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Summer 2022

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Tate Family Foundation celebrating 10 years of supporting our Home and our dogs!

A huge thank you to a very generous family of dog lovers.

Amazing father and son duo Jarrad and Chase Tate will once again be spending 4 hours in the kennels with our dogs to help raise much needed funds. On Sunday 27th November from 10.30am Jarrad and Chase, and lots of other dog hero's, will cuddle up with a number of our pooches for a 4-hour stint until they are released at 2.30pm.

This is the 10th Year Tate Family Foundation have offered to Match Give up to \$25K for every donation given. We are overwhelmed by this generous support and thank Jarrad and the whole Tate Family who have made such a difference to our Home. Every year Aimee, Bodhi, Summer, Greg, Noelene and Leanne come along to support

generosity really is part of this whole family.

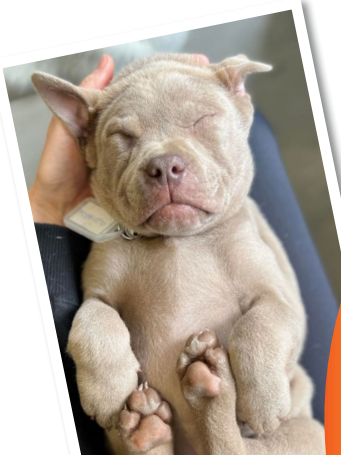
Our specialist veterinary bill has already exceeded our budget and we're not even halfway through the year. Donations we receive will go directly to paying for vet care including sterilisations, repairing ruptured cruciate's, laxating patella's, extensive dental's, lump removals and saving pups from Parvo.

Once again, this Christmas we are hoping our dog loving community will think of the precious dogs in our care, and the ones we still need to save, and dig deep for the love of dogs. It's only thanks to community support that we can continue to say yes to those in need and for that we are so incredibly grateful.



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Remember!

If you or anyone you know is looking to welcome a furry family member into the home, please consider adoption first. So many beautiful, homeless dogs are waiting patiently to meet their forever families. Before browsing Gumtree or looking in the Pet shop, remember our adoption fee covers sterilisation, microchipping, vaccinations and flea and worming. If you are not in a position to adopt, please consider fostering, volunteering, advocating or donating.

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President's Message

As we approach the end of each year, we reflect on how busy we've been and right now I can honestly say the last few months have been the busiest ever.

Intake has never stopped and yet there is a constant cry for help from local and regional pounds plus an endless number of private surrenders dogs in need. It's so difficult to say no so we've had multiple dogs in every office and multiple dogs in kennels so we can continue to help as many as we can. We pray for a solid week of adoptions each week and are so thankful to those who share our social media posts and come in to adopt or foster one of our precious pooches.

The team at the DRH is second to none, our staff work tirelessly, and I am so incredibly grateful to the commitment of our volunteers who chose to spend their days off work with our pooches and who each walk tens of kilometres every day. Without our volunteers we simply could not do what we do and with more dogs than ever in our care we are so reliant on the thousands of selfless hours they give week in and week out.

I'm delighted to announce we promoted from within and now have the most amazing General Manager we could wish for in Robyn Slater. Robyn has been with the DRH for nearly two years and showed her understanding of each and every department, fostered more dogs than anyone, helped to raise funds and set up multiple digital options to assist with fostering, adoptions, safety and office. Robyn has a strong management background and is the definition of multi-skilled plus she is one of the biggest dog lovers ever – the Board were thrilled when Robyn accepted our offer of GM.

After a wonderful Home Open, we are now looking forward to our In the Dog House event and I urge anyone who is able to please donate to the fabulous team going in led by Jarrad and Chase Tate and I want to sincerely thank Tate Family Foundation for their continued support as we celebrate their 10th year Anniversary of supporting our Home and our dogs. That's a whopping \$250K towards our precious pooches over the years so we might just have a little part in the kennel this year especially as we welcome participants into The Penthouse.

Karen



Checking in to The Penthouse

It might not be the Ritz, but to us and our dogs our new kennel is definitely 'The Penthouse'.

