

Dogs' Refuge Home (WA) Inc.

# Annual Report

## 2021/22







**It is truly an honour to have accepted the position of General Manager at the Dogs' Refuge Home. When I first joined the Refuge in early 2021 in the role of Digital Marketing Coordinator, the Home immediately felt like my home.**

To be able to come in to work every day knowing you are making a difference to the lives of so many homeless and unwanted dogs is something I feel very privileged to be able to do. Over the past 18 months, I have welcomed over 60 foster dogs and puppies into my family. My partner now rolls his eyes every time the garage door goes up and he sees a new happy and hopeful face sat beside me in the passenger seat. There are no better dogs in the world than Dogs' Refuge Home dogs, and if I could have 50 in my home at once, I would! We have lost countless sofas, rugs, cushions and shoes- but it's all worth it to see them be adopted by their forever families.

My first few months in the role of General Manager have been filled with excitement, joy and of course some challenging days. Despite this, every single day I am amazed at the resilience, hard work and positive attitude of our team. Seeing the volunteers turn up day after day in wind and rain, scorching sun and everything in between never ceases to amaze me. Even when the going gets really tough, it's never as tough as our volleys, and

there's no lengths they would not go to for our dogs. To say 'thank you' never feels enough.

The staff too continue to impress me with their ability to adapt to the changing nature of dog adoption in Western Australia and across the country. These are extremely testing times. Our adoption figures have suffered but intake remains worryingly high. This constant imbalance takes its toll on our team who are the ones having to say 'no' to dogs in need simply due to a lack of kennel space. In these trying months our staff have rallied, caring for all of our new arrivals and exceeding welfare standards, finding foster homes for more dogs than ever before to get them out of kennels, and trying new initiatives to educate the public as to why rescue really is the best breed.

But it's not all doom and gloom, we have also had some real highs over the past few months. From saving dogs from horrendous conditions and sending them off to their forever homes, to opening our brand-new kennel "The Penthouse" and celebrating milestone birthdays, there's still plenty of fun in every day. We've seen long term dogs finally find families after waiting years and have witnessed countless amazing physical and behavioural transformations. We've had 'puppy fever' all year, and I am so grateful for the amazing work of Vice President Lynne Milligan who, in her volunteer role as 'puppy maestro' has rehomed more dogs this year than anyone else on the team; bravo Lynne!

Lynne, along with our President Karen Rhodes have been pillars of strength and fantastic mentors as I took on my new role. It is amazing to see the Board of a not for profit so dedicated and involved and interested in the day-to-day operations of the Home. It gives me great comfort to know that each and every Board member truly understands the work we do, and every decision is made with the dog's best interest at heart as we strive towards our vision of a community where every dog is in a safe and loving home.

While we take a moment to look back on a remarkable year it makes me very excited for what's to come in the year ahead. We continue to forge ahead with our Master Plan, turning each of our kennels into the luxury accommodation

our dogs deserve. I cannot thank each of our generous benefactors enough for turning this dream into a reality. In the year ahead we will continue to spread the message of responsible dog ownership far and wide, and hope that we begin to see a reduction in the number of dogs finding themselves homeless through no fault of their own.

To everyone who has adopted, fostered, volunteered, donated and advocated for our dogs; thank you. Without you we could never do what we do and I am amazed every day at the compassion, dedication and love shown by our generous dog loving community. I hope you all have a wonderful festive season spent with loved ones, and look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year.

*Robyn Slater*



## 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.

**In last year's Annual Report, we celebrated the opening of Honey's Haven thanks to an incredibly generous legacy left by the late Sonia Guinan. This year we celebrated the opening of The Penthouse thanks to a grant from the Government which was supported by our local MP Dr Katrina Stratton and opened by our Premier Mark McGowan. Seeing our dogs in these new kennels is so rewarding and we are very grateful, but it does remind us how much more we have to do as we still have lots of old kennels that need replacing.**

With the never-ending number of dogs desperately needing our help we need as much support as we can get and I am forever grateful to those who volunteer, donate, foster, remember us in their will and help us to spread the word about the work we do and the importance of the community understanding that adopting a dog is a life changing experience and literally saves lives. I've been involved with the Home for 16 years, and this is the worst I've seen it for dogs in need. Every single office has a dog and some multiple dogs, but we will always do whatever we can to rescue the next one.

