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Jarrad is back 'In the Doghouse'!

and Tate Family Foundation
are matching your donations



Tate Family
Foundation

Supporting Your Vision

Thankfully there is no seven-year-itch for the wonderful Jarrad Tate and the very generous Tate Family Foundation who join us again for IN THE DOGHOUSE!

On Sunday 1 December, Jarrad will be joining a number of other Perthonalities and Dogs' Refuge Home volunteers to spend four hours locked in the 'pound with a hound'! This annual fundraiser is vital in helping us raise funds for the coming year.

Once again **Tate Family Foundation** have pledged to **match the first \$25,000** donated to our In the Doghouse appeal. With your kind donation, we are aiming to raise at least \$50,000 to help support more than 1200 lost and unwanted dogs who find themselves in our care each year.

Why go In the Doghouse?

We've had another busy year as you will see in 'Our Pawesome Year' inside. Just over 1200

adoptions during 2018-19 and we're on track for more than 500 adoptions by early November.

Since July we've seen a spate of dogs arriving in poor physical condition. Read inside about poor Shar Pei X Shirley who arrived in in early August with her skin red raw, covered in scabs and weeping wounds. She's been on a shopping list of treatments plus lots of TLC from her foster carer and is greatly improved.

We've also got poor 12 month old pup Edwardo, who had sustained an injury that has caused a femoral neck fracture in his hip. At first we thought he would need an amputation, but 'luckily' he is able to have surgery that should offer him pain-free mobility. Again, this will only be possible through 6-8 weeks foster care post-surgery.



Then there's little Fisk. A gorgeous 7-year-old male Papillion X who was abandoned at a pound with flea dermatitis and a potentially life-threatening perineal hernia. A fundraising appeal has helped us raise over \$3500



toward his surgery and he is on the road to recovery.

These are just a few of the cases of neglect we have seen come in. But with your support we can make sure that every dog receives the best possible care until we can find them a new forever home. We think every dog deserves a second chance and seeing dogs heal and go on to live wonderful lives is what it's all about.

Pop down to the Doghouse!

In the Doghouse is a great event combined with **Santa Paws** and a festive market. Why not drop down and say hello to Jarrad and friends from 10.30am to 2.30pm? Have a coffee and cake and do some great Christmas shopping – it all helps raise funds to rescue and re-home our beautiful dogs.



471
Dogs adopted
1 July - 31 Oct '19

How to donate

Support In the Doghouse by making a secure donation at everydayhero.com.au/event/doghouse19 or send back your donation slip using the envelope enclosed. You can also donate by phone 9381 8166 (10am to 4pm daily).

Santa Paws
is coming

PLUS

Mikey finds
his Manor and
Our Pawesome Year inside.



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President's Message

As always, the second half of the year is a busy one with events and this year has been no exception. Our quiz night in July was epic and lived up to expectations – the new venue at the Claremont Showgrounds was a huge success and again we had a record result.

Led for the 10th year by the amazing Lee-Anne Ashley, we raised \$38,000 and were supported by hundreds of businesses and our outstanding volunteers. It is always a huge amount of work, but everyone who attended agreed it was worth it and we even witnessed our first ever wedding proposal!

Long termer Mikey was in attendance and won everyone's heart. No one could believe he hadn't been adopted and the story of the year (decade) involves him and is included in this newsletter – get your tissues ready!

Special thanks to WA artist **Helen Norton** for supporting us for the 10th year in a row. Her contributions to our Home have raised more than \$65,000. We were pleased to make her a very worthy Life Member at this year's event.

Nelson Woss always makes a statement with his donation and this year was no different. He showed us a sneak peak of his fabulous new production about the life of KOKO (star of Red Dog) and auctioned an exclusive preview that raised \$3500.



Our **Home Open** on 19-20 October to celebrate our 84th birthday was a massive amount of work and raised a record amount - over \$25k! Again, thanks to Lee-Anne for driving this and to all the volunteers who gave up countless hours sorting jumble, potting plants, baking cakes and so much more.

And so we enter the build-up to our final fundraising event for the year – **In the Doghouse** and Santa Paws on Sunday 1st December.

