

Dogs' Refuge Home (WA) Inc.

# Annual Report

2020/21





# General Manager's Report

# President's Report



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## Our Motto

'Rescue is the best breed'

## Our Vision

A community where all dogs live in safe and loving homes.

## Our Mission

The Home remains dedicated to the care and re-homing of lost and unwanted dogs through:

- Treating the dogs in our care as our own until we can find them a permanent loving home; and
- The active promotion of responsible dog ownership.

## Our Values

Our core values underpin everything we do and guide every decision we make.

They form the basis of our interactions with our dogs, our staff, our volunteers, our stakeholders and the community. We live our values.

**RESPECT** We treat our dogs and the people in our community with respect.

**INTEGRITY** We adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and personal responsibility worthy of the trust our dogs and people place in us.

**COMMITTED** We are committed in heart and mind to providing the best care and re-homing of our dogs.

**CARING** We treat dogs and people with sensitivity and empathy.

**TEAMWORK** We value and acknowledge the contributions of all, nurturing the skills of our staff members, volunteers and partners in a collaborative effort.



**Whether it's as a volunteer, as a Board Member, or as a staff member, helping to rescue dogs in need and giving them a second chance is incredibly rewarding and sharing an office with one is even better.**

We have had a number of changes these last 12 months and, as always, have adapted to the new circumstances and emerged even stronger. The Covid lock downs were managed like a well-oiled machine thanks to our flexible staff and volunteers and our supportive community. And we maintained our strong adoption numbers whilst continuing to be able to offer a safe place for dogs in need from Metro and Country pounds and also those surrendered who simply had nowhere else to go.

Our vet bills are continually increasing due to a large number of dogs being surrendered as their owners can not afford their vet care but we can never say no to a lovely dog in need and have covered the cost of a range of medical issues these last 12 months. Thanks to the amazing Greg and the team at Subi Vets as always for fitting our dogs in and providing great advice and service.

A huge thank you to our team of hardworking staff who never stop going above and beyond for our dogs and who treat our pooches and each other as the extended family we are. We go home worrying about the ones currently in our kennels and those we are yet to save but we're all in it together and with the support of the most amazing volunteers in Perth we continue to thrive.

Thank you to our extended family too, the Rescue groups we work alongside and those individuals whose passion and compassion resonates with ours. We are continuing to take an increasing number of abandoned dogs from Geraldton and are so grateful for Narkeeta and Tahlia and the crew for

being so great to work with. Wendy from Broome also never stops, Sally from BARRC is fabulous and Sue from SAFE Perth is an inspiration, not to mention Sue from Poundwatch who has legendary status. To all the rescue groups, rangers and individuals who bring our attention to dogs in need thank you! And to everyone who adopts a dog from us you enable us to rescue the next one.

As we celebrated our 85th year we reflected on an impressive journey and looked to what lies ahead. Thanks to a grant from the Government, supported by our local MP Dr Katrina Stratton, we will demolish and replace another of our very old kennels and hope to have this completed by June 2022. There's always disruption when we undertake significant building works, but knowing our dogs will be living in fabulous new kennels makes it all worthwhile.

At the end of June 2021, we had successfully adopted 1313 dogs. And the start of this financial year has also been incredibly positive adoptions-wise with 628 dogs already adopted by 1 December.

We are currently looking to solidify our team of staff for the years ahead. It's as exciting as it is challenging but we're determined to remain sustainable and effective and are committed to being able to provide the very best of care to as many dogs as need us.

We do this thanks to volunteers who offer to drive to regions to rescue dogs, who collect dogs from the airport and who are there to walk them in all weather. We survive thanks to fundraising events and amazing supporters like Tate Family Foundation who match donations and we save dogs because we know our dog-loving community will be there to adopt them and give them the chance they so deserve.

Thanks is never, ever enough. But once again I'll say it to every single person who has helped us to achieve our Mission – our dogs deserve the chance you give them and I am eternally grateful to an amazing family and community of dog lovers for your incredible commitment, love and compassion.