Many long-term residents found their forever homes these last 12 months and many happy tears have been shed as we waved them off and have since received fabulous feedback about how wonderful they are. We're hoping some of our other long-term resident find their homes very soon too.

The need for us and what we do is sadly increasing – I've never known so many dogs being abandoned and, speaking with other rescue groups it's not just us. We're all in the same boat, desperately trying to find homes for our dogs so we can fit the next ones in, thanks to the other rescues who also work tirelessly and thanks to our amazing foster carers who help us extend our kennel capacity every day.

Our partners at the pounds, especially regional do an amazing job keeping dogs safe until we have room to fit them in. Big thanks also to our volunteer drivers who do more kilometres than I can count to collect and bring these dogs to the safety of our Home.

There will be a couple of changes on our Board as our Treasurer Phil Golding and Board Member Lynda Hancy step down after many years of service and after having contributed greatly to our Mission. Phil has made a significant difference to our investment portfolio and Lynda manages our valuable donor database

and is dedicated to walking dogs twice a week plus helps at every event. Thank you to both Phil and Lynda. Thanks also to Simon Herbert from Distinctive Homes who stepped down from our Board a few months ago. Simon was a big support during our last kennel build and his building expertise and contacts were a huge help in ensuring we got exactly what our dogs needed.

For the 10th year in a row the amazing Tate Family Foundation matched donations up to \$25K for our In the Dog House fundraiser – that's a whopping \$250K over the years.

When we started looking for our next GM we decided to head hunt to ensure we got the right person with the right values and the same commitment to rescue that we all have. We met with a few impressive candidates but realised the best person for the job was already on our team. We were delighted when our very own Robyn Slater accepted our offer of General Manager. Robyn has been with us nearly two years now and understands every area of our operations, is devoted to rescue, and is committed to ensuring we work smarter not harder. She has already made a difference to how we operate and her skills in data analysing and reporting has been insightful.

What we did realise when looking externally is how well we currently do a number of things, our policies and procedures are solid, and we have some amazing staff who have been with us for many years and who are as good as you'll find in any rescue. Promoting from within has been rewarding and we're so proud of how well we currently operate. Now that's not to say we don't want to or need to improve but it was nice to reflect on how far we've come and how strong we are.

Being reliant on fundraising and bequests to survive means we can't possibly justify spending money on advertising but getting the word

out there about our work is critically important – that's why we are so grateful to Beau Pearson from Ch10 who visits us regularly to record his weather segment and allows us to promote some of our dogs available for adoption.

I'd like to thank each and every Board Member for their commitment and dedication to our Home and for the countless hours they spend late at night and on weekends ensuring good Governance and sustainability is always top of mind. Extra thanks to VP Lynne Milligan who is a pillar of strength and a great support either as VP, Acting President, or doing more adoptions than anyone else. To every volunteer who never let us down, give us thousands of hours week in and week out and who love and cherish our dogs as their own and to our staff for their hard work in what can be an emotional environment, thank you!

Thank you to every supporter who has also adopted, fostered or donated. I wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and say a heartfelt thanks for enabling us to do what we do.

*Karen Rhodes*

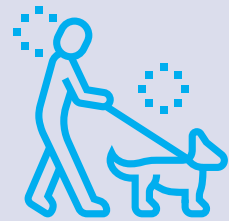




# The Facts 2021/22

# The Figures 2021/22

## DOGS ENTERING SHELTER



# 1558

264 Puppies

1294 Dogs



## ADOPTIONS

# 1478



## Where Our Dogs Come From

	2021/22
Pound Rescue	738
Owner Surrender	508
Other Rescues	54
Dogs Returned	194
Shelter Offspring	40
Council	24

**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

# 397

 Saved from Metro Pounds

Our key Council partners include:

- 85 Gosnells
- 64 Armadale
- 62 Wanneroo
- 117 Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda & South Perth

We visit pounds across the metro area. Our key partners are Wanneroo (62 dogs), Gosnells (85 dogs) and Armadale (64 dogs) with another 117 dogs coming from Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda, Cockburn and South Perth. Counted in these numbers are dogs transferred in from Metro area pounds and other local rescue groups.

