

Initiatives may be suggested by any member. All suggestions will need to include the scope of the initiative, which includes its time-frame and its desired outcomes, as well as nominations in respect of teams and leaders.

Such nominations will then be assessed by member organisations and decisions will be made democratically as to which initiatives will go ahead and how they will be prioritised in comparison with other initiatives.