*Karen Rhodes*

**I'm proud to be writing this report as we celebrate the last 12 months and all that was achieved in our 85th year. We were thrilled to see the opening of Honey's Haven, named after Sonia Guinan's first rescue dog. We had a celebration with Sonia's close friends from Mayday, followed by an official opening. It was so heartening for all those involved to see the first occupants of these facilities enjoy their new luxurious spaces and continue to do so until they find their forever homes.**

Speaking of finding their forever homes, a number of very special residents left the premises this year, including Chipper, Fluffy, Wags, Athena, Duke, Mitch B and many more

A number of changes on the board during the year saw a few familiar faces leave whom I want to acknowledge as they have done so much for the refuge over many years.

Ian Coombes served the refuge and board for many years, he has been around for over 15 years and has been a solid contributor to the refuge in many guises, including dog walking, gardener, maintenance guru, and everything else in between. He retired from the Board earlier this year and will be missed by all the board members, but thankfully is still very much involved in walking dogs and assisting with day-to-day activities, always with a smile and twinkle in his eye.

Another person who contributed so much resigned from the board this year. Lee-Anne Ashley was heavily involved in the refuge for many years and was particularly known for her input to our events. Lee-Anne conjured up the wonderful idea of a quiz night 11 years ago and it is now one of our most successful and enjoyable fundraisers. Lee-Anne is also famous for her jumble sale, as part of our annual home open. Lee-Anne has picked and sorted through thousands of items, pulling out vintage records, books, ornaments, and jewels to auction online and make 'that little bit more' for the refuge coffers. She also adopted Luka who sadly passed this year, but almost immediately Lee-Anne offered to foster two senior dogs Noodle and Sweep, who of course never came back to us.

As we approach our AGM, we are hoping to add a few new faces to our Board which will strengthen and broaden our skill base and provide as much assistance as we can to the team of hardworking staff.

We've juggled a few positions this year as we work to ensure our Home runs as smoothly as possible while setting ourselves up for the future. I stepped into the President role while Karen stepped into the GM role and working together with the Board and Staff, we continue to achieve incredible adoption figures as we are there for as many dogs who need us.

Karen, whilst being missed on the board is working very closely with all of us, and doing a great job in the GM role, but we hope she will be back on the board in some capacity very soon.

Along with the highs there were the lows. It was a big year for surrenders. Many owners were caught out after the Covid rent moratorium ended and they were unable to afford increasing rents, and many tenants had to move to rentals who refused to allow their pets. Owners called from cars they were living in with their dogs desperate to find them a better life. We always took the calls and brought the homeless dogs in, and their owners were grateful when we called to tell them what wonderful homes we had found for their furry friends.

I am also so grateful to all our staff and volunteers. Some staff have been with us for over 10 years and continue to look after and love unconditionally all the dogs in our care. Our volunteers commit above and beyond. Whether it is fostering dogs unable to cope in kennel, driving to Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Narrogin, Collie or locally, to pick up strays, baking cakes for events, walking miles every day no matter the weather to ensure all our dogs get out of kennel, to making ice treats to keep our dog cool in summer, they are there, rain, hail or shine with big smiles on their faces and so much passion in their eyes. I am truly humbled by everyone who works and volunteers for the refuge.

Thanks to each and every one of you, and our generous benefactors we are



well on the way with our Master Plan in the first quarter of next year. We are so excited to be moving ahead with this, but not at the expense of saving as many dogs as we can physically fit into our facilities. We hope to engage more fosters next year to fill any kennel.

Finally, to all our supporters around Perth and beyond, a heartfelt thanks for everything you continue do for us including donations, external fundraisers, corporate events, kennel sponsors etc. Without you we would not be able to continue.

Have a wonderful holiday season, go safely and remember that Rescue is and always will be the best breed.