# 395

 Saved from Regional Pounds

33 Dogs from Broome

260 Dogs from Geraldton

37 Dogs from Kalgoorlie

36 Dogs from Bunbury

Another great year with more and more dogs arriving from regional communities. The 395 dogs saved includes dogs entering our care from regional pounds and other rescue groups. With intake requests at an all time, we make great efforts to travel to regional areas and save at risk dogs. This financial year 260 dogs arrived from Geraldton, 33 dogs arrived from Broome, 37 dogs from Kalgoorlie and 36 dogs from Bunbury.

## FOSTERING STATS



# 466



# 230

Foster Homes

Another huge year for our foster team with 466 dogs (including 201 puppies) spending time with one of 305 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

We work tirelessly to provide the best outcome for all dogs that enter our care. However, on the advice from our vet behaviourists and our trainers we must accept that some dogs just cannot safely be rehomed in the Community. In 2021/22 fifteen dogs (0.9% of our dogs) were humanely put to sleep on behavioural grounds. Each dog was treated with love and kindness during their passing.



## Financial Summary

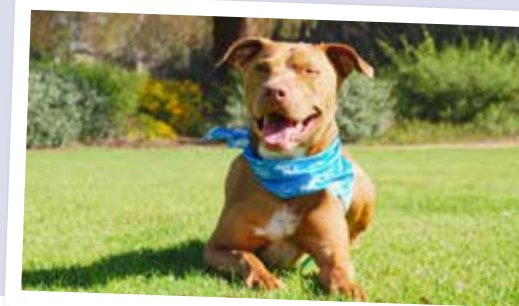
Revenue from kennel operations reflected the high number of dogs adopted out and a return of boarding kennel activity. Kennel costs also reflect adoption activity and increases in prices of goods and services.

Our employee costs included the increase in the national wage in July 2021 and the appointment of previously vacant positions.

The level of public support and our fund raising programs can be seen in donations received. We continue to enjoy great support for our activities from the community. We were fortunate to receive a number of substantial bequests during the year.

The State Government grant allowed us to undertake construction of the new kennel block which was partly completed at year end.

We continue to favour capital preservation in our investment program but our portfolio was not immune from adverse market conditions in the second half of the year. Higher interest rates will drive our returns higher in 2022/23.



## Expenses

	2021/22 %
Employee Costs	65%
Vet Fees	7%
Admin Costs	10%
Property	6%
Shop Stock	5%
Kennel Operations	6%
Fundraising	1%
	100%

## Income

	2021/22 %
Kennel Operations*	29%
Fundraising	23%
Legacies	45%
Grant Income	3%
	100%

\* Dog adoption fees & Boarding Income

## Governance & Oversight

### President

Karen Rhodes

### Vice President

Lynne Milligan

### Secretary

Chris Osborn

### Treasurer

Philip Golding

### Board

Lynda Hancy  
Denise Cheir  
Alex Gillespie  
Leanne Copping  
Marsha Sullivan  
Simon Herbert

### General Manager

Robyn Slater

### Veterinarian

Greg Wilkinson

### Trustees

Ruth Gourley  
Judy Flanagan  
Jen Sainken

### Patrons

Melanie Greensmith  
Peter Collier MLC  
Nelson Woss

### Auditor

Grant Thornton

We are very grateful to GT for Auditing our accounts for the last 3 years pro-bono – incredibly generous and very much appreciated, thank you.

## Lasting Legacies

During 2021/22 we received with gratitude gifts from the estates of:

Julian McCarthy  
Theda Gilbride  
Isabel Dorothy Millar  
Evelyn Woodworth Jones  
Ronald Edward Jones  
Lynette Mary Mead  
Anthony Carrier  
Marianne Cross  
Yvonne Zacharoff  
John Stuart Brindley  
Gerda Stokman  
Julia Gibson  
Dianne Burnell  
Lynette Mary Mead

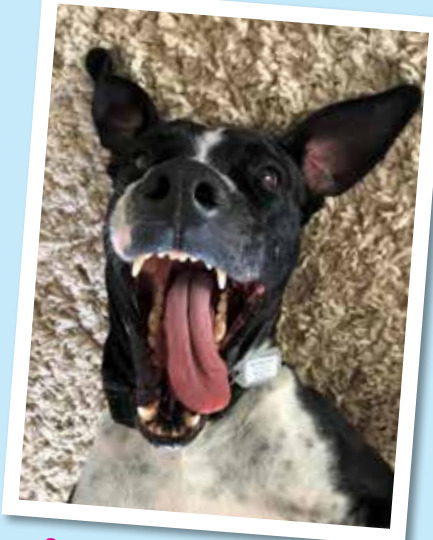




# The Funnies



Winston is always ready for a tropical holiday



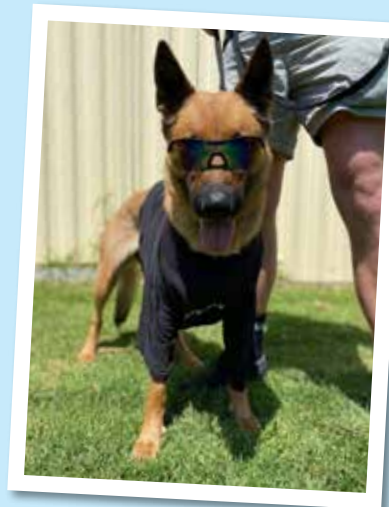
Sonic was THIS excited about being adopted!



Seal is a tennis ball fanatic; he could hold three at once!



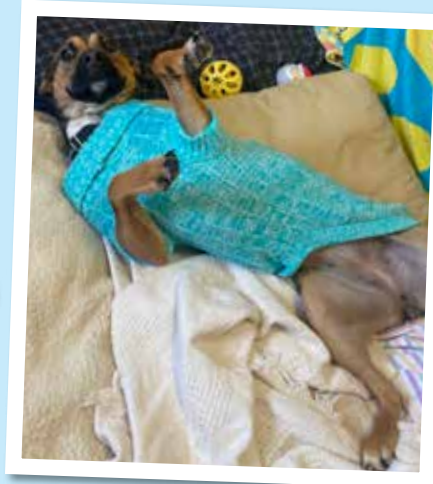
Marvel models our masks



Sandy is model material



Ned and Pearl learn that other dogs are friends



Aero says, "it wasn't me stealing the treats I swear!!"



Fluffy says, "I've done it, the people really believe I am a bunny rabbit"



Addow made it very clear that he is NOT a Valentine's Day fan



Ghost loves winding down with a good book in the evening

# A Christmas Miracle with an important message



On the 14th December 2021 we accepted a call for help from a member of our local community. A gentleman's dog had an unexpected litter of puppies, who now at seven months old were taking over his home. They had never left the house, so we sent our team to take them in in the hope of finding them forever homes.



Upon arrival, as they were unvaccinated, they entered our strict quarantine facility with dedicated staff members safely away from the other dogs on site. Aside from being filthy dirty, frightened and a little on the slim side, the pups seemed to be in good spirits and health. This would not last long. Within 24hrs we discovered these poor sweet puppies had been exposed to the deadly parvovirus.



Our first question was; how? These pups had never left the home. Further investigation found that a visitor to

the home had been exposed to the virus and must have carried it in on their clothing or shoes. This is how contagious this is.

Although the outlook was bleak for these poor angels, with the amazing support of Subiaco Vet who dispensed medication immediately, and SAI Vets who provided these pups with 24/7 emergency care, we are SO pleased to report six of the seven pups made a miraculous recovery and went on to find loving homes. Unfortunately, one poor sweet puppy, Winter, did not make it.

As we enter the hot summer months once again, please, please if you have an unvaccinated dog at home **VACCINATE THEM NOW!** This virus does not pose a significant health risk to vaccinated dogs but can be fatal in up to 91% of untreated cases with unvaccinated dogs. Huge thanks to everyone who donated to our fundraiser to help us cover the \$30,000 vet bills, allowing us to save these angels.



