

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Companion Animal Network Australia at the forefront of driving the future of modern governance



Leading animal welfare charity Companion Animal Network Australia (Australia CAN) is at the forefront of driving the future of modern governance as National Compliance Manager Adriana Mainas becomes a recipient of the 2022 [Diligent Modern Governance 100](#) program.

Now in its fourth year, the Modern Governance 100 is a world-leading recognition program that shines a spotlight on the world's top audit, governance, compliance, environment, social, and governance (ESG) and risk professionals.

The program is run by Diligent Corporation, a world leading Governance, Risk Management and Compliance (GRC) Software as a Service (SaaS) provider.

Adriana was a recipient in the Compliance and Ethics Leader Category and was recognised on Sept 12 at the Modern Governance Summit in Texas for her outstanding work to champion an evolving compliance department to stay on top of ever-changing regulations, ensuring the organisation can stay compliant externally while building a culture of ethics internally.

Adriana said, "It's truly an honour to win this world-wide accolade. While I feel confident in my work, there's always room for improvement and there are always changes in the compliance industry for good reason, so winning this accolade has been very reassuring. I couldn't do my job without the significant support I receive from Australia CAN's Board and CEO. The accolade really is a tribute to Australia CAN as a highly responsible and ethical organisation that strives to achieve good governance in all it does."

#### **Behind every successful organisation is a modern leader**

Australia CAN CEO Trish Ennis said the organisation is proud of Adriana's recognition for the important contributions she has made to the animal welfare industry and pet loving community.

"Particularly at a time of great uncertainty, Adriana has helped drive Australia CAN toward sustainable and simplified modern governance practices and visibility across the organisation," she said.

Australia CAN President Dr Megan Alessandrini said on behalf of the Board, "We are very appreciative of Adriana's immense contribution to the sound operations of our organisation, and very proud of her achievement and the well-deserved recognition. Good governance is so often taken for granted and passes under the radar, but it is critical and one of the cornerstones of all successful organisations."

Australia CAN (formerly Animal Welfare League Australia) promotes the human animal bond and responsible pet ownership through national campaigns, partnerships and initiatives, including [Rent with Pets](#), [Pets in Aged Care](#) and [Pets in Business](#).

It also represents the companion animal welfare work of [six member agencies](#) that provide rescue, shelter, re-homing, fostering, health care and enrichment services to more than 50,000 animals every year.

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### **About Companion Animal Network Australia (CAN)**

Companion Animal Network Australia (CAN) is a registered charity representing the companion animal welfare work of our six member agencies. We rally support to develop and promote programs that deliver high welfare standards for companion animals. Together, our members provide rescue, shelter, re-homing, fostering, health care and enrichment services to more than 50,000 animals every year. Through national campaigns, partnerships and initiatives, we celebrate the human-animal bond and promote responsible pet ownership. We use our national voice to campaign for the humane treatment of all companion animals and we rally support for programmes that deliver high welfare standards. To discover more, visit [www.australiacan.org.au](http://www.australiacan.org.au)