*Lynne Milligan*

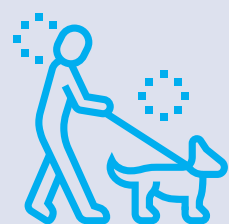




# Our Pawesome Year 2020/21

# Governance & Financial Report

## DOGS ENTERING SHELTER



# 1445

290 Puppies

1155 Dogs



## ADOPTIONS

# 1313



## Where Our Dogs Come From

	2020/21
Pound Rescue	637
Owner Surrender	445
Other Rescues	81
Dogs Returned	225
Shelter Offspring	57

**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.

## POUND RESCUE

# 664

Saved from Pounds

Our key Council partners include:

- 88 Gosnells
- 25 Armadale
- 56 Wanneroo
- 108 Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda & South Perth

We visit pounds across the metro area. Our key partners are Wanneroo, Gosnells and Armadale with another 62 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.

# 517

Dogs from Regional WA

84 Dogs from Broome

235 Dogs from Geraldton

Another great year with more and more dogs arriving from regional communities. Special thanks to the seven SAFE rescues who transferred 39 dogs into our care. Despite travel restrictions as we navigated COVID lockdowns, 84 dogs arrived from Broome while we collected over 235 dogs from Geraldton.



## FOSTERING STATS



# 444



# 230

Foster Homes

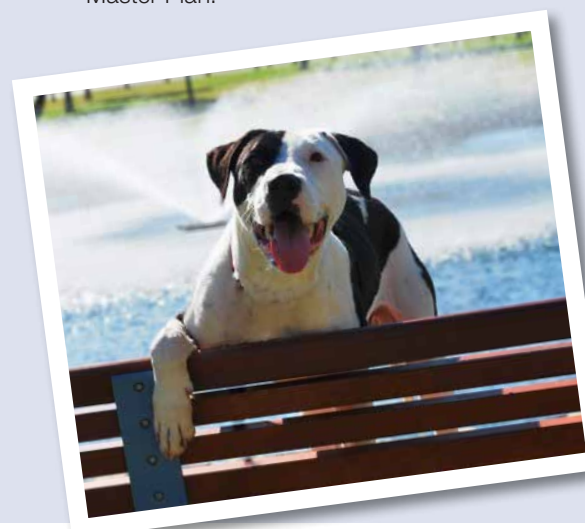
Another huge year for our foster team with 444 dogs (including 238 puppies) spend time with one of 230 foster carers during the past year. We can't thank all our foster carers enough for their compassion and dedication in providing a home-away-from-home for our dogs. Another thanks to our amazing Foster Coordinator, Kylie Markoff for her dedicated work.

## Financial Summary

Against the backdrop of Covid we were able to continue to manage the financial outcome of our kennel activities satisfactorily. It was pleasing to see that sales of accessories and other items in our shop increased by over 20%. We continue to focus on control of expenditure to ensure that we secure the best possible use of our funds.

We were able to upgrade our aging and unreliable IT system during the year, thanks to a grant from Lotterywest.

Demonstrating the support in the community for our objectives we were the grateful recipient of a range of donations and bequests. Together with the Government grant this will enable us to progress our capital works program towards our Master Plan.



## Expenses

	2020/21 %
Employee Costs	62%
Vet Fees	10%
Admin Costs	9%
Property	8%
Shop Stock	1.5%
Kennel Operations	7%
Fundraising	2.5%
	100%

\* Dog adoption fees & Boarding Income

## Income

	2020/21 %
Kennel Operations	21%
Fundraising	22%
Legacies	33%
Investment	5%
Grant Income	5%
Govt Covid19 Assistance	7%
	100%

## Governance & Oversight

### Patrons

Hon. Peter Collier, MLC  
Melanie Greensmith  
Nelson Woss

### Auditor

Grant Thornton

### Home Trustees

Ros Clarke  
Judy Flanagan  
Ruth Gourley  
Jen Sainken

### General Manager

Karen Rhodes

### Volunteer Board Members

Lynne Milligan, President  
Phillip Golding, Treasurer  
Chris Osborn, Secretary  
Lynda Hancy  
Sarah Murphy  
Marsha Sullivan

## Lasting Legacies

During 2019/20 we received with gratitude gifts from the estates of:

Emily Bickford  
Carmel Biggs  
John Brindley  
Daphne D'Alton  
June Greenslade  
Christine Peake  
Carolyn Rose  
James Rout  
Doris Sanders

Deborah Smith  
Lesley Slater  
Owen Ware  
Rosemary Packwood

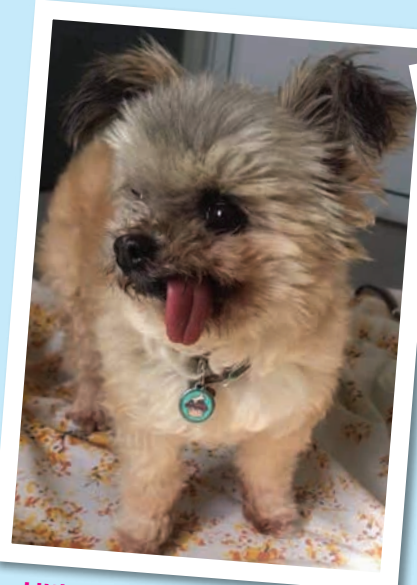




# The Funnies



Hazel says she's a better prize than the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow!



Little Betsy celebrated 'tongue out Tuesday' every day of the week!



Angus and Athena keeping warm and dry over the wet winter!



Jane doesn't quite understand the premise of the crate...



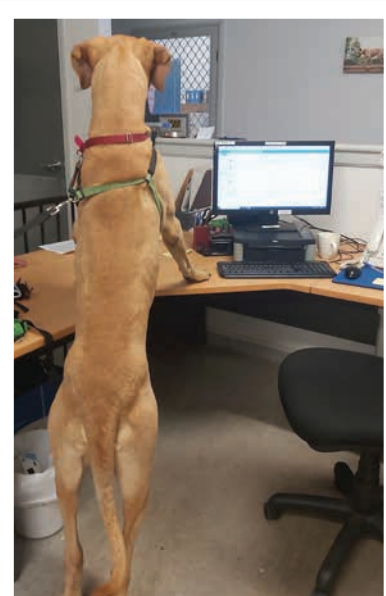
Our Natasha channelling her inner Dobby!



Narla's favourite party trick was throwing her hands in the air!



Addow plotting his escape- this boy loved attention and would do anything to get a laugh!



Snoopy helping out in the office



Malpa says; "I've been framed!"

# Fundraising The Next Generation of Dog Lovers!

The very generous **Kingston Higgs** visited us with a donation of \$400!

Kingston saved his birthday money and did some fundraising all for our dogs.

Our future looks bright with amazing children like Kingston helping us and our pooches - Tash and Ripper said a big thank you and on behalf of all our other dogs we say another Thankyou Kingston!



We also had a very special visit from the students of **Floreat Primary school**.

As part of their Year 6 leadership program at Floreat Park Primary, the students had had to look at ways to give back to the community. The

boys spent two weekends planning, creating and implementing a lemonade stall. There were the 'behind the scene' workers who made the signs, squeezed the lemons, made the lemonade, sourced the cups, extra supplies (multiple bike rides to the shops) and then there were the 'front of house' boys who grabbed the attention of locals driving by and sold the lemonade.

It was truly a production line as lemonade was selling fast. They were overwhelmed by the donations locals gave. It really showed a strong community spirit with people young and old stopping to give money to the Dogs Refuge. On one of the weekends a bus who had been driving its route actually stopped and let the boys sell the drinks to passengers who wanted to give their support. It is truly a memory the boys will never forget.

The 11 boys spent about 8 hours (even in the rain) over two weekends and raised over \$200. They chose the Dogs' Refuge Home as they are all huge dog lovers. They often pass the Dogs' Refuge and wanted to raise money for their furry friends. The tour gave them a further understanding on what 'helping' actually involves and what the staff, volunteers, and community support can do to impact the lives of unwanted and lost dogs.

Thank you so so much for your generous donation and hard work. We are so proud to call you ambassadors of the Refuge!