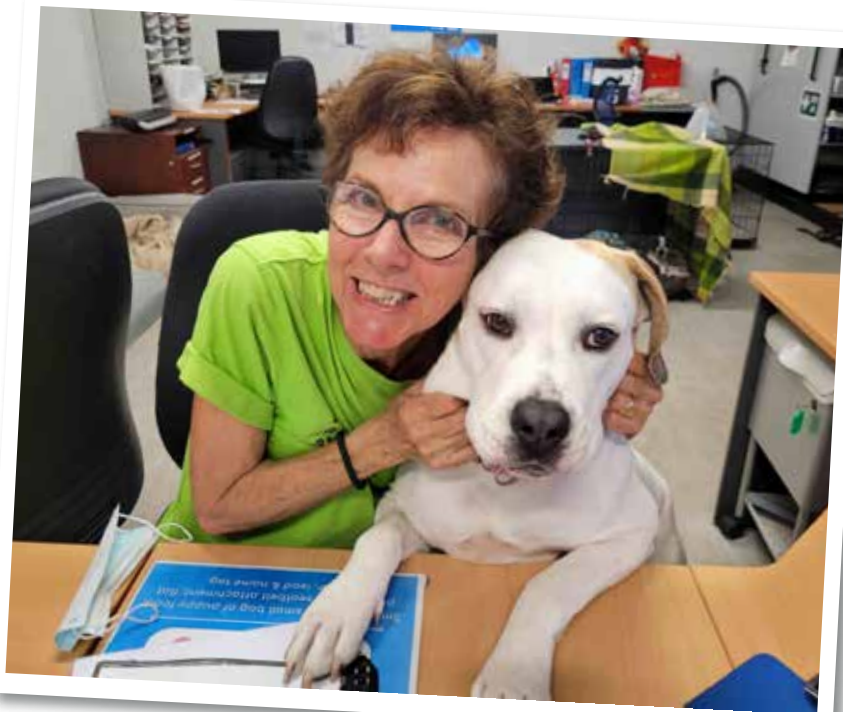
## AROUND THE POUNDS - BEAU'S BEST FRIENDS!

We have been so thrilled to have the support of 10 News First Perth in their new "Around the Pounds" segment. Our dogs love catching up with their best friend Beau Pearson as he chats to our team about the lovely dogs looking for new homes during the weather segment. They say "never work with children and animals", we can't speak for children- but our doggies are always PERFECT for live TV! Thanks to Beau and the Channel 10 team for getting our doggie's beautiful faces out there!





# Our Amazing Team



Office superstar Jill with Charli

**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.



Some of our fabulous dog walking vollies

## PAWESOME VOLUNTEERS

# 38,733

Onsite Volunteering Hours (our highest record!)

# 395 71

Active Volunteers Corporate Teams

### Volunteer Awards

(Presented December 2021)



#### Gold (2000+ hours)

Michael Hill  
Nicolee Collica  
Greg Goad  
Sabrina Arklie  
Lynda Purser



#### Silver (1000+ hours)

Geri Devine  
Jon Pollard  
Colin Edwards  
Fiona Maher



#### Bronze (500+ hours)

Jeanette Blake Heatley  
Sally Revell  
Chris Ruffle  
Dionne Radis  
Trish Burgoyne  
Jan McMahon



**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 has 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



## Regional Rescue

**2021/22 resulted in more trips to Geraldton than ever before. The rangers up there have become our great friends and we are so grateful for their dedication and compassion.**

Rangers Des, Lauren and Keet manage a never-ending number of dogs in their care, getting them off the streets and keep them safe until we have space in our kennels and one of our amazing volunteers agree to drive up to collect them. It's a team effort and one we are so happy to be a part of and we are grateful to be able to offer a safe place for those dogs, but we can only do that if the community continue to adopt from us.

Sally Dixon from BARRC in Bunbury is another legend who manages the Southwest region and juggles more dogs than we ever thought possible. Sally created a rescue page for us all to share dogs in need and while it's comforting to know there are many other rescues out there saving dogs it's overwhelming at times to accept the number of dogs abandoned and abused and needing their second chance.

Stephanie from Kojonup is often in touch with pups and dogs needing rescuing and we never cease to be amazed by how lovely they all are and find it difficult to comprehend how they could have ever been neglected and discarded.

Noel from Narrogin reaches out whenever he has dogs he can't find homes for and we always find vollies happy to do a day trip to save a dog's life.

And our long-term friend Wendy in Broome is a powerhouse who knows no bounds when it comes to saving a dog in need, she even drove one down because he was too tall to fit in a crate. We often fly dogs down from Broome after Wendy has checked them out and put them on the plane and whilst the airfares are high the happy wagging tails that greet our volunteers at the airport makes it all worthwhile.