Over the years the only time we've been able to build a new kennel is when a generous dog lover has passed away and remembered us in their will. It's always bittersweet for us because we hate it when dog lovers leave us so we were so grateful when, for the first time in 87 years, the Govt funded a kennel. Big thanks to our local MP Katrina Stratton for helping us to get the funding commitment and to our Premier Mark McGowan for his ongoing support and officially opening the new pad. We can't wait to continue rolling out our Masterplan rebuild but as always this is reliant on generous donations and bequests.



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What's been going on at the Home!



Our Home Open



Lily Pilly



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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.

We of course must say an enormous thank you to all of our amazing volunteers, without who this event simply would not be possible. From sorting the jumble, to testing and tagging, greeting, helping with set up and manning the stalls- there is no end to what these dog loving superstars will do to raise money for the dogs. Big thanks to all the team behind the scenes who kept the dogs in our care well looked after while all of the event chaos was going on!

Congratulations our amazing Events Coordinator and the rest of the DRH staff team who worked their socks off to knock the event out of the park, and continue to find dogs their forever homes over the busy weekend. We had 14 adoptions on the Saturday alone - a remarkable day.

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, We Are Feel Good Inc 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!**

Designer Doggos

We 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!



Santa Paws is BACK!

It's time to book that grooming appointment... because the amazing Alex and Deb from Houndstooth Studio will once again be back with Santa for fun, photos and all the festive feelings!

In last ten years, Santa and the Houndstooth Studio's team have helped raise over \$44,000 for WA's dogs in need. 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 27th November 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.



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY RAY! CUT text??

Ray is one of our most dedicated volunteers! He joined us back in 2017 and the only thing that has ever kept him away from the refuge has been a hospital trip! He is here every, single, day.

Ray started out walking dogs, but a series of chance events led him to the place he now calls home 7 days a week; our laundry!

He is up at 4am every single day, to head into the refuge to open up our facilities and to be the first person to say Good Morning to our beautiful dogs. While he has always been a morning person, it's the dogs that get him up and out every morning; knowing there is always a mountain of bedding, toys and towels waiting for him.

The laundry may not be a place you first think of when you envisage a dog shelter- but it is such a vital part of our operation, and without Ray we would not be able to function.

We simply could not do it without Ray! Thank you for showing up, every single day.



you hold the keys to our Home, and the key to our hearts

Fostering Saves Lives and Spreads Joy!

We would be completely lost without our wonderful Foster Carers. Fostering is a necessary step for many dogs that come into our care, sometimes they are simply too young or too old for the kennels, sometimes they are unwell or do not cope with the kennel environment and need the respite of being in a home.

When we have puppies who are very unwell Renuka is the one we call, she nursed our darling Scooby through Parvo and he ended up being given a clean bill of good health and was adopted soon after. When we had a large litter of pups in a terrible emaciated condition Renuka was the first one we called to take in the 2 runts. Four weeks later Renuka brought in two of the healthiest pups we'd ever seen. Renuka is an angel for poorly pups.

When we have dogs with behavioural issues Natalie is the one we call. Her ability to manage troubled dogs, rehabilitate them and help to set them up for the perfect adoption is second to none. Natalie's calm nature and understanding of dogs with anxiety has helped to save so many of our dogs including

Kinsley, Malpa, Angus, Ghost and Alaska (all of who have now been adopted to wonderful homes) and she's currently looking after Diesel.

Darren and Deida have been involved in our Home for over 20 years and more recently have been fostering for us. They took our darling Lillian and her pups who needed very special care and understanding after their terrible start in life – when we started seeing photo's of them playing in the garden and enjoying life in safety without feeling scared it was so heart-warming. They have fostered many since and currently have our gorgeous pair Chica & Chess who have now featured in their staff newsletter to encourage others to foster too.

Thank you SO much to our incredible foster families!



How to become a Foster Carer:

With the increasing number of surrender applications and heart-breaking number of litters finding themselves at the refuge before they're even old enough to be away from their Mum we need foster carers more than ever!

Majority of our dogs needing foster will require a pet free household with someone home more often than not as they decompress and recover. If you feel your home could give a dog the patience and love they deserve before they find their forever home, please apply via our website: <https://www.dogshome.org.au/foster-carer-application/>

PUPDATE! Hazel is living her best life...