Not a weekend goes by without some amazing children arriving at our Home with a donation, whether it be their birthday money or money they've raised it never ceases to amaze us. As we struggle each year with fundraising we are left feeling optimistic that our future will remain bright with the younger generation looking out for us.



Just a few events we celebrated during the year were...

Home Open 2020 • Pup Up Fashion  
Santa Paws • In the Dog house

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Recycling = Saving the Planet & Saving our dogs!

Did you know you can make a difference to our dogs lives by donating... rubbish?!

It's as easy as:

- 1 **Collect eligible containers** - most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible.
- 2 **Take them to a refund point** - there are different types of refund points across Western Australia, so find the right one for you.
- 3 **Earn a refund or donate** - 10 cents for every eligible container you return will donated to the Home.

OUR ID is: C10301283





# Our People Volunteers

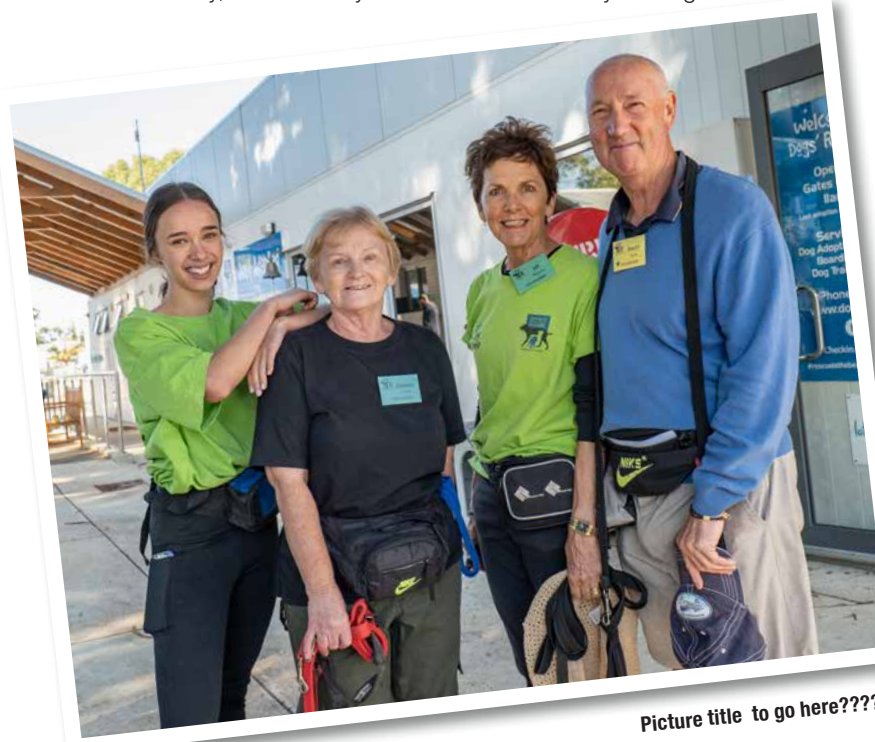


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**Our volunteer family reliably turn up day after day, year after year, in rain or shine to walk and spend time with the dogs, turning what could be the saddest time of their life into a happy holiday at the Refuge before finding their forever homes.**

There is no limit to what our vollies will do. From late night airport runs and long distance pick ups, to setting up and manning events, performing maintenance on hot summer days, sorting through mountains of laundry, fostering, fundraising and everything in between, there is no task too daunting for our team.

It's often not easy, it's not always fun- but it is incredibly fulfilling.



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## PAWESOME VOLUNTEERS

# 32,888

Onsite volunteering hours

# 301 14

Active Volunteers

Corporate Teams

### Volunteer Awards

(Presented December 2020)



#### Gold (2000+ hours)

Christine Chinnery  
Jen Harwood  
Lynne Milligan  
Henry Moors  
Marsha Sullivan



#### Silver (1000+ hours)

Denise Chugg  
Sophie Dunn  
Amanda Kelly  
Walt Munyard  
Toni Soderstrom



#### Bronze (500+ hours)

Lis Consedine  
Geri Devine  
Tracey Gilbert  
Debbie Grose  
Chelsea Papuga  
Allison Peaty  
Renee McAuley  
Carolyn Rachlitz  
Anne van Drunen



The commitment to treating the dogs in our care as if they were our own until we can find them a loving permanent home drives our passionate team.