## PAWESOME STAFF

# 39

39 Staff  
(at 30 June 2022)



Full Time



Part Time



Casual





# Harley's Happily Ever After



When Harley (was Pretty Girl) arrived at the Refuge back in early December 2021, her owner told us, "She used to be able to walk, but over the past week she's been getting worse and worse." She seemed to be in constant pain and was very uneasy on her feet, walking was an enormous effort for the poor little girl.

We took X-rays but couldn't see any fractures, and that's when our friends at Subiaco Vet discovered she had an infection that had spread throughout her joints. That's where her recovery began. After 5 weeks of antibiotics and pain medication, this little trooper made it through the other side.

We knew Harley would need a specific home, there was a chance that down the line she would require further treatment. That's when we met her perfect new owners who fell in love with her instantly, Lauryn says:

"We adopted Harley (otherwise known as Pretty Girl) almost 12 months ago. She has had some real health troubles and needed a surgery at 8 months old which left her needing to be as still as possible for 6 weeks!

Thankfully The Dogs' Refuge Home helped us financially and we were able to give Harley the surgery she needed!

She is the biggest cuddle bug and loves to play around with her best

friend Poppy. Her Grandma's and Grandad's spoil her rotten as well as her Mum and Dad! She already has Christmas presents under the tree.

She loves camping and going on adventures and is just the happiest little/big puppy ever! I think the pictures do more justice than words ever could."

Harley has had a tumultuous 12 months of life so far, from overcoming sepsis, going from a foster home to a forever home and then major surgery at 8 months old. We are so thankful we could help Harley through this and to see her living her best doggy life, reminds us why we do what we do! Thank you to Harley's parents for adopting and loving this special girl.



# Desex Your Pets!

This year we've had an alarming rate of hoarding cases, backyard breeding situations and unplanned litters across Perth. On 3 separate occasions we've been contacted to help rescue multiple dogs that have been living in less-than-ideal conditions and are not receiving the proper love and care that they deserve.

Back in December 2021, we received a call from our amazing friends at Husky Rescue WA. They had done phenomenal work rescuing 20 dogs from a hoarding situation in NSW. These dogs had never left a property in their entire lives, and there were over 80 dogs who had been severely neglected.

Nine of these babies then made their way to us. The three boys were the most confident and the girls took more time to warm up to new people. They were young, petite husky mixes, looking for calm and patient homes.

These pups made good progress with our dedicated team, but it was clearer they needed consistent positive reinforcement and a very patient, loving approach. We told potential adopters that it would no doubt take a long time, potentially months (maybe years), before these dogs feel truly comfortable and safe in their new environment.

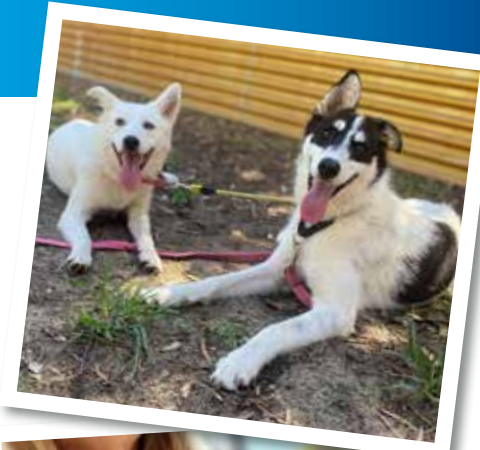
In February 2022, we were asked by a member of our community who had become overwhelmed with the number of dogs at her property, to help her situation. 16 dogs Terrier

mixes were surrendered into our care. The dogs were all young- between a year and 18 months old- and had not been socialised with the great big world around them.

Many of the dogs were very timid in their current environment, like the Husky mixes these dogs were needing very specific homes with very understanding and patient owners.

More recently we had 27 mixed breed dogs surrendered into our care that had come from a back yard breeding situation where there were over 100 dogs on the property. Other rescue groups helped on this rescue mission, and we can proudly say that all 27 dogs have been successfully rehomed and are thriving in their new environments. They are welcomed into the home as loved family members, and they are slowly getting used to the outside world.