Hazel arrived at the Dogs' home after being picked up from a local metropolitan pound. Not much was known about Hazel's life prior to arriving but, she certainly was not coping in our kennels. Fortunately, our senior staff member Kieran came to the rescue and started fostering her. Little did Kieran know at the time that he would then go on to be a failed foster carer and endeavour to give Hazel the best life a dog should ever have.

"After fostering 100s of dogs over the last decade, I would have never foreseen that I would eventually end up adopting one, however, it appeared as though Hazel knew she had found her forever humans.

A few days in to taking on Hazel as a foster, it was quite apparent that she had no life experiences as the world was a very scary place for her.

On her first walk, Hazel's tail was tucked between her legs and when a bus would drive past, she would lunge at it.

Seeing other dogs was another story, Hazel was very reactive and observably very stressed in the presence of other dogs. Hazel also had no impulse control and would jump all over you and when you have an almost 40kg dog it's not that fun. Then came the destruction, after leaving Hazel alone for a couple hours inside the home she thought it would be a fun idea to destroy our whole couch. How were we ever going to find a home for this dog? After interviewing countless amounts of potential adopters that fell in love with her gorgeous looks, no one was prepared to adopt a dog with these behaviour issues.

One year later of fostering, we received the news of a baby incoming and of course there were a lot of thoughts of how this crazy dog would be able to be around a baby even though some of her undesirable behaviours had improved.

So, I made an extra push to find this dog her forever home but in the back of my mind I was doubtful that this person would ever come so I had to prepare her for the baby coming. That person never came to adopt her however, with lots of training, Hazel turned out to be amazing around the new-born and is the best protective sister, so it was time to adopt!

Two and a half years later, Hazel's tail is up and ready for all the adventures.

She doesn't feel the need to lunge at scary busses anymore, she can walk past dogs without reacting, instead of jumping on you when entering the house, she now takes two steps back, sits and waits for you to greet her and is happy to spend a whole days work at home by herself without feeling the need to eat the couch. Hazels favourite place to sleep is right next to her little human sister and of course loves being under the highchair when food starts to rain down from above.

I'm so glad that no one came to adopt Hazel as she's now the perfect fit for the family."

Hazel continues to go on daily adventures in the hills and all the bushlands in Perth with her family and it just goes to show that with the right amount of training, that even a dog with the most undesirable behaviours can turn into the most loving companion.



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More dogs than ever before

With adoptions lower than where we would want them to be, one thing that never slows down is our requests for intake.

Every day our phones don't stop ringing with requests to save dogs from private homes, local pounds and regional areas. We are filling every single kennel and office we have to rescue as many dogs as we possibly can, but we are relying on the amazing dog loving community to spread the word that 'Rescue is the best breed' and encourage friends and family members to adopt.

On the 13th October, we took in a whopping 34 dogs in one day alone- likely our highest number ever for a single day's new arrivals. Then, just a few days later we took in 20 more homeless hounds, including a surprise Good Samaritan surrender of 12 ENORMOUS Great Dane X's all came piling in on the same day. They

had been left abandoned at a property after the owners moved out 1 week earlier. We were so excited to get them back to full health and send them off to their forever families. To put this into perspective, we usually only adopt out around 30 dogs per WEEK, so to be taking in 20+ in one day is a huge undertaking which puts enormous pressure on our resources. Not only do we need to house these dogs, we need to feed them, care for them, take them all to the vet and have them all desexed. We are so grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the team here at the Home, our Veterinary partners at Subiaco Vets, and of course, to the amazing dog loving community that support us along the way.



2023 Calendars and Christmas Cards

With Christmas right around the corner, we've got your gifts covered with our Christmas Cards and Calendars!

At just \$10 and with 100% proceeds going to our dogs, they are a major fundraiser for our Home. You can feel good about giving knowing you are also giving back to our dogs! Plus there is nothing more special than receiving a handwritten personal card in the mail.

Our cards are also available now, each pack contains 12 cards featuring 6 of our beautiful doggies photographed by the amazing **Houndstooth Studio by Alex Cearns**. Purchase at the Refuge or via our website.

