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Summer 2020

Dogs' Refuge Home ☎ 9381 8166 🌐 www.dogshome.org.au

Next gen now going 'In the Doghouse'!

We are pleased to welcome Jarrad Tate back for **IN THE DOGHOUSE**. This year he will be joined for the day by his son, 7-year-old Chase. We are also thrilled to announce that **Tate Family Foundation** will once again be matching your giving up to \$25,000.

Young Chase went into the kennel with his Dad last year and had so much fun, he wants to do it all again!

Tate Family Foundation are now into their eighth year of supporting this event with a matched giving pledge. That's \$175,000 donated to In the Doghouse! Over the years they have also donated goods and services to our Home and needless to say are big dog lovers! We can't thank them enough for the amazing contribution they have made.

Why give this year?

When we asked Chase why he wants to sit in the kennels with



his Dad this year his response said it all "Because I love dogs!". Enough said.

But of course, there are many reasons to give. The reason we do what we do is to save healthy dogs and pups from needless euthanasia. We want to give every dog a second chance at a happy life and we want people to experience the joy of responsible dog ownership.

In the last financial year we helped unite **over 1400 dogs with thousands of new owners**. From 8-week-old puppies to 16-year-old 'Lady', who has gone on to live the best months of her life with a special couple who are committed to adopting senior dogs.

Despite COVID-19 and all its restrictions and confusions, we kept our motors running and made more trips 'up north' and 'down south'



Tate Family Foundation

Supporting Your Vision

than ever before. Since January we've collected **220 dogs and pups from Geraldton and 39 from Bunbury**. Big thanks to our amazing volunteers who give up their time to make rescue missions and to our anon donor whose gift of a new Hyundai iLoad means we now have two vans on the road.

You can read more about 'Our Pawesome Year' inside along with some of our heart-warming foster and adoption stories from the last few months.

Every dollar makes a difference

Every donation made to **In the Doghouse** will contribute to supporting the dogs that come into our care in 2021. No amount is too large or small and all will be matched up to the first \$25,000.

We understand it's been a tough year and we are very grateful to all our dog-lovin' supporters. If you can, please donate at the



link below, return your postage paid donation slip or call the office 10am to 4pm daily on 9381 8166.

Donate now at: doghouse-2020.raisely.com



Sanfa Paws is coming PLUS

Celebrating 85 years 'Our Pawesome Year'



1198
Dogs adopted
1 Jan - 31 Oct '20

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President's Message

As we start the celebrations for our 85th year I want to acknowledge and thank the amazing community that has allowed our operations to survive and thrive and help give well over 60,000 dogs a second chance.

Our official celebrations started on 16th October with a special morning tea, where we reflected on our past, acknowledged how far we have come and began to get excited about what the future might hold.

A huge part of our future focus is completing our master rebuilding project, which commenced in 2011 with our new Quarantine Block. Over the last nine years we have completed two quarantine blocks, our new Adoption and Education Centre, a new caretaker cottage, three new kennel blocks and have recently turned sod for our fourth new kennel. It feels like it has taken forever to save the money to undertake each new part of the journey as we fundraise each year just to cover our day-to-day operational expenses.

Thanks to Dave Delahunty from EHDO Architects, we now have the final stages of our Masterplan on paper and we can't wait to share it with anyone who is interested in hearing more and maybe even contributing to our capital campaign. Please feel free to contact me at president@dogshome.org.au if you would like to know how you can help. It is the sincere goal of the Board to see this project completed by 2025 - in time to celebrate 90 years of dog rescue in WA.

As we go to print, the next kennel is underway thanks to a generous bequest from Sonia Guinan from Mayday Dog Rescue. 'Honey's Haven' will be dedicated to Sonia and her first rescue pooch Honey. We will always remember her lifelong service to dog rescue and hope this new block will be open early in 2021.

Somehow, we have navigated our way through COVID-19 and managed to continue to save and rehome more abandoned and surrendered dogs than ever. Although sadly

many of our regular fundraising events were cancelled, we've still managed to have some fun.

