



*Stable fly (left) vs house fly (right)*



*Stable (biting) fly (*Stomoxys calcitrans*)*

### Which shires are included in the Stable Fly Management Plan?

City of Armadale, Town of Kwinana, City of Cockburn, Shire of Chittering, City of Joondalup, Shire of Gingin, City of Rockingham, Shire of Harvey, City of Swan, Shire of Kalamunda, City of Wanneroo, Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale, Peel Harvey Coastal Plain Catchment.

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### What is a stable fly?

A stable fly is a blood sucking fly with a painful bite causing nuisance and distress to livestock, pets, native animals and humans. The fly has a sharp mouth part (proboscis) for piercing the skin and drawing blood. Stable flies can breed in animal and poultry manures and decaying vegetable matter.

### What should I do if I have stable flies?

Report their presence to  
DAFWA contact details:  
[stablefly@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:stablefly@agric.wa.gov.au)  
Free Hotline: 1800 084 881  
and your local shire.

Shire contact details available from  
[www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au](http://www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au)

### Where can I find out more about stable flies?

[www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au](http://www.stableflyactiongroup.org.au)  
[www.agric.wa.gov.au/vegetables/stable-fly-western-australia](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/vegetables/stable-fly-western-australia)

*Committee meetings are usually held on the  
fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm, at  
the Arts & Crafts Centre,  
Constable Street, Gingin.*

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# The Stable Fly Action Group (SFAG) Inc

Incorporated July 2005



*Join us in actively working  
to minimize the  
Stable (biting) Fly problem.*

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## Background

Stable (biting) flies (*Stomoxys calcitrans*) have become an ever-increasing menace in Perth's outer metropolitan shires over the last 25 years.

### Who Are We and What Do We Do?

SFAG was established and incorporated in 2005 as a result of the increasing impact of stable (biting) flies on residents and livestock in the Shire of Gingin. SFAG builds on the work of a dedicated group in the Shire of Gingin during the 1990s which led to the creation of the government appointed Stable Fly Management Steering Group and the restriction of the use of raw poultry manure to four months of the year.

SFAG's primary objective is ...  
**To develop strategies to eliminate the Stable (biting) fly problem by.....**

### Lobbying

Due to lobbying by SFAG :

- A total ban on the use of Raw Poultry Manure in Shires covered by the Health (Poultry Manure) Regulations came into force in 2011.
- Declared Pest status for stable flies, and subsequent Stable Fly Management Plan (SFMP) under the Biosecurity & Agriculture Management (BAM) Act.
- Higher penalties for offenders against the SFMP
- Questions asked in Parliament in regards to progress of stable fly management and control initiatives.

### Publicity

- Publicising the problem at a political level by letters, presentations and meetings with Ministers, local MPs, DAFWA, and Shires.
- Displays at Expos and Field Days.
- Media releases.
- SFAG website and Facebook page.

### Collaboration

- Good working relationships developed with state (DAFWA) and local government.
- Working collaboratively with Vegetables WA representatives to determine ways forward to combat stable fly infestation in raw manure and vegetable crop waste, including having constructive input into the section of the VWA Good Practice Guide entitled *Good Practice Management of Manures and Vegetable Crop Residue*.
- Support from Dr David Cook (Forensic Entomology Dept, UWA) on scientific research and control measures.
- Member of DAFWA Regulatory Reference Group.
- Support of current research program being undertaken by researchers from UWA & DAFWA.

### Current Office Bearers and Committee

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### Please note:

Membership is open to any person who accepts and supports the objectives and rules of the Stable Fly Action Group Inc. Membership year runs from each September AGM to the next and currently costs \$15 per person.

### NAME:

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### POSTAL ADDRESS:

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EFT at Bendigo Bank : BSB 633 108  
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we can identify your payment.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !**