

Dogs' Refuge Home (WA) Inc.

# Annual Report

2022/23





# General Manager's Report



**What a year it has been. After almost 3 years at the Home, I am still yet to experience a 'normal' day. That is the beauty of the Refuge, where two days are ever the same, but we find comfort in the fact that we have a dedicated, well-trained team that can respond to the twists, turns and surprises that come with running WA's busiest shelter.**

It has been year of ups and downs. We have had some truly amazing stories of life changing adoptions. We've seen dogs that have been waiting for over a year find their perfect home, and we have seen dogs transform from nervous and untrusting into their confident, cuddly and loving true selves. It has also been a really difficult year. We have never seen a wave of intake requests like we've experienced in the last 12 months. Every day we face the excruciating fact that our kennels are full, and that leaves the fate of so many dogs out there in local and regional pounds in jeopardy.

I have been asking myself on sleepless nights what we can be doing to end this cycle of homelessness in WA's dogs. We must all do our part in spreading the message that all household pets should be desexed. Since 2021 our puppy intake figures have doubled,

from around 200 puppies in 2021 to over 400 from January – November 2023. We cannot continue like this, and without action the number of homeless dogs will continue to rise exponentially. We are hopeful that the new laws and changes to the Dog Act 1976 through the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021 will improve the current challenges faced by animal rescue groups, but until then we are relying on the community to spread awareness of just how dire the situation is, and remind all family and friends to adopt, not shop.

**'The team of staff we have today are so passionate, creative and caring. Adoptions have been slower which means the length of stay in kennels has increased for our dogs.'**

Our team are constantly brainstorming ideas on how we can best utilise our limited time and resources to improve the welfare of the dogs. Every day the dogs receive enrichment, and through the summer they love tucking into their hot treats, cooling off in their pools and relaxing in the cool mist thanks to our kennel misting systems.

I must also acknowledge our dedicated volunteers, a truly remarkable group of people that show up for the dogs, rain or shine, day after day to make sure they all get out for a walk and spend much needed time out of kennel, interacting with humans and other

dogs. Our early summer heatwave was a reminder of how dedicated our team are, with many volunteers arriving by sunrise to get dogs out for walks before the temperatures began to soar.

I also want to give thanks to our amazing and dedicated Board that fully understand the day to day, operational demands of the Home. Our President, Karen Rhodes is truly the backbone of the Home. There is no question she could not answer and no person on Earth more dedicated. Our Vice President, Lynne Milligan, is not only a blue badge walker and member of the Risk Committee, but also responsible for almost a third of our annual adoptions in her unofficial role as Puppy Adoption Coordinator.

Every night when I close the padlock on gates to the carpark, I take a deep breath and feel so grateful to be associated with such a remarkable organisation. I feel grateful to get to experience this time each day when all of the dogs are peacefully snoozing, and I remember that each and every dog in our care is now safe.

To everyone who has volunteered, fostered, adopted, donated and advocated for our dogs I want to say an enormous thank you. Everyday I am astounded at the generosity of our local community. I hope you all have a wonderful festive season filled with love, family and slobbery kisses.

*Robyn Slater*



# President's Report

**In the last few Annual Reports, we've celebrated the opening of a new kennel block. This year we're about to celebrate the opening of two! The momentum at our Home hasn't stopped with building being a key focus as we strive to improve the living conditions for our precious residents.**

And as all this goes on in the background the need for our Home to provide a safe and comfortable place for abandoned and unwanted dogs is increasing. We are constantly being asked by local and regional pounds to collect and save dogs who have ended up there through no fault of their own, plus our phones ring many times a day with members of the public wanting to surrender their dogs.

We have been shocked by the number of puppies arriving in our care and abandoned pregnant mums who are in the position they are due to their irresponsible owner not sterilising them. Almost every social media post we do reminds the community about the importance of sterilisation but whilst responsible owners do the right thing, the irresponsible ones are causing havoc.

The team of volunteers and staff we have at the moment is one of the best I can remember in a long time. We have a dedicated, hardworking group who support each other, and love our dogs and I am so very grateful. There is no doubt this starts at the top with our amazing General Manager Robyn Slater leading by example. Robyn loves each dog as if they were her own (and 3 of them now officially are) and works harder than anyone I know. The Board,



our staff and our dogs are incredibly lucky to have her at the helm.

At the time of writing this report we are close to officially opening the new kennels, one of which is only possible thanks to the outstanding generosity of one of our long-term volunteers Pat Chang. Pat has been a dog walking volunteer with us for over twenty years and has adopted many of our long-term dogs. Pat has recently recruited her husband Jimmy to help with maintenance and this amazing couple donated enough to cover one whole kennel block!

I am over-whelmed by their generosity and filled with gratitude. Pat has asked that the kennel block she and Jimmy funded be named Freddie's Lodge after their darling Freddie – a true DRH character, as were the many other dogs Pat adopted.

We simply could not do what we do without support from our dog loving community.

I'd like to once again thank Beau Pearson from Ch10 who regularly features our dogs on his weather segment, all of our kennel sponsors and the amazing Tate Family Foundation who generously matched our **In the Doghouse** campaign up to \$25K. Jarrad and his son Bodhi were joined by a team of champions who all helped to raise much needed funds.

**'Saying thanks is never enough and our dedicated supporters don't expect or want anything other than to help us save more dogs which we promise we will continue to do for as long as you support us.'**

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. And kudos and acknowledgement to the amazing Lynne Milligan who somehow



manages to find homes for our never-ending number of puppies and who does more adoptions than anyone else.

To every volunteer who walks our dogs rain, hail or shine - your love for our dogs is unmatched. And thanks to those who help in the office or maintaining our grounds or at events. Special thanks also to volunteer Linda Mortimer who prepares our unofficial internal newsletter each week. Wag Waffle is part of the glue that holds us all together, celebrating our successes and keeping our team connected.

And to our dedicated staff, thank you for working as hard as you do in the emotional environment that Rescue is.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas filled with lots of doggie hugs and kisses – and if you don't think you'll get enough at home, please feel free to pay us a visit and consider adopting, fostering or volunteering.

*Karen & Charli*

## 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:

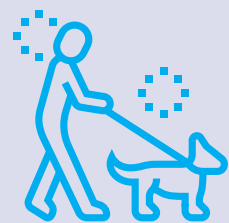
- Treating the dogs in our care as our own until we can find them a permanent loving home; and
- The active promotion of responsible dog ownership.



# The Facts 2022/23

# The Figures 2022/23

## DOGS ENTERING SHELTER



1552

461 Puppies

1091 Dogs



## ADOPTIONS

1394



## Where Our Dogs Come From

	2022/23
Pound Rescue	980
Owner Surrender	307
Other Rescues	4
Dogs Returned	159
Shelter Offspring (from abandoned pregnant dogs)	69
Council	33

**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.

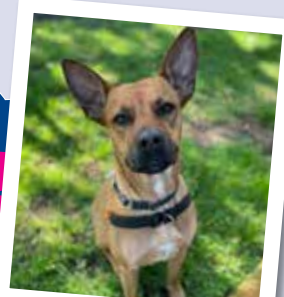
## POUND RESCUE

620 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 (93 dogs), Gosnells (93 dogs) and Armadale (103 dogs) with another 178 dogs coming from Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda, Cockburn and South Perth.



360 Saved from Regional Pounds

- 26 Dogs from Broome
- 184 Dogs from Geraldton
- 30 Dogs from Kalgoorlie
- 27 Dogs from Bunbury

Another great year with more and more dogs arriving from regional communities. The 360 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 184 dogs arrived from Geraldton, 26 dogs arrived from Broome, 30 dogs from Kalgoorlie and 27 dogs from Bunbury.

## 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 be safely rehomed in the Community. In 2022/23 seventeen dogs (1.1% of our dogs) were humanely put to sleep on behavioural grounds. Each dog was treated with love and kindness during their passing.

## FOSTERING STATS

611

330

Foster Homes

Another huge year for our foster team with 611 dogs (including 334 puppies) spend time with one of 330 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. A huge thanks to our Foster Coordinators too for their amazing work placing dogs and puppies into temporarily homes.

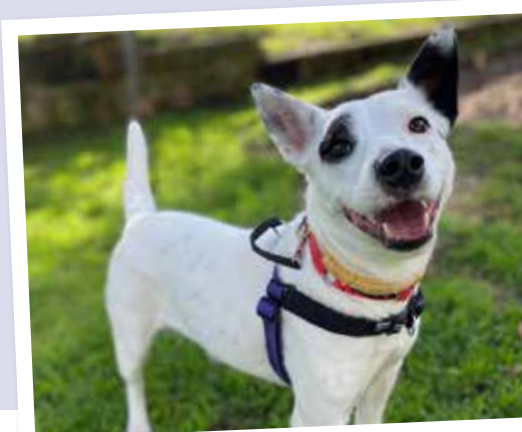
## Financial Summary

The 2022/23 year was another high year for adoptions with revenue from kennel operations reflecting 1,394 adoptions, 389 of those being puppies.

This was also supplemented with 6,900 bookings for boarders. Kennel costs again reflect adoption activity and the general increases in prices of goods and services.

Fundraising activities such as the **Quiz Night, Chin Wag, Nicolee's Sleepover, The Street Appeal** and many others combined with generous donations from the community have enabled us to continue to care for the dogs.

Significant progress was made towards the construction of the new kennels during the year thanks to another generous donation and our investment portfolio flourished under favourable market conditions and higher interest rates.



## Governance & Oversight

### President

Karen Rhodes

### Vice President

Lynne Milligan

### Secretary

Chris Osborn

### Treasurer

Meagan Scholz

### Board

Denise Cheir  
Alex Gillespie  
Leanne Copping  
Marsha Sullivan  
Angela Erasmus

### General Manager

Robyn Slater

### Veterinarian

Dr Greg Wilkinson

### Trustees

Ruth Gourley  
Judy Flanagan  
Sarah Murphy

### Patrons

Melanie Greensmith  
Peter Collier MLC  
Nelson Woss

### Auditor

Hall Chadwick

## Expenses

	2022/23 %
Employee Costs	62%
Vet Fees	10%
Admin Costs	9%
Property	9%
Shop Stock	5%
Kennel Operations	4%
Fundraising	1%
	100%

## Income

	2022/23 %
Kennel Operations*	39%
Fundraising	33%
Legacies	16%
Grants and Conditional Gifts Income	12%
	100%

\* Dog adoption fees & Boarding Income

## Lasting Legacies

During 2022/23 we received with gratitude, gifts from the estates of:

Ronald Edward Marks  
Pamela Grace Heterick  
Neil Wilfred Gardiner  
Peter John Bishop  
Brian Pollard  
Susan True  
Susan Elain  
Gillian & Tony Milne





# The Funnies



Mr Milo played cupid this year!



Kate's reaction to being adopted!



Maddox giving his very best smile



That's a funny looking dog!



Morgan found his new favourite treat.. ice cream!



Harley B just loves reading



Marvel and Crash getting good dog lessons



Mousse and Master when they hear the word, walkies!

Get off me brother!



Big Zeke says, "Does my bum look big in this?"



Zeus requires not one but two chauffeurs for his daily golf buggy rides!

# Puppies Galore

This year has seen a monumental increase in puppy surrenders. Up until November the number surrendered is 416 puppies. This is a further increase of 13% on 2022, where we were documenting record highs since the 62% increase from 2021.



## IAN-NOV PUPPY INTAKE STATISTICS

2021 = 228 puppies

2022 = 369 puppies

2023 = 416 puppies



The reasons are varied, but always comes back to people not sterilizing their dogs. Hardly a week goes by, but a call will be received about a dog suddenly 'producing' puppies, and 'cannot get rid of them'. Sadly, many people try to make a quick buck by selling them online cheaply, where there is a strong possibility the puppy could end up in a home where sterilization won't be considered, or may not be affordable, and the cycle continues. This is why we include sterilization as part of our adoption fee.

One call resulted in not one, or two, but three different litters all coming from the same home. In one month alone we had over 70 puppies in our care which quite frankly is overwhelming.

We are so fortunate that we have the most amazing puppy foster carers who take mothers and their puppies into their homes and care for them as their own for up to eight weeks. This is a huge task and not for the faint hearted, we even had one puppy produced fourteen offspring. With some of these

litters the mother cannot cope feeding all the puppies herself and the fosters must handfeed newborns every few hours. When adoption day comes however, there are often tears when handing their babies over, mixed with a sense of pride and relief. I am full of admiration for these selfless people and their families. Without them we would have to keep puppies in kennel which is not a conducive environment for a newborn, or, unable to take in at all.

There is a lot of work around puppy adoptions also, as we must work them in tandem with all our other dogs to ensure we have enough resources to manage both dog and puppy adoptions. A back-office team of volunteers manage all the puppy days which are always hectic. Without them we would have to utilize valuable staff members to adopt puppies out which we want to avoid as they are crucial to adopting out our dogs. I want to thank all the volunteers who help with the puppy adoptions whilst

also looking after the busy call center, especially Jenny, Andy and Suze, and young Airlie who comes in to look after the puppies in-between her studies. Without them I would be lost. The majority of people who adopt young puppies are young families who are unable to adopt our adult dogs, and people with cats who cannot bring them in for a meet.

Whilst it always brings a warm glow to see a cute puppy heading off to a loving home, we also breathe a sigh of relief that this is a mother (a lot of whom are little more than puppies themselves) who will never have to go through this again with our promise of No More Litters policy?? With this we carry out the desexing of all mums where their puppies have come to us, regardless of whether the mothers are being surrendered or not.

**Lynne Milligan, Vice President and Puppy Adoption Coordinator**





# Our Amazing Team



## PAWESOME STAFF

44

44 Staff  
(at 30 June 2023)



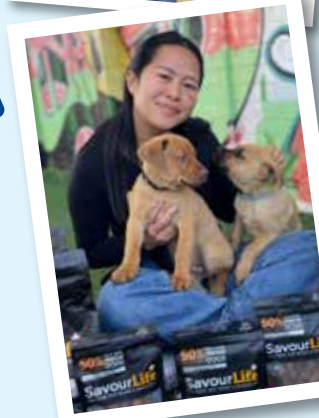
Full Time



Part Time



Casual



Our team at the Dogs' Refuge Home are dedicated to treating each and every dog in our care like they are our own for the (hopefully) short time they are with us.

Our small team work tirelessly to ensure our high welfare standards are met, 365 days a year. We are so proud of the work we do and grateful to each and every one of our amazing team members. From our Finance Officer, to Maintenance, Marketing, Clinic and the Kennel Team, no matter the role- everyone is here because of the dogs, it's the glue that holds our team together.

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



## Powerful Partnerships

This year our events and communications team have forged a number of valuable partnerships with local businesses, including retail giants and hospitality chains. The specifics of these contributions are as follows:

### BIG W

Kennel sponsorship, calendar sponsorship, in store donation drive, multiple large donations, participating in our events and sponsorship of Home Open

### DIGITAL TOWER, YAGAN SQUARE

Showcasing our available dogs on the digital tower in Yagan Square, up to 150,000 people walk past this daily!

### FLOREAT FORUM

Kennel sponsorship, Christmas Donation, in center donation drive

### ALH GROUP

\$21,156 donation from "Give A Dog A Bone" fundraiser across multiple restaurants in Perth

### BOSTON BREWING CO.

\$22,400 donation from dog themed beer fundraising efforts

### BUNNINGS

Donations of trestle tables, blinds for Kokos and gift cards for Quiz Night prizes as well as inviting us in store to sell merch and to spread the word about our available doggies.

### DULUX

Revamped Kokos, painting both the interior and exterior!

### THE WHEATLEY FAMILY FOUNDATION

\$50,000 donation to help cover medical costs

We look forward to creating new partnerships and maintaining our current relationships with these amazing businesses.

## PAWESOME VOLUNTEERS

41,428

Onsite Volunteering Hours  
(another new record!)

467 112

ActiveVolunteers Corporate Volunteers

11

Corporate Teams

## Volunteer Awards

Presented December 2022



### Gold (2000+ hours)

Miranda Hegh  
Sue Terry  
Carol Baker  
Geri Devine



### Silver (1000+ hours)

Elizabeth Wright  
Sally Revell  
Mike Underwood  
Tracey Gilbert  
Chris Ruffle  
Jeanette Blake Heatley  
Dionne Radis  
Ben Follett  
Jenny Grant



### Bronze (500+ hours)

Justin Patterson  
Carole Pilling  
Hayley Burns  
Ozge Ozerdem  
Donna Sabavala  
Dusty McLoughlin  
Victoria Komajda  
Roishin Byrne  
Suisie Schipp  
Shiralee McCracken  
Pauline Burns  
Toby Brown  
Alya Tilling



Midsy's Friends

We take great pride in our team of volunteers being the cornerstone of the Refuge; they simply make it all possible!

Our dedicated volunteers spend hours giving the dogs a break from their kennels and taking them on adventures, providing the dogs with company and enrichment, helping with customer queries or data entry, working through mountains of laundry and sorting generous donations, maintaining our spacious grounds and driving to collect dogs from anywhere between Geraldton and Busselton. No matter which role our volunteers engage in they make the Refuge a better place and the positive impact on our dogs is profound. There truly is no limit to what our vollies will do for our four-legged friends!





# Harley B's Happily Ever After

**Harley B spent 572 days waiting in a kennel for his forever home. When he arrived at the Refuge after being surrendered to a local pound, he was a happy, normal dog, he enjoyed his walks and showing off his tricks.**

Over time he became more stressed and received very little interest from potential adopters, Harley B started to lose his spark. We became increasingly worried but there is one amazing person in particular who never gave up on him and knew there was a home out there for him. That is his biggest advocate, Sally!

Sally first met Harley when she had just started volunteering just under a year ago, she saw how stressed he was and would spend her time sitting in his kennel with him, creating a special bond. Since then they have been on many adventures together, Sally would often take Harley B home for some much needed kennel respite.

"I was drawn to Harley the minute I met him, with his expressive face and liquid eyes. He pawed at the cage as if asking me to take him home. Later, when I became a walker, I got to know his quirky personality better. I like that he is intelligent, inquisitive and a bit mischievous. I could not understand how such a gorgeous dog was still at the DRH after such a long time

and it broke my heart that he was so stressed in the kennel environment. I had done a couple of short term fosters that I found very satisfying, so I asked if I could take him home for day visits. Watching him gradually learn to trust and calm himself in a house environment has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."

Every single staff member and volunteer were over the moon to hear that Sally had a home in mind for Harley B, friends of hers who were looking to save a dog in need. They took things slowly, meeting Harley B here at the Refuge, at Sally's place and then easing him into his new home with them. It has been a couple of weeks since the official adoption and we are thrilled to say he is settling in extremely well. At 8.5 years old and after nearly 2 years in the kennel, Harley B is so deserving of this happy ending.

**We can't thank Sally enough for her dedicated, advocating, patience and love for all of our dogs but especially, the very special Mr Harley B.**



## OUR SOCIALS ARE PAWING ALONG!

**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!**

**3.5M** Number of people reached on Facebook!  
A 75% increase on previous 365 days.

Social Media Stats 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

### Facebook

<b>118k</b>	Total Page Followers EOFY
<b>3.5M</b>	People Reached (75% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>741.2k</b>	Page Visits (385.9% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>12k</b>	New Page Likes
<b>1.5M</b>	Engagement (number of times people shared, commented, liked)
<b>70k</b>	Link Clicks
<b>90k</b>	Shares

### Instagram

<b>34k</b>	Total Page Likes EOFY
<b>376k</b>	People Reached (105% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>150k</b>	Page Visits (193% increase on previous 365 days)
<b>3.4k</b>	New Followers

### TikTok

<b>34k</b>	Followers
<b>480.2K</b>	Likes
<b>328.5K</b>	Our most viewed video

*We've gone viral four times!*



# Masterplan Update

**Our building works never seems to stop. There is always so much to do and, thanks to an incredibly generous donation from long term supporter Pat Chang, one brand new kennel will be open by the end of 2023. There will also be another kennel opening thanks to kind and thoughtful West Australians remembering us in their wills.**

We are so grateful we can offer our dogs such high a quality comfortable place to stay while they wait for their forever home, but we can only do this with the support of our amazing dog loving community.

**'These two kennels are the last ones planned as part of our Masterplan so it's certainly something to celebrate but there's still so much more to do.'**

When we knock down our last two old kennels, we will be replacing them with a large agility and exercise yard and a multi-functional area for laundry,

storage and food. However, this is a year or two away – or until we receive another generous bequest or more.

Thanks to Marcus and Jarrad from JMB Coastal for building our kennels and being flexible as always and to Gordon and the Enviroplumb team for making sure all the plumbing works smoothly. And to Pete Ivey for the reticulation and Pete from Greenacres for the grass and to our GM Robyn and an army of volunteers and staff who helped to plant and mulch and paint. We never cease to be amazed by our dedicated team – doing it all for the dogs!

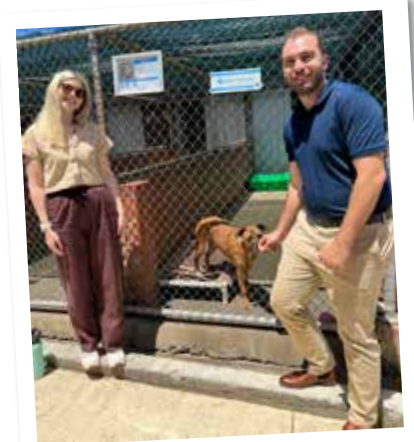


## Kennel Sponsors

**Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who sponsored a kennel during 2022/23:**

Mark Hanlon	Tanya & Peter Sarich	Resolve Finance
Peter & Samantha Kennelly	Simone Irvine	Crown Resorts Foundation
Phyllis Auld	Sue and Peter Sumner	Joanna Ward
Fleetcare	North Beach Gourmet Butcher	Mayday Dog Rescue x2
Rhythm Cleaning	Ben & Junko Farrugia	Gail Archer SC
Sharon & Paul Madlener	Shifted Designs	Renuka R
Acknowledge This!	Big W	Ros Stynes
Pat & Ellie's Wedding	Alpha Omega Wealth	Roof Force
Bellcourt Property	Maureen Bernardo	Cassandra Lajeunie
St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls	Jasmine Chai	Justine Winston Smith
Daniela Fischer	Nancy Vilardi	Ewa Ostrowska - Jelonek
Pacific Automation	Connect Mortgages	John Long (Pippen)
Robin & Helen Hill	Floreat Forum	Duck Duck Bruce
McQuire-Wilson Family	Taz's Pet Doors x4	Lions and Tigers
Lynda & John Hancy	Denise Hilsz & Alan Pittman	Ray White - Russell Dohmen
John Batten	Ian and Jayne Middlemas	Right Track WA
Linda Sproule	Boutique Realty	Financial Planning
Martin Bayly	Swan Urology	Lewis & Williams Wedding
		Jackie Chin

**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**





# Event Highlights

## Nicolee's Sleepover

Nicolee has been a valued volunteer at the Dogs' Refuge Home for over 10 years.

She has amassed over **2500 volunteer hours** walking dogs every week and helping at our regular events. Nicolee has also gone 'In the Doghouse' a number of times, our annual fundraiser where some of our valued supporters will spend the day in a kennel with a dog to raise money for the Refuge.

This year Nicolee decided to step it up a notch and slept overnight in kennel with bonded pair Indi and Sandy, giving up the comfort of her bed and braving the elements, all in the name of fundraising for the Dogs' Refuge Home. Indi and Sandy loved the extra company for the night and Nicolee managed to raise **\$32,000** - what an incredible effort, we cannot thank Nicolee enough!



## Date with the Dogs

Love was in the air at our very first concert that took place on Valentines Day!

We welcomed 60 guests who enjoyed an evening of music by Ricky Green whilst sitting on a picnic rug between Kennel 1 & Kennel 2. The dogs loved the tunes and the extra company!



## QUIZ NIGHT

We reinvented our Quiz Night in 2023 by moving it to a brand new venue!

The Dickinson Centre at Scotch College was well received by the 350 quizzers who attended and we aim for this to be our venue going forward. Our ever-popular quiz master Kevin Clune returned to officiate proceedings again and donated his time which we truly appreciate. The silent auction was a hit as always with staycations, sports memorabilia, luxury homewares, doggie hampers, electronics and much more on offer. We are thrilled to say that we raised in excess of **\$32,000** for the dogs!

## Mother's Day Market

Our pop up Mothers Day market at the Enex 100 building foyer was a huge success! The tenants of the building as well as others from the CBD came to buy their mum or the mother figure in their lives a special gift that also helped the doggies! We had cards, DRH merch, baked treats and dried flower arrangements on offer as well as an amazing raffle! Over \$3,000 was raised for the dogs in just one day. Special thanks to Jennifer and Larissa from Enex 100 and Angela Erasmus who helped make this day possible.



# Event Highlights



## In The Dog House

Every year a group of dedicated Dogs' Refuge Home supporters, sponsors, staff and volunteers spend a day locked in kennel with one (or two!) of our doggies to raise funds for the Refuge.

This year we had 11 kennels with some pairs, singles and teams participating including Jarrad Tate with his son Bodhi. Jarrad has sat In the Doghouse for the past 11 years and this is also the 11th year the incredibly generous Tate Family Foundation has match given up to **\$25,000** of In the Doghouse donations. We love welcoming Jarrad and his family back every year and couldn't be more grateful for the **Tate Family Foundation's** ongoing and vitally important contribution.



## HOME OPEN

The biggest event on the DRH calendar!

We received a **\$3300** grant from the City of Subiaco which enabled us to add another large marquee for extra shade and made a huge improvement to the event. Over 1600 people attended across the weekend and almost **\$34,000** was raised for our dogs which is our best result ever. Thanks to everyone who came along, we are so grateful to our incredibly supportive, dog loving community.

Thanks to the generous local businesses who donated their time and products to help us make our Home Open such a success: **Big W, Bakers Delight Subiaco/Wembley, Houndstooth Studio, Ziwi Peak and Freedom Fairies**. Huge thanks also to those who donated baked goods for our cake stall and the green thumbs who propagated and donated plants for us to sell at our plant stall.



## SANTA PAWS

There isn't much that our friends of the Refuge love more than our annual Santa Paws event. Santa Dave (the best Santa ever) was lucky enough to get leave from the North Pole to come to Perth and sit with Perth's luckiest pooches for their annual Christmas photo.

A HUGE thank you to award-winning photographer Alex Cearnos who has donated her talent and time for the **13th straight Santa Paws** to raise money for the Dogs' Refuge Home. We and the dogs of Perth love you Alex!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to every single person who attended or donated towards our events this year.

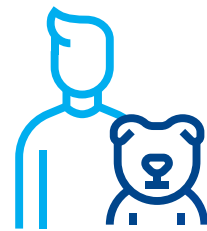
Our events raise vital funds which enable us to continue saving and rehoming WA's most vulnerable dogs.

To our amazing volunteers, perhaps the biggest thank you of all goes to you. From setting up events, manning stalls, selling merchandise, sorting donations, being BBQ masters - the list is endless! We are so grateful to you all for the endless hours you spend with us and we could not make our events as successful without your help.



# 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.

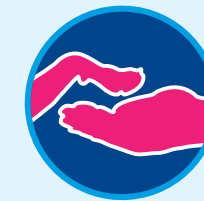


# How to Help



## 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)



## 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.



## 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.



# 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)**







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