We have a small number of staff who are supported by a large team of volunteers. Their collaborative effort have allowed us to rescue and re-home an increasing number of dogs each year and ensure we deliver the highest standards of animal welfare.

**"WORKING HARD FOR SOMETHING WE  
DON'T CARE ABOUT IS CALLED STRESS;  
WORKING HARD FOR SOMETHING WE  
LOVE IS CALLED PASSION."**

SIMON SINEK



## Lasting Legacies

**Whilst there are still dogs in our metro pounds to be saved and plenty of surrenders coming through our doors the number of dogs in regional pounds seems to be increasing and we are so thankful we can help.**

In the past year we have significantly increased our intake from Geraldton. We are very proud to be a part of City of Greater Geraldton's Dog Rehoming Program. We love seeing pups who have come to us from the North head off to their amazing new homes here in the Perth metro area and are so thankful to the team at The Geraldton Animal Management Facility for the invaluable part they play in this process. You do a truly remarkable

job, and we are so proud to work alongside in our quest to save dogs.

We then rely on volunteers to pack up our van and drive the 5 hours up North. After an overnight stay to ensure they are rested and ready to transport back our precious cargo back they head to the pound then back to the safety of our Home where a meal, warm bed and tasty dinner awaits them.

# Our People Staff & Regional Trips

## PAWESOME STAFF

# 38

38 Staff  
(at 30 June 2021)



Full Time



Part Time

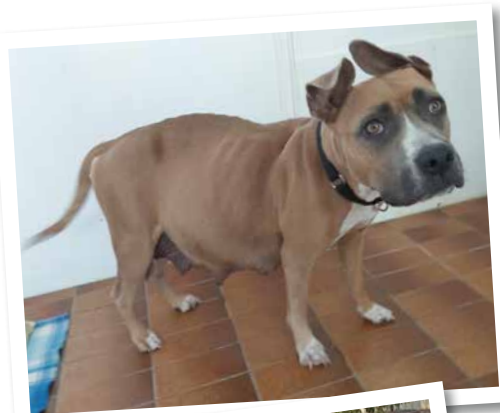


Casual





# Harlow's Last Litter



Late in the afternoon on 27th Jan, a distressed Staffy called Harlow was dropped off heavily pregnant by her owner. She was literally a day away from giving birth and at 5 years, this was her fourth litter! Thank goodness it will be her last.

We managed to get Harlow out on foster the next day and she started giving birth just after midnight that night – somehow, she gave birth to 12 healthy pups. She was an amazing mum to her puppies, and they all grew up to be big and strong and went on to find amazing new homes. Finally, Harlow found her perfect match, too. We were all so thrilled, and even honoured her with some commemorative DRH merchandise!

Harlow's new mum filled us in with what she has been getting up to since her adoption!

Emily says; "I hope of all of her puppies are doing well and enjoying their new homes. Just thought to let you and the dog refuge know that Harlow is settling in great. She loves her 1-2 daily walks a day where she loves a long stroll to sniff around and explore the environment. Harlow definitely loves the beach as she loves the water, the sunshine and running through the sand, I think that it is her happy place for sure.

Harlow in this short amount of time having her has become very loyal to me (sometimes doesn't go on to her bed until I lay with her on her bed and blankets to tuck her in for the night) which is adorable. It is very comforting knowing that she loves her new home and me as her owner. She is a very well behaved dog who does have her stubborn moments but I wouldn't change it for the world. From the moment I saw and met her I fell in love with her, and just want to say thank you to everyone at the Dog Refuge home who made all this happen. Thank You so much"



# Finesse's Happily Ever After

Finesse arrived at the Refuge in a terrible state - she was emaciated and hardly had any fur on her little body. After plenty of much needed medical attention, time and love in a foster home she now has a forever home, a lovely mum AND a doggie brother.

