

Dogs' Refuge Home (WA) Inc.

# Annual Report

2023/24



# General Manager's Report



**I cannot believe we are coming to the end of yet another amazing year at the Dogs' Refuge Home. Since we last spoke a year ago, we've taken in over 1000 dogs and over 650 puppies and helped them find forever homes.**

It's been an incredibly busy year with intake requests at an all-time high. This year was the first in recent history where we have consistently had over 200 dogs in our care at any one time. This is largely due to the overwhelming volume of young puppies coming through the pound system. We only have a set number of kennels, so we are incredibly grateful to our ever-expanding army of foster carers for taking more dogs and puppies into their home than ever before. Huge thanks to our wonderful Foster Coordinator, Simone, who works tirelessly to find these beautiful dogs and pups temporary care away from the noisy kennels.

**I do want to take this opportunity to continue to stress the importance of desexing family pets. While puppies are cute, the volume we are seeing is unsustainable.**

It is a sad indication that the homeless dogs crisis in WA is set to get worse before it gets better.

Last year, I reported that our puppy numbers have doubled from an annual figure of ~200 to ~400. This year has seen a further rise to over 600 puppies under 6 months old

entering our care, and we cannot continue on this alarming trajectory.

Sadly parvovirus has also been on the rise- a devastating virus that is often fatal if untreated. This year, we have seen cases come in from not only regional areas, but also from all over metro Perth. Here at the Home we have saved over 25 dogs and pups from this deadly virus this year, but the vet care comes at a large cost, with the average vet charging up to \$2000 per day for supportive care. We want to say a huge thanks to Swan Veterinary Hospital for their discounted parvovirus care for our doggies. Your dog's annual vaccinations are so effective at eliminating the risk of parvovirus, so please help us spread the word and prevent many needless deaths.

While it has been a year of ups and downs, there have been far more highs than lows. One of the highlights of the year was the day I received a call from Lotterwest to say that our application for a \$2.3M grant had been successful. We are so unbelievably grateful to Lotterwest for their ongoing support of the West Australian community, and cannot wait to share more details of our project plans, skip forward a few pages for a sneak peak!

**Our In The Doghouse event this year exceeded all of our expectations, with an enormous \$125,000+ raised for our dogs.**

I want to say a huge thank you to all of the participants who spent the day in the sweltering heat, especially the Tate Family, whose foundation have been match giving for this even for over a decade. This year, they increased their promise, and donated \$30,000.

Despite our kennels being consistently overflowing, our team always remain positive and go over and above for the dogs. I want to say a huge thank you in advance to all of our amazing, selfless staff and volunteers who will be giving up their Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day to spend them with our dogs.

*Robyn Slater*



# President's Report



**Just before Christmas last year we finally completed all our new kennels and are so pleased to now be able to offer each of our residents the most comfortable accommodation possible as they wait for their forever homes.**

The next and almost final stages of our redevelopment is a new agility yard, new dog kitchen, laundry, storage area, dog wash and a designated area for whelping mums, pups and clinic. It's sad that there's such a need for this but unfortunately, we are seeing a never-ending number of pregnant mums and pups arriving in our care.

We met with Lotterywest and were thrilled to hear how much they clearly valued our work, so our GM Robyn completed a thorough and detailed grant application for all of the above plus renovating our old kitchen into a Heritage centre to celebrate our wonderful history. It felt like we'd literally won Lotto when we received the call to hear we'd been successful – we are so incredibly grateful to Lotterywest and beyond excited that all of this will be completed by our 90th Anniversary in October next year.

**We have a very busy 12 months ahead of us, but we know it will all be worth it and can't wait to celebrate with our team and dog loving community.**

A huge thank you to all of our team who make everything we do possible. Our recent in the Doghouse event raised more than ever thanks to the amazing team who went in and who surpassed all our expectations plus the fabulous Tate Family Foundation for matching \$30K this year.