A special thanks to Lynda, Jill, Lisa, Lee-Anne, Nicolee and all the lovely volunteers who stored clothes and accessories all over Perth when we had to cancel our annual **Pre-Loved Fashion Pup-Up** in March. I'm pleased to say the event went ahead in mid-September with the support of East Perth Football Club and helped to raise over \$13,000.

We also thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of our supporters at our recent **Home Open**. A big thank you to all our staff and volunteers for making this magic two-day event come together - and with such hot weather that weekend! Even though it was a bit quieter than past years, we were able to raise \$26,500 - so big thanks to everyone who came.

With Christmas soon upon us, we are optimistic and excited about **Santa Paws** and **In the Doghouse** on 6th December. I hope you will join me in supporting our final events for the year and get behind Jarrad, Chase and the team going **In the Doghouse**. My gratitude to **Tate Family Foundation**



for once again matching donations up to \$25,000! What an amazingly generous family and incredible friends of our Home.

Alex Cearns from Houndstooth Studio will once again be snapping the best festive pooch photos in town on her 10th anniversary of **Santa Paws**. We want this to be a record year of much-loved pooches enjoying their very own professional photo with Santa, so please come down we'd love to share some Christmas cheer with you all.

Finally, let me pass on my deepest thanks and best wishes to General Manager Kristi, our staff and the best

volunteers in Perth. Together we have navigated another year of ups and downs and helped rescue a record number of dogs and find them loving new forever homes.

With gratitude

Karen



Happy 85th Birthday to us!

It was a beautiful spring day on Friday 16th October when 100 special guests joined us to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Dogs' Refuge Home.

Established in 1935, thanks to an amazing animal welfare pioneer, Constance Horrocks and a committee of likeminded supporters, the Home has gone on to re-homed well over 60,000 dogs.

The Home has endured over this time being entirely self-funded until 2012, when we received a small, ongoing annual grant from government towards vet costs. We are incredibly grateful and would not still be here without the support of dog-loving donors and supporters across the community. Thank you to everyone who has ever made a donation, volunteered their time or left a gift in their Will.

It was a well-attended event with all our Patrons there - Peter Collier, MLC; Melanie Greensmith (Wheels & Dollbaby) and Nelson Woss (Producer of Red Dog) along with representatives from all sides of State Parliament including Ms Lisa Baker, MLA representing the Premier and the Hon. Liza Harvey, MLA Leader of the Opposition.

Special thanks to Baptistcare for their great cake and catering and Barkday Pawty for our doggie cake!