It is so important that we continue to advocate for responsible dog ownership including desexing your pets! It is shocking to us that in 2022 we are still seeing such high rates of unwanted or unplanned litters that can easily be prevented.



## WE'RE A VERY SOCIAL PACK!

It is clear that social media is the best way to promote our dogs and share our key messages on dog welfare and responsible ownership. People all over the world view our posts and supporters often tell us how much they love seeing our posts, especially our adoption album on a Monday afternoon!

# 2M

Number of people reached on Facebook!  
A 75.4% increase on previous 365 days.

Social Media Stats 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022

### Facebook

<b>105k</b>	Total Page Followers EOFY
<b>1.6M</b>	People Reached (47.1% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>257.9k</b>	Page Visits (57% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>13.1k</b>	New Page Likes (12.6% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>1.3M</b>	Engagement (number of times people shared, commented, liked)
<b>60k</b>	Link Clicks
<b>70k</b>	Shares



### Instagram

<b>29.5k</b>	Total Page Likes EOFY
<b>376k</b>	People Reached (105% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>88.2k</b>	Page Visits (104% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>2.3k</b>	New Followers

## Kennel Sponsors

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who sponsored a kennel during 2021/22:

Quay Associates	Pat & Ellie's Wedding	Joanna Ward
Curtain World	North Beach Gourmet Butcher	Denise Hilsz & Alan Pitman
Colin B Clarke	Taz's Pet Door Services	IJM Foundation pty Ltd
Teresa De Florenca	McQuire-Wilson Family	Mayday Dog Rescue Club
Autotribe	John Batten	Gail Archer SC
Ros Stynes	Linda & Rod Sproule	Maureen Bernardo
Mark Hanlon	Tanya & Peter Sarich	Hickey Constructions
The Cobalt Foundation	Martin Bayly	Jackie Chin
Lions and Tigers	Lynda & John Hancy	Pat Chang
Duck Duck Bruce	Simone Irvine	Tate Family Foundation
Ray White - Russell Dohmen	Sue & Peter Sumner	

If you would like to help dogs in our care, you can sponsor a kennel for \$2500 per year! Please call 9381 8166 or email [events@dogshome.org.au](mailto:events@dogshome.org.au) for more information





## Masterplanning

**We've still got a way to go but we're definitely at the halfway point of our Masterplan which is so exciting. Our old kennels need constant repair but we are reticent to spend too much on upgrades knowing their lifespan is hopefully just a few more years.**

We currently have our plans in with DPLH for approval then will be submitting to Nedlands Council before we can start demolishing our old quarantine kennels and 'Bricks'. Those volunteers who have been with us for years will remember us using 'bricks' as kennels for our dogs, they are very small and dark and all squashed together and the dogs used to look out onto...well...bricks. We all hated them, but it was all we had. We haven't used these kennels for our dogs for a while now but we are landlocked so couldn't demolish these without demolishing other kennels too including old quarantine.

We are able to proceed with our next phase thanks to some generous West Australians remembering us in their wills and thanks to an incredibly generous donation from one of our long term volunteers who never ceases to astound us with her devotion to our dogs and our Home.

We're hoping to have the demolition and re-build done by the end of 2023 and then we'll prepare for the next phase. Having state of the art kennels is so important for our dogs and they all deserve the very best we can give them.

**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/>

## Quiz Night 2022

**Quiz night went off with a BANG! We welcomed over 300 quiz masters to have the most fun and entertaining night of the year with us at The Claremont Showgrounds.**

There were amazing prizes including vacations, staycations, sports memorabilia, luxury homewares, doggie goodies galore, one-of-a-kind items and experiences and much more!

We are so pleased to say that Quiz Night raised **\$34,000** for the doggies!



## SANTA PAWS

There isn't much that our dog loving community enjoys more than our annual Santa Paws event. Santa Dave was lucky enough to get an early flight from the North Pole specifically to see Perth's pooches and snap a gorgeous photo. Almost 100 furry family members attended the event which helped us raise \$7000!

A huge THANK YOU to award-winning photographer and bestselling author Alex Cearns who donated her time and talent to her 12th annual Santa Paws just for the Dogs' Refuge Home.



## PUP UP - Designer Doggos

We also had a blast at our Pup Up Fashion Sale this September! Over **\$7600** was raised for our doggies and everyone looked extra stylish while doing it!