Once again **Jarrad Tate** is going into the kennel with our dogs and **Tate Family Foundation** are matching donations up to \$25K – legends! I urge you to please support Jarrad and the many other dog lovers who are giving up their time to sit with our dogs to raise awareness and funds to enable us to continue our work.

So, what is the money raised going towards? It's going to the dogs! We have done more trips to Geraldton than ever before, have added Bunbury to our circuit and we continue to fly dogs down from Broome every week. The number of dogs needing help never seems to decrease and we desperately want to be able to help them.

Not all dogs cope well after a long trip and time in the pound, so we rely heavily on foster carers to give them lots of TLC at home and time to adjust. Pregnant mums especially need a loving home environment as do dogs who have undergone extensive medical treatment. We are indebted to our selfless foster carers who are there for us and our dogs. Special mention must go to May and Keith who have looked after more mums and pups than anyone and just when we think they won't look after another, they step up and do just that.

Ensuring our Home runs smoothly is no mean feat. It takes an army of passionate dog lovers. We welcome all new additions and want to thank Tanya Pavez and her team from **Magnetic People** for becoming a key contributor over the last six months. Tanya is providing fabulous pro bono



HR/IR advice and support to ensure we have a great workplace for our staff.

I also want to thank and acknowledge our new audit partner, Lorenzo Stella and his team at **Grant Thornton**, who are also providing their services free of charge.

Our General Manager, Kristi Treadgold, has like all GMS, had a 'baptism by fire' with her first year almost complete. Special thanks to Kristi for all your hard work, particularly all the great work with our policies and processes and for leading our Dog Welfare Committee which is seeing increasingly good outcomes for our dogs.

"Thanks" never seems enough – thanks to our staff for caring for our dogs every day. Thanks to our volunteers who never cease to amaze with their dedication, compassion and generosity. Thanks to the community for adopting, fostering, donating and supporting our work. And a special thanks to our dogs for trusting us to care for them and find them the best home we possibly can.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank everyone who has supported us from the bottom of my heart.

Karen

To the manor born!

Mikey finds his forever home, at last!

In March 2016 a beautiful Mastiff called Mikey arrived at our Home. He was larger than life and everyone fell in love with him instantly. Unfortunately, due to his size he wasn't quickly adopted and over the months he became reactive to other dogs in our kennels which further reduced his adoptability.

Mikey's love for people grew, but so did his separation anxiety and although he was adopted twice, he was sadly returned. His was featured in our calendar, Christmas cards, on TV and in the newspaper over the years but never managed to find his pawfect family.

In 2018, two incredible volunteers, Tom and Claire, decided to foster him. They worked FIFO, but every second week came in and collected our special boy. Mikey was the happiest dog in Perth one week and the saddest the other as he waited for them to return. He even met Tom's parents when they visited from England and quickly bonded with them too.

We tried everything to find him a home and volunteer Dani McKenna spent many months helping with his dog socialisation which improved greatly. But when Tom and Claire told us they had to relocate to Singapore our hearts sank – how would Mikey cope without his weeks away from kennel? So we had another big

push to find him a home but without luck.

We could not believe our ears when Tom announced that he and Claire would adopt Mikey and take him to the UK to live with their parents. We seriously worried about how he could possibly make the journey, now aged 8 years, and how he would adjust to a new life, living with 2 other dogs, lots of horses and peacocks and coping with the cold English weather?

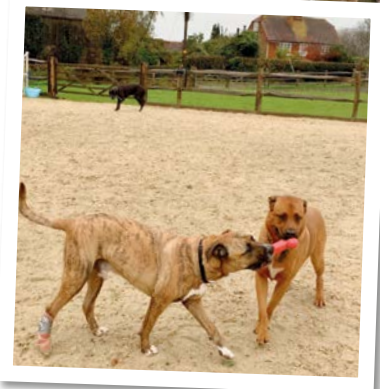
Well Mikey's story has a VERY happy ending. Somehow our boy amazed us with his



With foster Mum Claire

resilience and travelled better than we could have ever expected. He arrived completely exhausted but well, and as soon as he saw Tom waiting for him at the airport he knew he was safe. After a quick drive through McDonalds and eating some chicken nuggets to settle his nerves, it all became familiar and before he knew it he was at his new home.