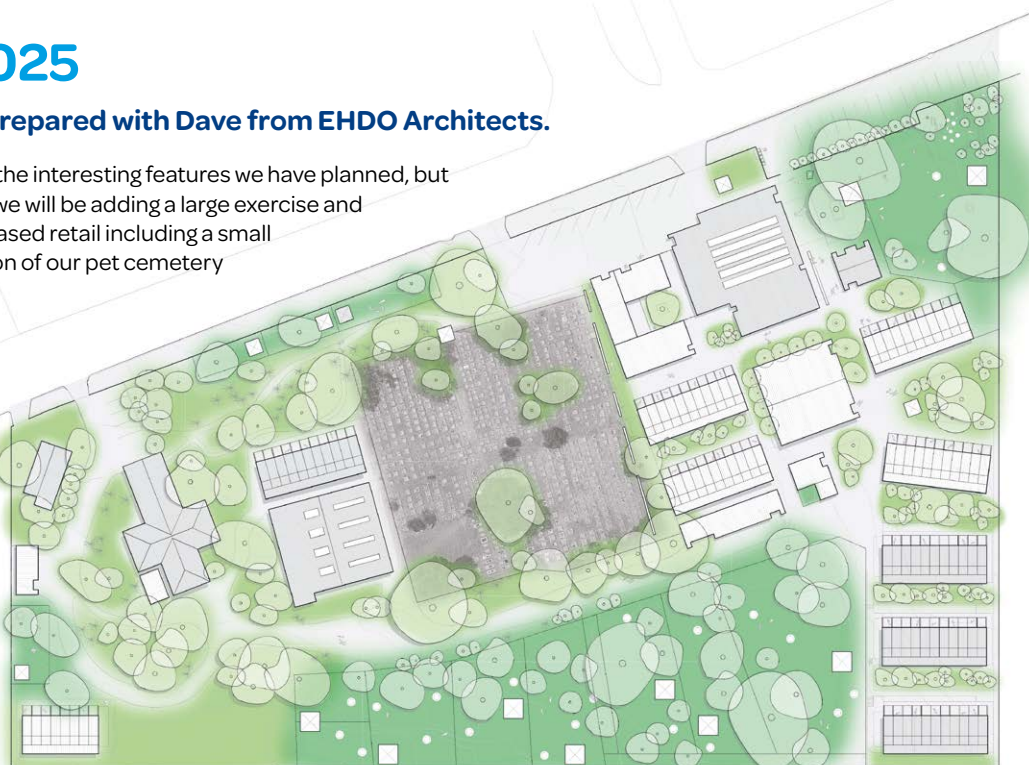
Our Masterplan 2025

This is a visual of our Masterplan prepared with Dave from EHDO Architects.

It's probably too small here for you to see all the interesting features we have planned, but in addition to new and modernised kennels, we will be adding a large exercise and training yard to the front, possibility for increased retail including a small café, greening of the landscape and expansion of our pet cemetery with memorial walls.

We have a focus on the environment and sustainability as key priorities. We use a large amount of water to wash down our kennels and have a huge water tank under our large agility yard to capture all the run-off from our new kennels and Administration building. Additionally, thanks to Synergy, we have solar panels and we are always looking at ways to reduce our impact on the environment and save on operating expenditure.


For more information our Masterplan or contributing to our capital raising please contact Karen via our office 9381 8166 or president@dogshome.org.au.



Our Pawesome Year 2019-20

ADOPTIONS

1465



DOGS
ENTERING SHELTER






1446



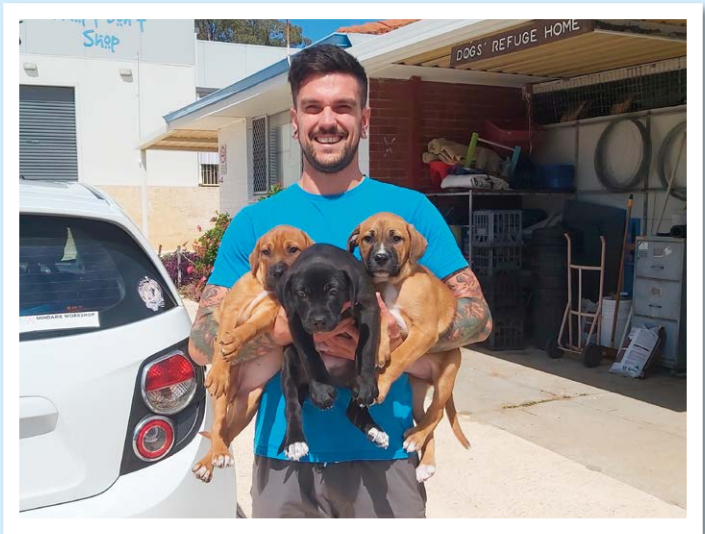
 311 Puppies

 1135 Dogs

Where Our Dogs Come From

	2019/20
 Pound Rescue	664
 Owner Surrender	371
 Other Rescues	122
 Dogs Returned	240
 Shelter Offspring	49

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



664

saved from Pounds

We visit pounds across the metro area. Our key partners are Wanneroo (68 dogs), Gosnells (77 dogs) and Armadale (72 dogs) with another 108 dogs coming from Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda and South Perth. Counted in these numbers are all dogs transferred into our care from Shire pounds around the State.

410

Regional Dogs

A record year with more and more dogs arriving from regional communities. Special thanks to the seven SAFE regional rescues who transferred 89 dogs into our care. Despite travel restrictions for part of the year, 84 dogs arrived from Broome while we collected over 200 dogs from Geraldton – four times the number collected in 2018/19.