And on the note of thanks, I cannot possibly say thank you enough to Dr Greg Wilkinson from Subi Vets. Greg has been looking after our dogs for nearly 20 years and has generously given us greatly reduced rates to enable us to save as many dogs as we have.

Greg has now sold Subi Vets and whilst we still have a great relationship with the team, Greg was the one who started it all and personally supported us. He has always been on the other end of the phone (after hours and on weekends) and guided us whenever our dogs ended up in emergency after hours. Thank you will never be enough

for everything this incredible man has done for our dogs and our Home.

Last month we were so relieved and thankful when the Govt launched the 'adopt don't shop' campaign. This is to encourage people to adopt and rescue rather than purchase from pet shops or back yard breeders. We love hearing the radio commercial knowing there is no way we could possibly justify spending donations on media but knowing how crucial it is to get the message out.

**And we're even more excited when we see the TV commercial featuring our very own ex DRH resident Matilda become a TV star – we're so proud of Matilda and her lovely owner Denise who has given her the perfect home.**

Sadly, in the last week alone we have had 2 heavily pregnant dogs surrendered to our care and in 2 days last week we had 30 pups arrive from regional and local pounds plus surrenders. Our GM Robyn who is a master in multi-skilling managed to get all 30 pups and 2 mums out on foster – I am in total awe of Robyn and her ability to do so much in such

a short time and always have a smile on her face and a positive attitude. We are so incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing GM – to say I am grateful is a massive understatement.

And with all these puppies in our care I'm even more grateful than ever to VP Lynne Milligan who manages to get them all adopted to the very best homes – Lynne is in all weekend and Monday's focussing on puppy adoptions and still manages to come in and help to walk dogs on another day. Such a legend.

Our whole team, Board members, volunteers and staff are simply the best we could possibly ask for and our supporter base and the dog loving community give us the strength to continue and deal with some of the traumatic and heart-breaking things we see.

I wish you all a wonderful, kind and peaceful Christmas filled with lots of doggie hugs and kisses. Our team will be looking after our pooches all over the festive season and we look forward to celebrating many milestones over 2025 and hope you'll be there to join us.

*Karen & Charli*



**Our Motto**  
**'Rescue is the best breed'**

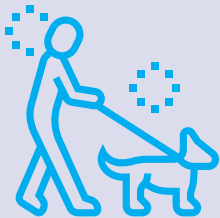
**Our Vision**  
A community where all dogs live in safe and loving homes.

**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 2023/24

## DOGS ENTERING SHELTER



# 1584

611 Puppies

973 Dogs



## ADOPTIONS

# 1453



## Where Our Dogs Come From

	2023/24
Pound Rescue	1022
Owner Surrender	271
Dogs Returned	138
Shelter Offspring (from abandoned pregnant dogs)	89
Council	31

**Dogs Returned:** The Home accepts 'returns' of adopted dogs 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

# 623

Saved from Metro Pounds

Our key Council partners include:

- 95** Gosnells
- 72** Stirling
- 101** Armadale
- 70** Wanneroo
- 175** Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda, Cockburn and South Perth

We visit pounds across the metro area. Our key partners are Wanneroo (70 dogs), Gosnells (95 dogs), Stirling (72) and Armadale (101 dogs) with another 175 dogs coming from Bayswater, Canning, Kalamunda, Cockburn and South Perth.

# 393

Saved from Regional Pounds

- 8** Dogs from Broome
- 284** Dogs from Geraldton
- 14** Dogs from Kalgoorlie
- 14** Dogs from Busselton
- 18** Dogs from Narrogin

Another great year with more and more dogs arriving from regional communities. The 393 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 284 dogs arrived from Geraldton, 8 dogs arrived from Broome, 18 from Narrogin, 14 from Kalgoorlie and 14 dogs from Busselton.