## The Best Weekend of the Year: Home Open 2022

**It was ALMOST a washout, but the rain stayed away, and we want to say a HUGE thanks to all of you who came out in force to make our 2022 Home Open a great success!**

With more than 1500 attendees and over \$28,000 raised for our dogs, it was a truly remarkable success, and we are so grateful for all the support from our dog loving community. Every cent raised over the weekend will go directly to helping our dogs.

Thanks to the generous local businesses who donated their time and products to make the weekend the success it was; Houndstooth Studio, City Farmers, Antz Coffee Co, Bakers Delight Subicao/Wembley, Premier Elite Pageants, and Teresa Fernandez and all of the amazing local artists who donated to the art stall.

**We can't wait to do it all over again next year!**



## In The Dog House

In December, nine of The Dogs' Refuge Home biggest supporters were locked in the kennels for the day to raise much needed funds for our dogs! We raised **\$29500** through donations and were lucky enough to have The Tate Family Foundation contribute a further **\$25000**! We couldn't be more grateful for The Tate Family who have now donated over **\$250,000** over 10 years to the Refuge!



## THANK YOU

**We are so appreciative to every single person who attended or donated towards one of our events this year, by doing so you are enabling us to continue to save the lives of WA's homeless hounds, so we want to say a huge THANK YOU!**

To our amazing volunteers, we simply could not do it without you. From setting up for events, to manning cake stalls, to sifting through hundreds of donations for our Home Open, to helping hounds get their Santa Paws photos, you've really done it all this year and as always with a smile on your face!

Hollie, our amazing Events Coordinator, has done a fabulous job this year. We are so proud of her commitment and cool, calm and collected attitude and we'd like to thank her for her fantastic efforts.

## Generations of Generosity

**Jarrad and Aimee Tate first came to our Home over 12 years ago and offered to help us with a much-needed washing machine and drier.**

Jarrad's dad Greg then helped us out with a great price on our caretakers cottage and then Tate Family Foundation started matching donations up to \$25K for our In the Dog House fundraiser. It really has become a family affair with Jarrad and his kids Chase, Bhodi and Summer now all spending time in the kennels with our dogs to help raise much needed funds and awareness.

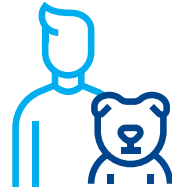
To see this generation of dog lovers grow and continue to support us gives us faith that our future is in safe hands.

**A heartfelt thank you to an incredibly generous family!**



# 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)**



# How to Help



## Adopt! Don't Shop!

Of course, the number one way to help a rescue dog is to adopt! We think **'rescue is the best breed'** and you will be surprised at just who you might see when you next visit our Home. You can see all our dogs, read our profile recommendations, and find out more about our adoption process online at [www.dogshome.org.au](http://www.dogshome.org.au) or better still come on in we're open 7 days a week.



## Become a Foster Carer!

We are always on the lookout for regular and reliable foster carers – especially people who have experience with dogs who might need help to improve their behaviour ready for adoption. We also seek foster carers who can commit to litters of puppies, convalesce a sick dog or a dog not coping with kennel life, or just to provide respite for dogs who have been in our care for too long. You can find out all about fostering by visiting our website or coming in and talking to our staff.



## Volunteer!

If you have time on your hands, we have a range of jobs for people who can commit to regular volunteering. Dog walking, ground maintenance, work in the office or helping out at events. Find out more by visiting us online at [www.dogshome.org.au](http://www.dogshome.org.au)



## Donate!

All donations great and small make a difference. You can make a donation any time of the year online or by calling our office on **9381 8166**. Increase your impact by becoming a regular donor and joining our Caring Friends monthly donor program or Sponsor a Kennel! Just \$2,500 a year will help cover basic vet care, bedding, toys and kennel enrichment for up to 10 dogs a year. A plaque with your name and logo (for corporate donors) will be affixed to the kennel front.



## Advocate!

Help us spread the word by asking all your friends and family to Adopt! Don't Shop! Join us on social media and LIKE, SHARE or RETWEET our posts to help us find homes for our dogs. Remember 'rescue is the best breed' and every adoption is a healthy life saved.





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