473

Foster Dogs



A spike in the number of dogs entering our care and people working from home during COVID-19 saw a record 473 dogs (including 204 puppies) spend time with one of **260 foster carers** during the past year. We can't thank all our foster carers enough for their compassion and dedication in providing a home-away-from-home for our dogs.

Kierry is travelling on... to a better life

Kierry was a camp dog who found herself homeless and off to the big smoke in May. At the age of eight years, malnourished and with some medical concerns, she was in dire need of some TLC.

Kierry found the kennels and the cold a bit too stressful, so a foster carer was found to let her build up her strength and confidence in a warm home.

Meanwhile out in Leonora, schoolteacher Reggie was searching for a rescue dog to call her own. With COVID-19 travel restrictions eased, Reggie headed to Perth for the July school holidays. Seeing Kierry still on our website and knowing how hard it can be for larger,

senior dogs to find new homes, Reggie was keen to meet her and see if they clicked!

Thankfully it was a pawfect match, so Reggie adopted Kierry and made arrangements to come back and collect her once her medical tests had been completed. In mid-July, Kierry headed back to the red dirt of her new Goldfields home.

In just over four months the pair have formed a great bond and Kierry is enjoying being a pampered pooch by her new mamma. Reggie loves outback travel and photography so Kierry is enjoying exploring new terrain

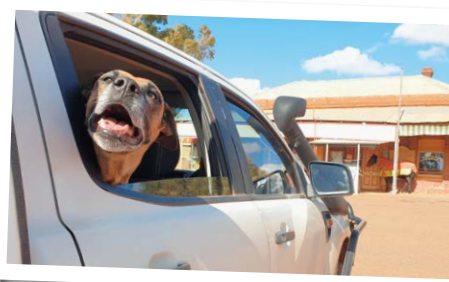
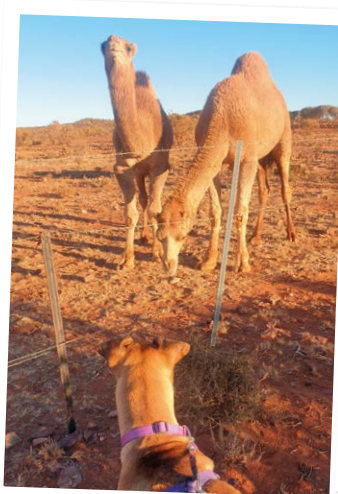
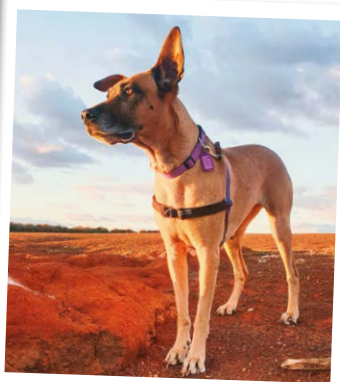
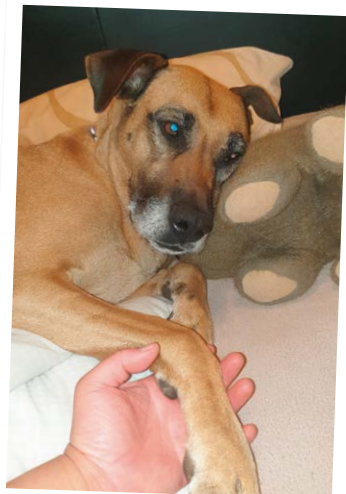
in their weekend adventures to places like Malcolm Dam, Horrans Lake and The Breakaways.

Reggie says Kierry is smart and learning lots of new tricks including climbing up the stairs to make getting into the 4WD easier. They are doing lots of training and working on Kierry's reactivity to other dogs and animals. She has discovered she is no match for cows, kangaroos or camels so is learning to take them all in her stride!