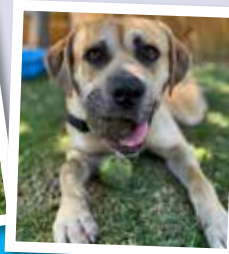
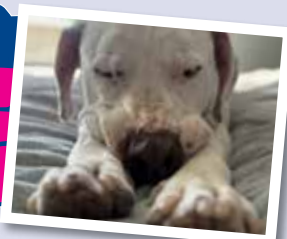
## FOSTERING STATS

# 727

# 475

Foster Homes

Another huge year for our foster team with 727 dogs (including 450 puppies) spend time with one of 475 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 Coordinator Simone too for her amazing work placing dogs and puppies into temporarily homes.



# The Figures 2023/24

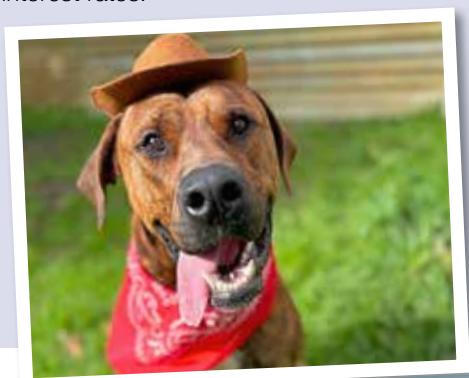
## Financial Summary

The 2023/24 year was another high year for adoptions with revenue from kennel operations reflecting 1453 adoptions, an enormous 611 of those being puppies.

Despite reducing boarding capacity by 50%, we maintained 64% of bookings compared to the previous year, at 4432 which further supplemented our income. Kennel costs again reflect adoption activity and the general increases in prices of goods and services.

Fundraising activities such as the Quiz Night, In the Doghouse and the Street Appeal and many others combined with generous donations and bequests from the community have enabled us to continue to care for the dogs.

Construction was completed on the new kennels during the year thanks to a generous donation and our investment portfolio flourished under favourable market conditions and higher interest rates.



## Expenses

	2023/24 %
Employee Costs	61%
Vet Fees	13%
Admin Costs	8%
Property	6%
Shop Stock	5%
Kennel Operations	5%
Fundraising	2%
	100%

## Income

	2023/24 %
Kennel Operations*	34%
Fundraising	27%
Legacies	28%
Grants and Conditional Gifts Income	11%
	100%

\* Dog adoption fees & Boarding Income

## Governance & Oversight

### President

Karen Rhodes

### Vice President

Lynne Milligan

### Secretary

Chris Osborn

### Treasurer

Meagan Scholz

### Board

Denise Cheir  
Alex Gillespie  
Leanne Copping  
Marsha Sullivan

### General Manager

Robyn Slater

### Veterinarian

Subiaco Veterinary Hospital

### Trustees

Ruth Gourley  
Judy Flanagan  
Sarah Murphy

### Patrons

Melanie Greensmith  
Peter Collier MLC  
Nelson Woss

### Auditor

Hall Chadwick

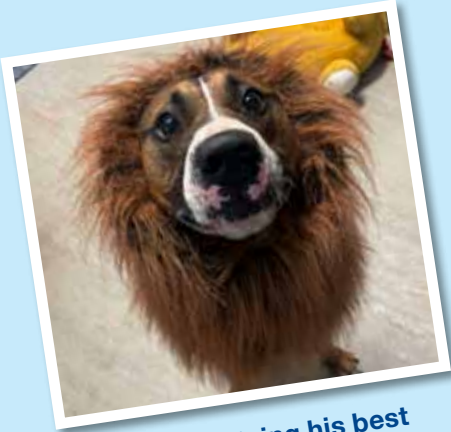
## Lasting Legacies

During 2023/24 we received with gratitude, gifts from the estates of:

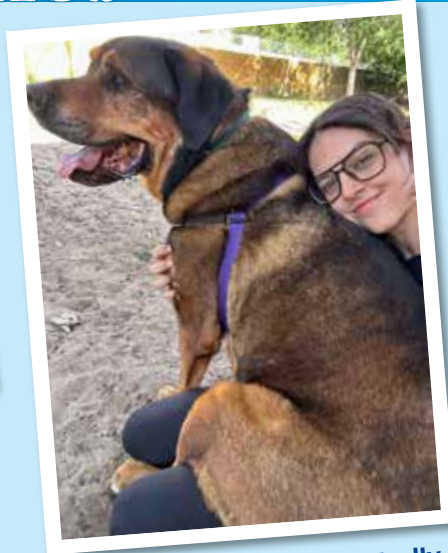
Michaela Collingwood	Carol Miller
Ian Peter Bishop	Barbara Elizabeth Crowsley
Erica Joan Ofzupan	Neil Gardiner
Anna Joyce Brockway	Louise Capper
Viola Gallagher	Colleen Malpeli
Nicholas Verevis	Barbara Roper
Josephine Marie Richardson	John Bryan Ball
Lucia Terzo	Mary Thompkins
Michael E Joyce	
Neil Gardiner	
Margaret Woolcock	
Frank Parkinson	



# The Funnies



Aragog doing his best lion impression



Billy believes wholeheartedly that he is in fact a lap dog



Crate Training is going perfectly with Michael



The behind the scenes of an Easter photo shoot



Woops! It exploded!



Something isn't right here..



DRH Uber



Bucket



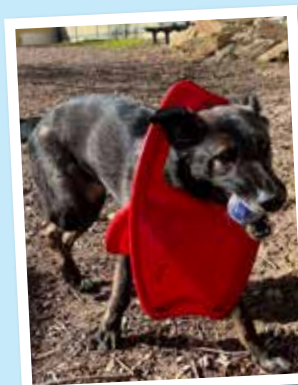
That time Beau Pearson pretended to be a dog



Diesel, waiting for his next meal



Charli and Bunny



I found the ball! It was in the bin!



I promise I don't bite, I simply nibble on ankles

**We are SO excited to announce our next major redevelopment which has been generously supported by Lotterywest. We are overjoyed to have received a \$2,287,440.00 support pledge which will allow for major redevelopment to five key areas of our Home.**



A \$50,000 portion of the project will also be supported by the Animal Welfare Grant Program, administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and a further \$50,000 will be donated by the generous Chang family, longterm supporters of the Home.

We are proud to be frugal at the Dogs' Refuge Home and invest every dollar donated to us back to the dogs. We operate at an enormous loss every year, we are lucky that our generous donors and supporters help us to cover our day-to-day costs, but projects like this would simply not be possible without the support of Lotterywest, or those that generously remember us in their wills. We are overjoyed to be able to improve our Home for both the dogs and the community of dog lovers that volunteer here every single day come rain or shine.

**Over the past 12 months, the WA homeless dog crisis has spiraled out of control.**

The Home has struggled under crippling intake requests, and simply rehoming the dogs is no longer a sustainable solution. The only way

to combat this is to actively engage the community to join us in our vision for responsible dog ownership. With support from Lotterywest, we plan to boost community engagement and education with the redevelopment of five key areas:

- 1 **Puppy Education and Adoption Centre**
- 2 **Adoption Meeting Lounge combined with functional staff and volunteer support area**
- 3 **Decompression Kennels and Yards**
- 4 **Visitors Centre showcasing the Dogs' Refuge Home's rich, 90 year history as part of the WA community**
- 5 **Engaging Enrichment and Agility Training Yard**

Through this project, we plan to increase volunteer opportunities including opportunities for vulnerable groups, decrease surrenders easing pressure on local and regional council pound facilities, boost community education and

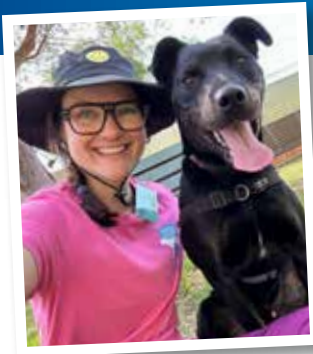
engagement and create opportunities for group community involvement including schools and aged care.

Support of the project was recommended by the Lotterywest Board and approved by the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Roger Cook MLA. Hon. The Hannah Mary Beazley MLA attended the Refuge on Saturday 5th October to share the good news.

Since 1933, Lotterywest has played a pivotal role in our community, proudly supporting a significant number of health, arts, sports, and community organisations across the state. Since 1935, the Dogs' Refuge Home have proudly provided a safe haven for homeless dogs across the state, have been leaders in education messages for responsible dog ownership.



# Our Amaz



**“We will never be able to do justice to our incredible volunteer team with just words. The volunteers are the cornerstone of the Refuge and no job is too big or small for our army of dog lovers.”**

Year-round, day in and out, rain or shine, our volunteers are there for our dogs. Whether it be collecting them late at night from the airport or regional pound, taking them on adventures, tackling mountains of laundry, getting up at the break of dawn to toilet dogs in a yard, setting up and manning events, helping members of the public find their next furever family member, or performing maintenance on hot summer days, the volunteers leave no stone left unturned in the pursuit of happiness for our dogs.”



## PAWESOME VOLUNTEERS

# 41,115

Onsite Volunteering Hours  
(highest ever!)

# 452 217

ActiveVolunteers Corporate Volunteers

# 27

Corporate Teams

## Volunteer Awards

Presented December 2023



### Gold (2000+ hours)

Toni Soderstrom  
Jono Pollard



### Silver (1000+ hours)

Lis Consedine  
Anne van Drunen  
Jan McMahon  
Hayley Burns  
Carole Pilling  
Eric Brukwinski  
Dusty McLoughlin

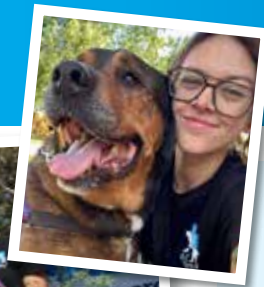


### Bronze (500+ hours)

Leanne de Mamiel  
Simon Handford  
Fiona Middleton  
Hannah Bennett  
Cassandra Lajeunie  
Christine Coniglio



# zing Team



## PAWESOME STAFF

# 48

48 Staff  
(at 30 June 2024)

# 8



Full Time

# 34



Part Time

# 6



Casual



**We are so lucky to have a team of staff that are so dedicated to the welfare and wellbeing of our four-legged residents.**

The team are often here hours before their shift start time and hours after clock off time- volunteering their spare time to be with our dogs. We are so lucky to have a team rich with talent, with qualified Trainers and Vet Nurses who keep up to date in the latest welfare studies to continuously improve the care of our dogs. From our Finance Officer, to Maintenance, Marketing, Clinic and the Kennel Team, no matter the role- everyone is here because of the dogs, and no one is too busy for a sloppy kiss and cuddle!

**“CHOOSE A JOB YOU LOVE, AND YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE.” CONFUCIUS**

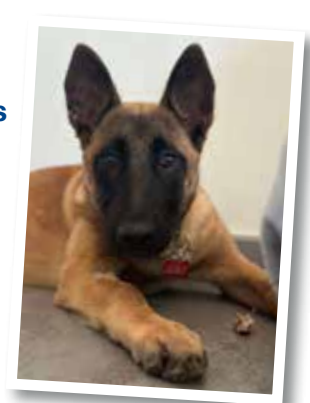
## Rumour's Story

**Rumour the 4-month-old Belgian Malinois was purchased by a family who thought this would be the best breed for a home with very young children. Shortly after taking her home, an incident happened in the home which resulted in Rumour fracturing her tibia, she was then taken to the vet to be euthanised.**

Thankfully the vet team didn't let that happen and immediately got in touch. Little did Rumour know; her devastating injury was the key to her having the life she deserves. She was operated on by the amazing Dr Grant Emmerich of Subiaco Veterinary Hospital, found a wonderful foster home for her recovery and was lucky enough to be adopted

by a loving family. You may actually recognise her new Dad as long-term DRH supporter, 'Santa Dave' who poses with all of the doggies at our Santa Paws event.