HUGE thanks to our sponsors this year; **Evoke Media** and **Diversifi Pty Ltd**. Another special thanks to Dennis and the team at **Quality Press Australia** and **Rhythm Creative** for their clever photoshop skills on our front cover!

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Success Stories: Long Termers ADOPTED!

WAITING ON Stats INFO!



Jane

(waited 12 months)

Long termer Jane has a heart murmur that put most people off adopting but not her amazing new Dad. After becoming known as the 'saddest dog in kennels' the whole team was thrilled that this beautiful girl found her forever home. At only 2 years old, she had spent half her life in a kennel, now she gets to enjoy a life of luxury!



Bono

(waited 12 months)

Bono arrived to us on the 4th of June 2021 and was adopted on the 3rd of June 2022. This striking boy stole many hearts here at the refuge, especially Jen our lovely volunteer who fostered Bono and gave so much of her time for him. This boy loves his new Dad and they are the perfect match!



Champ

(waited 12 months)

A year after Champ was surrendered to our care and after a few false starts, with the help of one of our amazing trainers Tahlia, Champ found his forever home and we have received wonderful updates. His new family say he is the best boy and they couldn't imagine life without him.



Romeo

(waited 8 months)

Romeo originally travelled from Geraldton and was adopted in in 2021, he was then returned in Feb 2022 and waited 8 months for his perfect Mum to come along and fall in love! Boy oh boy was it worth the wait, Romeo's new Mum came in to foster him and decided on the same day that she'd never be returning him.



Keyano

(waited 6 months)

Keyano arrived to us in poor condition, he was covered in hot spots, had allergies, hip pain and suspected Diabetes Insipidus which required further testing. His allergies meant he required ongoing cytopoint injections and a specialty prescription diet. A dog with medical issues is often overlooked, especially when they weigh 50kg! Lucky for this boy

Need pic please!

Narla & Harley

(waited 7 months)

Nala and Harley are a special duo, who arrived in our care separately but after becoming neighbours, then the best of friends, our trainers decided they were matched well enough that they could be adopted together! We don't usually adopt our bonded pairs that didn't arrive together but these two were an exception and it has worked out so amazingly well! They couldn't be happier in their new home together!

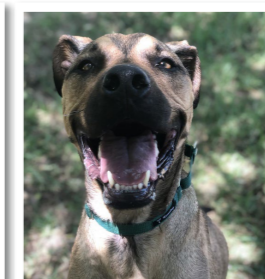
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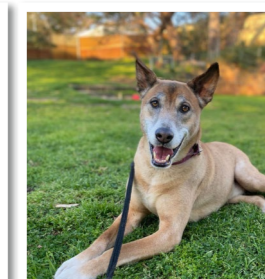
Ferris 15 months waiting



Marvel 11 months waiting



Nate 10 months waiting



Cooee 10 months waiting



Sproxy 10 months waiting

Kennel Sponsors

Thanks to the following people and businesses who have sponsored a kennel since July 2022:

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In Memory of Pippin

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

How to Help



Donate Donate to our Winter Tax Appeal via: <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/DRHWinterAppeal2022>

Or by filling in and returning the slip enclosed with this newsletter



Adopt We think 'rescue is the best breed' and if you come along to the Home with an open mind, you might be amazed at the perfect match our team finds for you. You can see all of our available dogs and read their profiles online, or visit the Refuge 7 days a week from 11am-4pm.



Foster Being a foster carer is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling experience. We are always on the hunt for experienced, temporary homes that can assist with training and rehabilitation ahead of adoption. We also rely on our [amazing foster team](#) to take in litters of puppies, care for dogs who are unwell or provide a safe home or temporary respite for dogs who do not cope in the kennel environment.



Volunteer If you have time on your hands and can commit to regular volunteering, we have a [HUGE range of jobs available](#) for dog loving supporters. From dog walking and ground maintenance, to office support or help at events, the possibilities are endless! Visit our website to learn more. Refuge 7 days a week from 11am-4pm.

Advocate Help us spread the word by asking all of your friends and family to Adopt! Don't Shop! Join us on social media and [LIKE, SHARE & comment on our posts](#) to help us find homes for our dogs. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Remember to use [our favourite hashtag #rescueisthebestbreed](#), because every adoption is a healthy life saved.



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