Reggie is getting Kierry accustomed to travel and new places so they can go on longer trips together. Although with her fondness for sleeping on clean sheets with a pillow under her head, perhaps Ms Kierry is not a camp dog after all!

We love hearing from new owners like Reggie and knowing that our dogs are going to loving homes where they are part of the family and living their best life. You can inbox stories via our Facebook page or email communications@dogshome.org.au



Regional Rescue - missions of love

And while we're talking about "travelling on", we've been doing a lot of our own over the last 12 months, but especially in recent months. We've brought in a record number of dogs from regional and rural WA, travelling to Carnarvon, Kalgoorlie, Bunbury, Geraldton and small stops in between.



Our regional rescue is only possible through the dedication of our volunteer drivers, each who have done multiple trips north and south in the last few months. In early September, our vans and volles set a record pace – **4,656km, 52 hours of driving and 48 dogs and puppies rescued!**

Special thanks to some amazing people (who are also regulars

walkers and help at events) – Jono (at least 7 trips), Walt, Lynda, Lisa, Deb, Sophie, Dusty, Geri and Elizabeth. So many lives saved from regional pounds and rescue partners who simply can't find enough local homes to adopt them all out.

Thank you too - your donations help to support our regional rescue which is all self-funded.



Passion for pooches drives our 'Seniors'

It takes a village to care for 'our village' and Henry is just one of our amazing volunteers who digs in and helps out.

When Henry and his wife lost their beloved dog Azay several years ago, Henry decided he'd come and walk dogs at the Home. These days Henry has hung up his lead and taken up a spade and is often seen tending to the gardening and graves in our pet memorial cemetery. The cemetery was opened in 1937 and was the first of its kind known anywhere in Australia.

In preparation for our 85th celebrations, Board Member and avid historian Marsha, decided to rally the troops for some 'busy-bees' in early October. Joining her were Henry and many of our regular volunteers, their friends and some students from St Catherine's College UWA.

All the graves were weeded and many adorned with new silk flowers providing a resplendent backdrop to our special morning tea and Home Open events. Great love, care and respect is shown for all the beloved pooches laid to rest on our grounds and we are very grateful to everyone who donated their time and tools to this special project.

And to Henry and so many other 'seniors' who give up their time week in and week out to come and do jobs - many physical and labouring jobs - around the Home. **We can't thank you all enough.**



Fostering brings family joy

Wilfred, Ling and daughter Rei took their first foster home in August 2017 and three years later, Klyde has become 16th foster dog.

The Woo family believes that every dog comes to them for a reason. They have taken on dogs with complex medical needs, challenging behaviours and those in dire need of respite from long-term kennel life. Their longest foster was Joey, a Bully Terrier cross with developmental abnormality of the bone and cartilage that meant his front feet were severely deformed.

The Woo's gave three-year-old Joey a loving home for 12 months until a sudden brain tumor took his life in July 2019.

Ling said that while they have been tempted many times to adopt, as a family they have decided that fostering will allow them to help as many dogs as they can. "It's very meaningful, but of course it's hard to say goodbye," she said. "We find the joy of seeing a dog find a forever home is far greater than the sadness of losing them."

That was the case with long-termer Johnson, an 18 month old black Am Staffy cross who in February 2019 and went into the family's care in October. Ling said they cried tears of joy when Johnson was finally adopted May. "We were so pleased he had his own family at last."

Their most recent foster is 5-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback X Klyde. Poor Klyde has been let down in two prior homes and has developed a lameness that will see him require support and pain management from caring owners for the rest of his life. Ling says Klyde is an angel and possibly the most obedient of all the dogs they have fostered. He loves to follow them around but also likes his own space to relax - especially out in the sun.

Klyde is currently looking for his forever home. He is not great around other dogs and is fearful of traffic, but Ling says like all their foster dogs they make adjustments to manage his needs. "We just walk dogs like Klyde at quiet times in the night or morning and away from busy areas," she said. "We work around their needs and try to help them while they are in our care."



Thank You

A big thank you to the Woo's and all our foster carers - over 450 in the last 12 months. Please visit our website for more information on how you can become a foster carer to a dog or litter of pups in need.