**Huge thanks to all of our donors who enable us to immediately say 'YES' to taking on cases like Rumour.**



# Pupdate

**Ziggy the scruffy terrier cross arrived from a local pound in 2018, she was just a young pup, it was then she met her amazing family who share the following:**

"We adopted Cookie as a pup in 2018. She was the spice we didn't know we needed, she ran the household from day one and owned her role as 'daddy's little princess'. 2019 we moved into our own place and wanted Cookie to have a buddy.

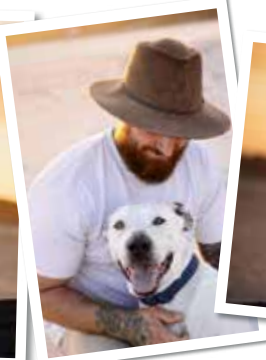
We knew we couldn't look anywhere else but from the Dogs' Refuge.

That's where we saw our Wilson (Willy Nelson). After adopting him New Years 2020 our lives have been forever changed and we couldn't be more pleased they chose us! He's the biggest boofhead with the biggest personality and she has us wrapped

around her scruffy little tail. He and Cookie are the thickest of thieves and absolutely inseparable.

We recently had a photoshoot with the family and couldn't be happier with how well Julie from 'Look Back and Smile' captured our two. We just wanted to say a big thank you for giving us the opportunity to complete our little family."

**It's clear how well loved Cookie and Wilson are and it makes us hopeful that every dog can receive this type of love and care, they all deserve a family like this!**



## OUR SOCIALS ARE PAWING ALONG!

Social media is a wonderful tool to promote our dogs and also share our key messages on dog welfare and responsible ownership! We have grown a loyal audience of supporters over the years and now people all over the world view our posts and fall in love with our dogs.

**54.2K** Story Reach reach on Facebook!  
Up 700%

Social Media Stats 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024

### Facebook

Total Page Followers: **123.5K**

Content Views: **6.2M**

New Page Likes: **10.5K**

Content Interactions: **745.4K** (up 25%)

Overall Reach: **Increased 20%**

Story Reach: **54.2K** (up 700%)

### Instagram

People Reached: **401.8k** (17.7% increase)

Total Page Likes: **38.8k**

Content Interactions: **396.5k** (100% increase)

Link Clicks: **7k** (600% increase)

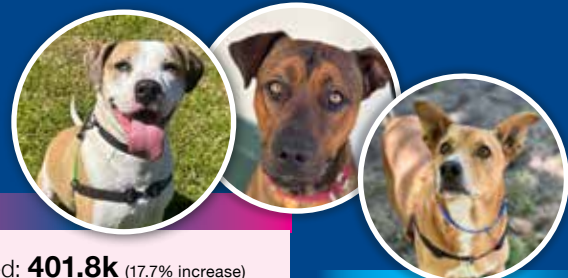
Story Reach : **54.2k** (700% increase)

### TikTok

Followers **30.5k**

Likes **1.2M**

Our most viewed video **2.7M** views



# Puppies • From the largest to the smallest!



With the hundreds of puppies coming in over the course of the year it is impossible to spend time with each one, but every so often you are drawn to a particular pup for some reason or other and these two are no exception.



**The first, puppy Sponge-bob came in from Geraldton only 4 months old in January, but weighing a whopping 17kgs! This was going to be a large dog. I was there when he arrived, and I'll never forget the sad expression on his face when I saw him in the van.**

He turned his back to hide from everyone as he was so scared. We managed to persuade him out of the van but knew he would not cope in a kennel environment, so put a call out to foster.

Luckily for us, one of our wonderful walking volunteers put her hand up to take Sponge-bob as she had a confident young female dog at home called Jersey (from the Refuge of course!) so we thought this would help bring Sponge-bob out of this shell. He made marvellous progress, but needed his foster sibling Jersey to make him feel safer. His playful side began to come out.