Unfortunately, her medical woes weren't quite behind her, and we are so thankful to her amazing mum for providing her with all the care and attention she needs on her road to recovery.

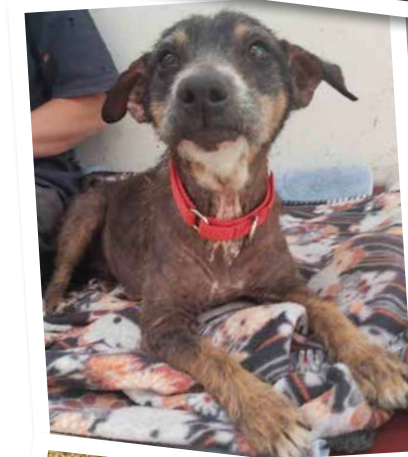
Jas said; "It's coming up on six months now and I wanted to share an update about my beautiful senior girl Finn (formerly Finesse). Since her adoption Finn has unfortunately had a whole host of medical trials and tribulations including allergies, epilepsy and surgery for a luxating patella. Fortunately, she has taken them all in her stride with a voracious appetite for both food and adventure which has earned her the nickname "the mountain goat" at our local vets!

Finn is a lovely, cuddly, mischievous little girl and has acquired quite the reputation with everyone she meets as the sweetest dog they've ever met! She is a little star at daycare, family gatherings and out and about. She is also thriving as a big fur sister

- she has certainly won her brother Artie's heart and now is enjoying the company of her new fur sister Mable (from Staffy and Bully Breed Rescue) who is teaching her how to use toys. She even helps temperament test incoming dogs with SABBR to pay forward her rescue helping more dogs find the right homes.

Adopting a senior girl with medical issues has kept me on my toes and at times it has been uncertain how much time I have left with Finn, but I don't regret a moment or a dollar of it. I strongly encourage anyone with the compassion and the resources to invest in older doggos - I am so grateful to be able to bring Finn the love and joy she missed out on for so long and of course she pays it back tenfold. Thanks DRH for saving this special girl and bringing her into my life"

Thank you Jas for taking a chance on this sweet senior girl and finally giving her the home she deserves.



## WE'RE A VERY SOCIAL PACK!

Social media has become a powerful tool for promoting our dogs and sharing our key messages on dog welfare and responsible dog ownership. Our social media posts are now viewed and shared literally around the world!

**1.6M** Number of people reached on Facebook! A 47.1% increase on previous 365 days.

### Facebook

<b>94.3k</b>	Total Page Followers EOFY
<b>1.6M</b>	People Reached (47.1% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>283k</b>	Page Visits (65% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>9.4k</b>	New Page Likes (12.6% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>2.3M</b>	Engagement (number of times people shared, commented, liked)
<b>30k</b>	Link Clicks
<b>68k</b>	Shares

### Instagram

<b>24k</b>	Total Page Likes EOFY
<b>302k</b>	People Reached (180% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>60k</b>	Page Visits (123% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>2.5k</b>	New Followers

### TikTok

TikTok launched
First viral video May 2021 <b>196.4k views, 36.7k likes</b>
If you compare this to Instagram, for example, this one video hit 64% of our Instagram reach for the entire year
Great potential to reach new audiences



## Kennel Sponsors

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who sponsored a kennel during 2020/21:

Denise Hilsz & Alan Pittman	North Beach Gourmet Butcher
IJM Foundation Pty Ltd	Pat and Jimmy Chang
Woodlands	Quay Associates
Taz's Handyman Service (x2 kennels)	Pomsky Maverick Irvine & Family
May Day Dog Rescue Club Inc (x 2 kennels)	Sue and Peter Sumner
Paul Smith	Taz's Handyman Service (2)
Ros Stynes	Curtain World
Mark Hanlon	In Memory of Claire Ward
Ziggies Educational Supplies	CS Automation
Evoke media on behalf of INITIATIVE	Danny and Rex Maloney (2020 – 2023)

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](mailto:events@dogshome.org.au)



# Our Masterplan 2025

Honey's Haven opened its kennel doors in May this year after many months of planning, demolition, and rebuilding. The kennel is dedicated in honour of Honey, the first rescue dog of Sonia Guinan, the person whose generosity made the build all possible.

