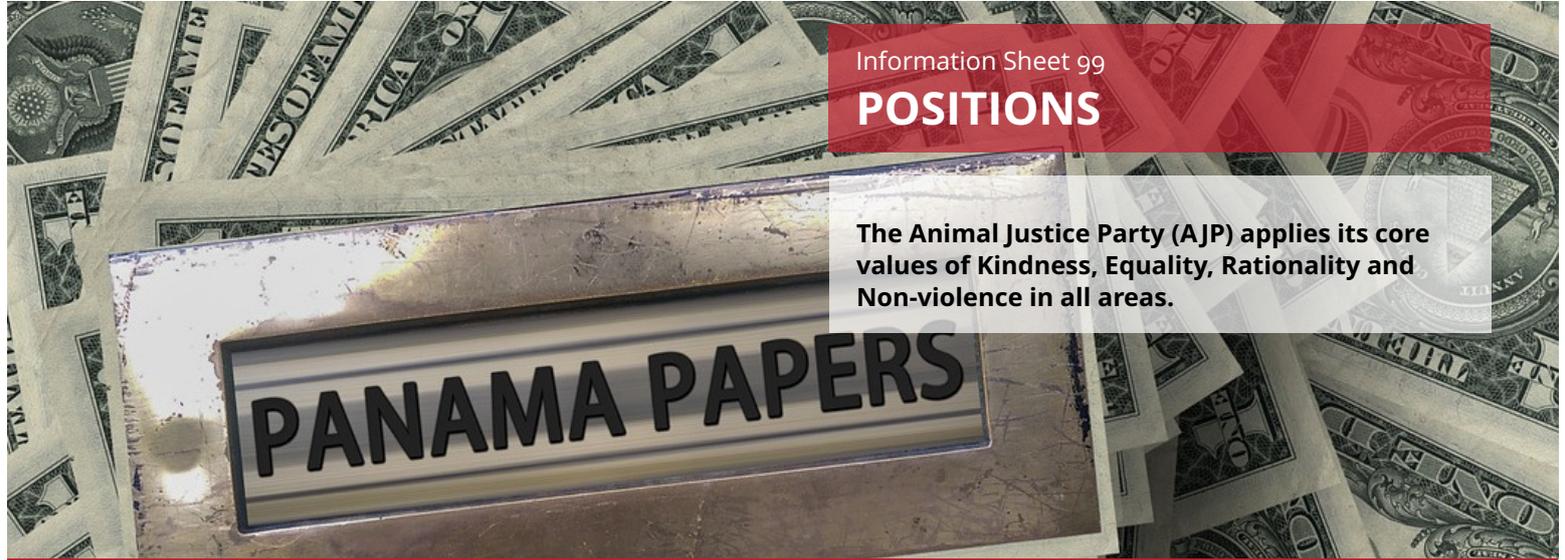


POSITIONS

The Animal Justice Party (AJP) applies its core values of Kindness, Equality, Rationality and Non-violence in all areas.



PANAMA PAPERS

Background

The AJP has **positions** and **policies**. They are very different.

A **policy** concerns an issue on which Animal Justice Party branches, regional groups and Members of Parliament will actively campaign on. They are core business ... things like factory farming, live animal export or hunting.

AJP members must be able to trust that the party will stay focused on animals. Hence our policies will keep that focus. Policies will determine the issues which dominate the effort of our elected representatives.

But we also recognise that the voting public need to know how AJP representatives will vote on important non-animal issues. Thus, we also have **positions**. Which explain to the voting public how we feel about other issues. A position must follow clearly from our core values of rationality, non-violence, kindness and equality; and when it does, then we will adopt it, without reference to the membership. But we recognise our fallibility and allow that a single adequately argued communication from a member may cause us to rescind or modify a position. In this way we hope that our positions will be widely shared by members who share our core values.

On some issues, there may be no single obvious position flowing from our core values, in which case our representative will exercise a conscience vote.

Corruption

The Animal Justice Party (AJP) relies upon our core values of Kindness, Equality, Rationality and Non-Violence in forming our position to stamp out corruption in all of its forms and in all levels and arms of government. Corruption is insidious and undermines the rule of law, destroys public confidence in government and seeks to give power, influence and resources to a privileged few with criminal and unethical intent to the detriment of the broader community. Corruption is also often detrimental to animal and environmental protection.

The AJP supports the efforts of integrity and accountability agencies that oversee our democratic processes including our electoral commissions and anti-corruption agencies. The AJP supports all efforts to improve equity, transparency, integrity and accountability in local, state and federal government elections and decision-making. Specifically, we encourage the strengthening of state-based anti-corruption watchdogs and the introduction of a federal Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Internally, AJP representatives will maintain high ethical standards with zero tolerance towards corruption; the AJP will promptly refer any matters it is aware of involving corruption to the relevant authorities.



Want a voice for animals in Parliament? Join, donate, or find out more about the Animal Justice Party at animaljusticeparty.org. You can also read our policies, here: animaljusticeparty.org/policieslist.

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