**Dionne decided at the beginning of February that Sponge-bob was not going anywhere, and made it official. The Jersey/Beau love story continues...**

Sponge-bob was renamed Beau - a far more fitting and regaler name, and he joined a local doggy daycare where he flourished and has become a firm favourite of the staff there. He loves his doggy friends there and his carer Alex. He recently celebrated his first birthday.

Beau's confidence continues to grow, and he loves trips to the local dog park to see all his other friends and

has recently enjoyed his first visits to the beach. Even better, we get regular updates from Dionne as she still comes in weekly to walk dogs. Thank you, Dionne, for saving Beau (as well as Jersey).

**The second, Miniature Bunny, a Maltese chihuahua, was a Refuge born puppy, but in foster. She was the smallest by far in the litter of 7, weighing only half that of her siblings.**

Sadly, Bunny was born with an open fontanelle, also known as a molera which is a small opening in a puppy's head, comparable to the soft spot in a human infant's skull. For most canines this opening closes up as they age, becoming solid. Some dogs, most notably chihuahuas, have moleras that never fully close. It is a genetic condition, predominantly associated with chihuahua's. Bunny's tongue was also constantly out. At 10 weeks she still weighed under half a KG. Luckily she was with an amazing foster Sharon who has brought up quite a few Dogs' Refuge puppy litters.

Initially, the vets suspected a poor prognosis and she was left on foster long after her siblings went off to their forever home. At 3 months, Bunny was making good progress, the tongue was no longer hanging out all the time and the hole closed slightly. We had to find an understanding home who were willing to take a puppy whose future was uncertain and may also be up for ongoing medical expenses.

Kelly and her mother happened to walk in one day to see about potentially adopting a chihuahua we had in

quarantine for their family. I knew it was not a good match but immediately thought this could be a great home for Bunny. They had had chihuahuas before and one with medical conditions. I planted the idea and when they saw the photo of Bunny, Kelly melted. The whole family came in to meet Bunny a week later when she was cleared for adoption, pending a final vet check in a month's time, but we wanted to get her into her forever home as soon as possible. The family all came in for the meet and Kellie was besotted.

**The final vet check went well, but the hole still remains and always will, and Kelly is determined that Bunny will lead as long and fulfilling a life as possible, whatever length of time that may be. Bunny has the whole family wrapped around her little paw and wants for nothing.**

The family told us that Bunny may be small in size but she has the biggest personality. Her name is a perfect fit as she hops and jumps about like a bunny. She is very social and loves meeting new people and dogs. Bunny also loves car rides, playing 'catch me if you can', and playing with her cat wand toy and empty toilet rolls. She recently graduated puppy school, which is so important for all young puppies to participate in.

Bunny is stopped regularly by people wanting to pat her as she's so small and adorable.

**Kellie told us "We love her so much and she fits into the family perfectly! Thank you DRH"**

# Event Highlights



## Woofstock

In March we hosted our second annual music event, **Woofstock** flowing the success of **Date With the Dogs** in 2022!

80 guests were welcomed to the grass in front of Kennel 3 where they enjoyed an evening of music from **Ricky Green, Dylan Hutchins** and our very own DRH staff member **Elise** as one half of Pack!



## QUIZ NIGHT

**Hollywood Hounds** was the theme for our 2024 Quiz Night which was once again held at the **Dickinson Centre at Scotch College**.

We had over 350 quiz goers and a waiting list with the event selling out again. **Beau Pearson** from Channel 10 Perth who visits us monthly for **Around the Pounds** hosted the evening for us, showing his love of dogs and the refuge knows no bounds! We feel so lucky to have had Beau as part of the evening and really appreciate him giving up his time. 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 \$34,000 for the dogs and thank everyone who attended or donated prizes for the evening, the tunes and the extra company!



## 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 on Sunday November 24. We had almost 100 dogs visit Santa Paws, including more than a few ex-DRH residents. It's always heartwarming to see ex-refuge dogs come back for their annual Christmas photo.

A HUGE thank you to award-winning photographer **Alex Cearns** who has donated her talent and time for the 14th straight Santa Paws to raise money for the Dogs' Refuge Home. We and the dogs of Perth love you Alex!