He fell in love with sister Millie the Mastiff instantly and is now friends with Winston the Great Dane. The peacocks are still a novelty and he's slowly getting used to the horses.



With new sister Millie

So our legend Mikey now calls a huge property in the UK home. He loves the heated floors, the warm fires and sleeping near the Agas. He loves being part of a pack and always having company, in fact he loves just about everything about his new home, except for the English mud – he's not a fan of the English mud.

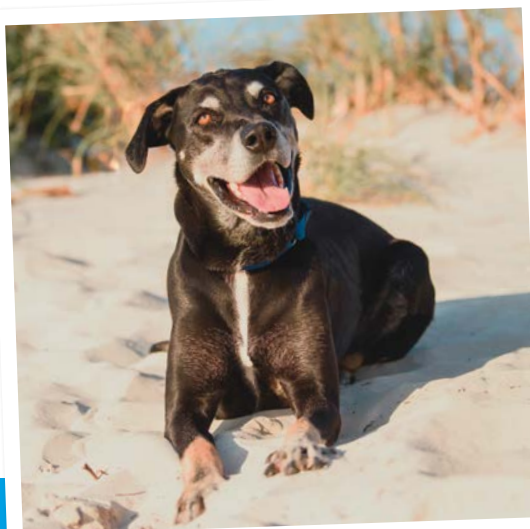
Tom and Claire are simply the best! They went above and beyond for our boy and we are eternally grateful for their generosity and love. Thanks is the understatement of the year! And to everyone who cared for and loved Mikey while he was with us – we're sure you agree this happy ending is definitely worth it!



And foster Dad Tom!

Gorgeous Gracie

This lovely lady arrived in January this year. She was clearly not going to cope in kennel so two of our special long term foster carers Stuart and Jo agreed to take her.



Gracie has come so far thanks to the love and care she has received. She recently went on two photo shoots in one day and features in our 2020 Calendar and our 2019 Christmas Cards. Special thanks to Alex Cearns from **Houndstooth Studio** and **Shutter Paws** for donating their time to produce these great products where 100% of proceeds go to our dogs.

Gracie is a 7 year old Kelpie/ German Shorthaired Pointer cross. She is a quiet and gentle girl who loves being with people. She's not keen on other dogs and is not suited to a young family. As a companion dog for active retirees or part-time workers she would be ideal. Surely, there's someone out there for this special lady?



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An eventful time!



The second-half of our year is packed with events including the 10th annual Trivial Pursuit quiz night in July and our Home Open in October.

Our quiz raised over \$38,000 and saw the 10-year-tally sail past \$300,000! Special thanks to long-time sponsors **Helen Norton** and **Nelson Woss** and multi-year bar sponsor **Oakover Wines**. There are simply too many people and businesses to thank individually, but please know you are important to us and we are truly grateful.


Our Home Open was enormous again this year held on 19-20 October to coincide with our 84th birthday!

Two bumper days with a bumper total of over \$25,000 raised for our dogs. Special mention must go to Jill and her jumble queens, Sylvia, Lynda, Lisa, Lee-Anne, Lynne, Jono, Richard, Sandi, Marg, and Karen plus our great staff Taylor, Lexie, Jacinta and Marlene. Special thanks to **SupalGA Wembley**, **Dorringtons Bakery** and many businesses who donated to make this a record-breaking weekend.



Coming Up!

