

Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre



MEDIA ALERT – 6 September 2010

- Event:** Manual Launch: *Best Practice Manual for the use of Guardian Dogs*
Date: Tuesday 7 September 2010
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Booth 4, National Farmers Federation Congress
Mayfair Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Melbourne
123 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria

Headline findings:

- A manual issued by the Invasive Animals CRC provides landholders and conservation managers with another option — beyond fencing, baiting, shooting and trapping — to assist them to protect their livestock or native wildlife from predators such as wild dogs and foxes.
- Guardian dogs work by confronting and intimidating predators, disrupting the hunting behaviour of predators and excluding predators from their territory.

Spokespeople

Spokespeople available for interviews at launch or by phone:

- Greg Mifsud – Invasive Animals CRC National Wild Dog Management Facilitator & project manager: 0448 189 909
- Brent Finlay – Agforce Qld & National Wild Dog Management Advisory Group Chair: 0414 415 361
- David Crombie – Head of the National Farmers Federation (through Brett Heffernan, PR Manager): 0408 448 250
- Property owners in Qld, Vic, NSW and conservation managers in Vic. Contacts can be provided by contacting Alex Bagnara: 0431 601 074

Media Resources

- Copies of the report, FAQs and media releases will be available at the launch (and on the Invasive Animals CRC website following the launch).
- Raw footage of Guardian Dogs at work, and an interview with a property owner who uses Guardian Dogs on a property to Guard sheep — “Riversdale”, Victorian Highlands, near Albury-Wodonga. Property owners are Andrew and Glenda Bowran - Phone: (02) 6071 7231.
- Further resources (including photographs, sample media articles, background documents such as Threat Abatement Plans, contacts for researchers or further users of guardian dogs) can be provided on request or are available from the link below.

Media resources (including footage) are available here:

<https://invasiveanimals.sharefile.com>

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