

## Acknowledgments

We are delighted to be writing acknowledgments for the second edition of *Animal Law in Australasia*. The very fact we are doing so means that the first edition was successful, and we are extremely pleased about the reception that book received. Peter and Steven are joined on this edition by Celeste Black, who has taken on co-editorial responsibilities. They are grateful for her tremendous effort.

We wish to begin by thanking 'Voiceless: the animal protection institute', whose financial support in the form of a 2006 funding grant jump-started this initiative. A core objective of this project was to nourish the budding animal law movement in this part of the world, and to do so, it was essential to create networks amongst those of us previously working in isolation, and to stimulate others to begin studying the legal questions that are so important for future change. The Voiceless funding permitted us to host a workshop on 1-2 September 2007 in Brisbane that brought together the growing number of academics and practitioners beginning to teach, research and work upon animal law issues in Australia and New Zealand. This workshop involved two days of dialogue that stimulated the first edition of this book. We thank Brian and Ondine Sherman, the founders of Voiceless, and JM Coetzee, its patron, for their vision in recognising the importance of animal law and the role lawyers and legal academics have in influencing future change in this area.

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