Kennel Sponsors

Thanks to the following people and businesses who have sponsored a kennel since June 2020:

Denise Hilsz & Alan Pittman

IJM Foundation Pty Ltd

Woodlands

Taz's Handyman Service (x2 kennels)

May Day Dog Rescue Club Inc

(x 2 kennels)

Paul Smith

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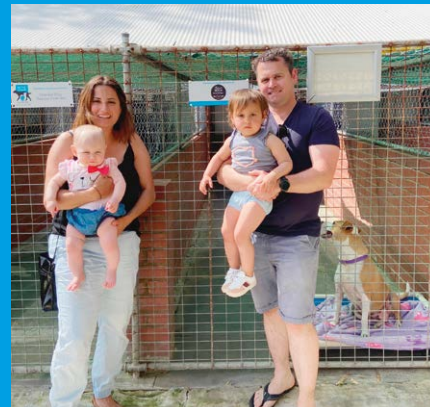
Mark Hanlon

Ziggies Educational Supplies

Evoke media on behalf of INITIATIVE

North Beach Gourmet Butcher

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



Gifts for dogs and dog-lovers!

If you love dogs as much as we do, you'll love our new line of giftware, merchandise and pet food including SavourLife, with 100% profits going back into our vital rescue and rehoming work.

Our ever-expanding online and onsite shops have everything from leads, collars, harnesses, high quality food and treats to quirky giftware that's sure to be well-received by your four-legged friends and fellow dog-loving friends and family members.

We also stock the very popular range of LickiMat's. These boredom busters help ease anxiety and provide mental enrichment for your pet by promoting licking, which releases calming hormones to help minimise anxious behaviours.



Shop for the Dogs!
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Special thanks to Westpix for use of historical images.



2021 Calendars and Christmas Cards

With Christmas just around the corner, we've got you covered with our new Christmas cards featuring our adorable rescue dogs and our 2021 calendars – both can be purchased either online or at our Home.

We've dug deep into the archives this year to take you on a trip down memory lane with our special edition calendar to highlight 85 years of rescuing dogs in Western Australia – showing you where we started in 1935 to where we are today.

Thanks to **City Farmers** and **Pet Barn** who are kindly selling our calendars again this year and donating 100% of the sale price back to the Home.

Whilst digital communications have taken the lead more than ever, our Christmas Cards are still popular – and there's nothing better than receiving a handwritten personal card in the mail, especially when one of our fabulous rescue pooches is on the front.

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10 years of Santa Paws

When Alex suggested doing a Santa Paws fundraiser for the Home 10 years ago, we could never have imagined how popular it would become.

In last nine years we've had six Santa's, over 1200 dogs, many helpers but only one Alex and Deb from Houndstooth Studio. Over \$40,000 has been raised so far – massive thanks to Houndstooth Studio for your time and talent in making this event possible.



We know this year will be the biggest and best ever, so if you've never attended before – it's \$35 and you will receive a digital image we know you will treasure. Santa will be waiting in his Grotto and Alex will be ready to capture that unique photo on **Sunday 6th December starting at 9.30am and ending around 2.30pm.** No bookings just come down.

Plus we have a big Christmas market with Wag Bags, mini-jumble and much more. Alex will once again be donating 100% of the proceeds raised on the day.

Houndstooth Studio by Alex Cearns



Adopt! Don't Shop!

Always search for a rescue dog first



Volunteer

Become a dog walker or help out in the office, maintenance, gardening, events or fundraising



Foster

We always need reliable foster carers who are experienced with dogs or raising pups



There are many ways you can support the Dog's Refuge Home so we can continue to rescue and re-home WA's unwanted dogs.

donate

Make a tax-deductable donation

Donate online anytime or join our regular givers – weekly, monthly or quarterly

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Make a lasting difference



Ask for donations in lieu of gifts

Weddings, birthdays, memorials or other occasions



Become a kennel sponsor or corporate partner

Sponsor a kennel or event, workplace giving, pro bono services or other partnerships