Whilst we were planning the works for the demolition and re-build of our Kennel 4 block, we discovered a big beehive, so we enlisted the help of 'Sonny's Honey' to help us safely relocate these beautiful insects, so we can start work on our new kennel.

Sonny and his team came out and had us all in awe, watching them carefully relocate the beehive and safely take away the bees so they can be introduced to new hives. We could not help but notice the irony that Honey's Haven was already filled to the brim with sweet Honey before the walls even came down.

On 30th April we officially opened Honey's Haven, our newest kennel block, which is light, bright and modern thanks to an incredibly generous bequest from Sonia Guinan.

Sonia started MayDay Dog Rescue in the late 1970's and was a dog lover extraordinaire. This amazing, kind, and generous lady devoted her life to saving dogs in need and often went without herself so she could rescue and care for more dogs.

Sonia's friends and colleagues from Mayday Dog Rescue were as pleased as punch to unveil a plaque that declared Honey's Haven open.

A few hours later the first two dogs were enjoying their comfortable new accommodation, the warm sunshine, and the lovely surroundings in their new kennel while they waited for someone to fall in love and adopt them.

During their stay with us they will have relaxing music piped through the kennel, dogs in Honey's Haven enjoy

underground heating and cooling and be spoilt by our vollies and staff. This wonderful accommodation is only possible thanks to Sonia and her memory will live on at our Home forever. We are so incredibly grateful to this amazing dog lover.

Gifts in Wills help to secure our future, maintain and upgrade our ageing facilities and ensure hundreds of dogs, both now and in the future, will benefit from your love and kindness.

To find out more about leaving a bequest to Dogs' Refuge Home in your Will, please visit: <https://www.dogshome.org.au/leave-a-legacy/>



# 85th Year



In October 2020 we turned 85 and celebrated with our staff, vollies and stakeholders.

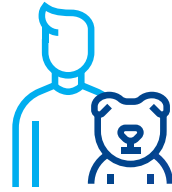
It was fabulous to reflect on all we've achieved over the years and get excited about what's planned for in the future. Then in March 2021 we celebrated one of our longest serving volunteers turning 85 – the amazing Ian Coombes. Ian is legendary around our Home and we are eternally grateful he chose to volunteer with us all those years ago





# Valued Partners

The Home is blessed to have the support of a number of key partnerships that significantly impact our ability to provide continued high quality care to our dogs and advance the cause of dog rescue in Western Australia. We extend our deepest gratitude to the following people and organisations.



## Become a 'Caring Friend' Today



'Caring Friends' is our regular giving program. It has been going for more than 15 years and was started by just a handful of our most faithful and loyal givers.

Caring Friends are donors who pledge a weekly, monthly or quarterly amount, which they set and manage online themselves. These donations provide us with dependable revenue and is the most cost-effective way for us to fundraise for our dogs.

As a Caring Friend we will post you our 'Chinwag' newsletter twice a year plus our Annual Report to highlight all our rescue and re-homing work and show you where your donations are spent.

You will also receive regular email updates and notices of our events and activities.

Your regular gift helps our dogs to always get the best care until they find new forever homes and helps fund our regional rescue work.

Becoming a regular donor is easy and you have complete control over your giving – you can change your amount, change the timing, set the date and pause anytime if you need to. And the Give Now platform will send you a tax receipt for 30 June with 100% of your donation tax deductible.

**Set up your regular gift now by visiting our website!**

**[www.dogshome.org.au/caring-friends](http://www.dogshome.org.au/caring-friends)**



**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.**

**Leave a gift in your Will**

Make a lasting difference



**Ask for donations in lieu of gifts**

Weddings, birthdays, memorials or other occasions



**Become a kennel sponsor or corporate partner**

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