-  **Santa Paws** (December)
-  **Premiere Screening - KOKO: A Red Dog Story** (December)
-  **Pup-Up Pre-Loved Fashion** (March 2020)

To stay in touch with our events and community outings please make sure you follow us on Facebook ( **@dogsrefugehome**)



Kennel Sponsors



Thanks to the following people and businesses who have sponsored a kennel since May 2019:

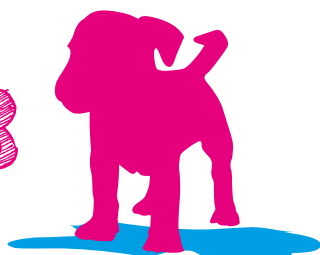
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If you would like to help dogs in our care you can sponsor a kennel too for \$2500 for a year! Please call 9381 8166 or email events@dogshome.org.au

Our Pawesome Year 2018-19

ADOPTIONS

1208



Where Our Dogs Come From

We received **dogs from 34 Shires around WA** during the year including the Mid West, Pilbara, South West, Great Southern, Goldfields and throughout the metro and outer metro areas.

2018/19

	Pound Rescue	566
	Owner Surrender	292
	Dogs Returned	177
	Other Rescues	136
	Shelter Offspring	25

Dogs Returned: The Home accepts 'returns' of adopted dogs unconditionally. Sometimes the fit is just not right, but often circumstances within the household change and dogs are surrendered back into our care.

DOGS ENTERING SHELTER



1198

 267 Puppies

 931 Dogs

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566 saved from Pounds

We visit pounds across the metro area. Our key partners are **Wanneroo** (119 dogs), **Gosnells** (105 dogs) and **Armadale** (84 dogs) with another 91 dogs coming from Bayswater, Canning and Kalamunda.

197 Regional Dogs

Special thanks to the nine **SAFE Regional rescues** who we worked with to bring 126 dogs to Perth in the last year. This included 94 dogs

from Broome. On our trips we also collected 57 dogs from Geraldton.

405 Foster Dogs

Over 400 dogs and puppies spent time in the loving homes of **225 foster carers** during the past year. Special thanks to long term foster carers May and Keith Johnson who opened their home to 13 dogs and pups. We can't thank all our foster carers enough for opening their homes and hearts until these dogs find their new homes.

Just Adopted



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Summer 2019

Healing neglect with TLC

A very special little girl was surrendered to us in August called Shirley. Her skin was red raw, she had lots of hair loss, many open wounds, scabs, scars and even a piece missing from her ear. It was a distressing sight to see, but her lovely personality shone through with a wagging tail and a cuddle for everyone.

Shirley has a chronic allergic condition which had gotten beyond her owners. They freely surrendered her saying they thought she was worth saving and hoped she would go to a good home. We think she's worth saving too! Aged just two years she has such a sweet, gentle nature and plenty of love left to give.

The great team at Subi Vet helped with immediate pain relief and medication. She also required entropion surgery on one eye and has been on an extensive treatment to heal her many wounds.

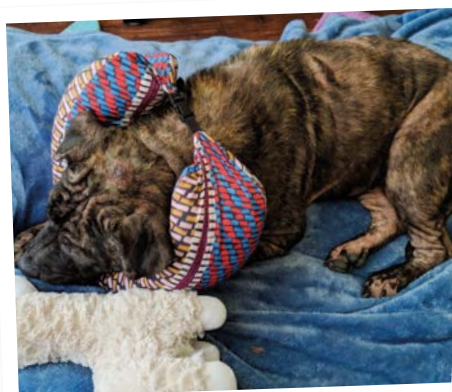
Fortunately, we found an amazing foster carer, Ellie,

who took her in and has been an angel by her side ever since. Whilst Shirley's skin is far from perfect, she has improved immeasurably and even features on the front of our 2020 Calendar.

She has made loads of new canine and people friends and is enjoying a new life being indoors.

Ellie and her family could not have cared for Shirley any better, we are so lucky that they are part of our foster family. All our

foster carer's do such an amazing job in helping to heal pooches like Shirley and we can't thank them all enough.



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He's part of the fur-niture!

During September we were delighted to celebrate Lawrence's 30th year of service at our Home. Lawrence has been our maintenance man for 30 years and our onsite caretaker.

Lawrence started at the Dogs' Refuge Home in 1989. We asked why wanted to work here, he replied with his usual wit, "I needed a job!". But we know that it was much more than that, and he followed up by saying "what better job is there than working with canines?".

When Lawrence started with us, he had five dogs of his own, so he was definitely a true dog lover and has proved this many, many times over the years.

