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# Australian Society for Kangaroos

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## GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS EXPOSE CRUELTY TO BABY JOEYS CONTINUES WITHIN KANGAROO INDUSTRY

Australian government data has revealed that thousands of female kangaroos and their joeys are still being targeted and killed by the commercial kangaroo industry, contradicting claims they have stopped shooting females and improved animal welfare practices.

Nikki Sutterby, President of the Australian Society for Kangaroos said:

**“State government data obtained by the Australian Society for Kangaroos has revealed that in the last 12 months alone, the kangaroo industry slaughtered over 130,000 female kangaroos for their meat and skins, leading to the cruel death of potentially hundreds of thousands of baby kangaroo joeys”.**

Ms Sutterby said: “Under the Australian Code of Practice, after a female kangaroo is shot, their pouch young are decapitated or clubbed to death, an act condemned by the Australian RSPCA. Dependent at-foot (out of pouch) young are left orphaned, and according to RSPCA and government research, most will die from starvation, dehydration, stress, exposure and predation without their mother”.

In a shocking revelation, NSW government documents also reveal that shooters are not even attempting to euthanase at-foot young after shooting the mother, as required by the Code of Practice, instead leaving them orphaned and to suffer a slow death in the remote outback.

Ms Sutterby said, “This is all done with the full support of the federal and state governments, who for profit have failed to act on this abhorrent cruelty inflicted on hundreds of thousands of pouch and at foot baby kangaroos annually.”

A Chinese translated version is available on request, as well as photos of baby joeys orphaned by kangaroo shooters.

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