One of Lawrence's fondest memories was a dog named Mitch. Mitch came to us from the side of the Mitchell Freeway where she had just given birth to a litter of pups. A council worker spotted her and brought her in. Mitch was re-homed but managed to find her way back to Lemnos Street, where she decided she wanted to stay and live out her life. As Mitch got older, she found it more difficult to get in and out of her bed, so

Lawrence built her a custom ramp - just one of the many caring things he has done for our dogs.

Lawrence, together with a number of volunteers, have had their work cut out for them over the years maintaining kennels that were built in the 1960s and 70s. Lawrence has also been our 'cemetery man' and has buried several hundred dogs and cats on our grounds. He is always complimented for his kindness during a sad time for owners.

Perhaps his greatest highlight was meeting his wife Leanne at the Home when she was a kennel hand. They have now been married for 17 years.

Lawrence says he's most proud for "Still being here"! We're glad you're still here too Lawrence and for all your loving care and service to the dogs.



© Photo: Katie Skinner

Santa Paws is coming to town



Perth's original and best Santa Paws, Alex Cearns from Houndstooth

Studio, will once again join us in Santa's Grotto to take a fab photo of your pooch for Christmas.

Join us on **Sunday 1st December from 9.30am to 2.00pm.**

For \$35, you receive by email a digital image that you can use for prints, social media or card making! No bookings, just come along on the day. Also available Wag Bags, mini-jumble, gift ideas, cakes and coffee! Once again

Alex is donating 100% of the proceeds raised on the day. Big thanks to Alex and her merry team.

Houndstooth Studio by Alex Cearns

Golden Heart for the dogs

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Quiz Night Helen Norton made an extra special donation - an original piece called 'Golden Heart'.

'Golden Heart' is an acrylic painting on canvas 96cm x 70cm. It has a commercial value circa \$5000 and was unsold on the night. We are open to fair offers on this stunning and vibrant piece which Helen described as an "emotional response to how I feel about dogs". 100% of sale price is being donated to the Home. To discuss and view call Lee-Anne 0419 903 646.

View on **YouTube**: search "Golden Heart Helen Norton"



Pawfect new range for dog-loving humans

We're super excited to have this great range of giftware now in stock designed in the UK. Great value items for all ages. Pawfect Christmas stocking fillers.



Plus we've got our own reusable coffee cups made from Borosilicate glass. For both hot and cold bevies! In a nice box ideal for gifts. \$18 ea or 2 for \$30.

These items are in our shop at 30 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park open 11am to 4pm - 7 days.

Some items are online - check www.dogshome.org.au



Libby

Female / Staffy x / 3.5 years
Waiting: over 200 days

Can You Give a Long-Term a Home?

Sometimes it takes a while to find the right home for a special dog who so desperately awaits a second chance. But we never give up hope! If you're looking for a new family member, come and meet one of these pooches who have been with us far too long. Visit www.dogshome.org.au or call 9381 8166 (Please note dogs in foster are available for adoption)



Cesar

Male / Large mixed / 7.5 years
Waiting: over 200 days



Ian

Male / Am Staffy x / 4 years
Waiting: over 600 days



Olivia

Female / Staffy x Kelpie / 6 years
Waiting: over 500 days



Ollie

Male / Cattle dog x / 3 years
Waiting: over 400 days

Festive Favourites In Store and Online!

Our fabulous 2020 Calendars are out now and feature photography by the talented volunteer photographers from **Shutter Paws**. Shutter Paws specialise in supporting foster and shelter-based rescue groups by taking engaging shots to promote the animals in their care. **Still only \$10 each** from all City Farmers stores or pick up 3 for \$25 at the Home or online.

Plus, Perth's most pawesome Christmas cards featuring photography by Alex from **Houndstooth Studio** and design by **ScruffyDog Designs**, who both donated their time and talent again this year. **Just \$10 for a pack of 12!** In store or online only.

Visit 30 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park – open 7 days
or visit: shop.dogshome.org.au

All proceeds raised from the sale of calendars and cards goes straight to our dogs!



Houndstooth Studio
by Alex Cairns