## Home Open

Always the biggest event on the DRH calendar!

This year our Home Open was held on October 19 & 20 and fell on the same weekend as our 89th birthday. We broke records in both attendance and revenue, we couldn't believe how many people kept coming through the gates! Over 2000 people attended across the weekend and over \$39,000 was raised for our dogs! A truly incredible result that we couldn't achieve without our amazing sponsors, volunteers and dog-loving community! Thanks to everyone who came along, we are so grateful to you for your continued support.

A special thank you must go to our friends at **Muzz Buzz** who provided everything needed to create outstanding coffees over the weekend, including two staff members who gave up their time to be our baristas. Your support means so much to us, we cannot thank you enough.

Huge thanks also to **Bakers Delight Wembley** for providing us with rolls for our sausage sizzle and to those who donated baked goods for our cake stall and the green thumbs who donated plants for us to sell at our plant stall.



## 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. Our events would simply not be possible without your help.

# Event Highlights

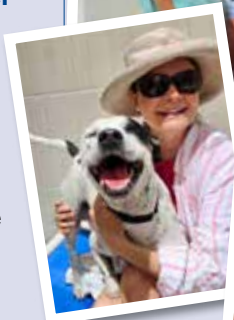
## In the Dog House

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

This year we had 15 kennels filled by DRH staff, volunteers, sponsors alongside Jarrad Tate and his three children. Jarrad has sat In the Doghouse for the past 12 years and this is also the 12th year the incredibly generous Tate Family Foundation has match given In the Doghouse donations. This year they increased the match-giving donation to \$30,000 which is so generous. 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. We even had our very own TV Star in the kennels this year, long time DRH supporter and dog-lover Karly Fisher took time to join us on a break from filming Travel Guides Australia. Karly also won Beauty and the Geek in 2022.

Our superstar In The Doghouse participants raised over \$50,000 which is the best result we've ever achieved! With the \$30,000 match-giving from the Tate Family Foundation, the total raised from this fundraiser is over \$80,000! A truly remarkable result and we could not be more grateful to everyone who supported this event. A round of applause to all our participants:

**Jarrad Tate & family**  
**Karly Fisher**  
**Ros Stynes**  
**Amanda Kelly**  
**Brett Heil & Patrick O'Rourke**  
**James Kelaart**  
**Nicolee Collica**  
**Michael & Jacqui Jones**  
**Big W**  
**Nicole Lamont**  
**Anikah Krumholectski**  
**Rebecca Preston**  
**Ruth Gourley**  
**Whitney Melville**  
**Ellie Lanyon & Ben Harvey**



## Kennel Sponsors

We are so lucky to be supported by a community of generous dog-lovers and local businesses who sponsor our kennels, providing us with vitally important funds. Thanks to the following kennel sponsors who have renewed or come on board in 2024.

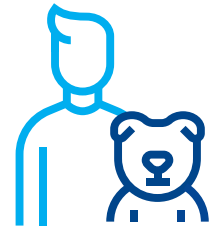
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*For the Goldies*

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Riggs & Bob  
Kevin Simms and his loyal companion Frankie  
Jackie Chin  
Jasmine Chai  
Denise Hilsz & Alan Pittman  
The Middlemas Foundation  
May Day Dog Rescue Club  
Floreat Forum  
Cobalt Foundation  
Ben & Junko Farrugia  
*in loving memory of Jett*  
Shifted Designs  
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Cassandra Lajeunie  
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John Long for Pippen  
St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls  
Susie J  
The Balmoral Hotel  
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Lynda & John Hancy  
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Australian High Risk Training  
Absolute Cosmetic Medicine  
Robert Frost  
The Rudd Family  
Linda Ong *in loving memory of Basil Russell Dohmen*  
Right Track WA Financial Planning

**If you would like to help dogs in our care you can sponsor a kennel too for \$2500 for a year! Please call 93818166 or email [events@dogshome.org.au](mailto:events@dogshome.org.au)**

# 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 16 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.

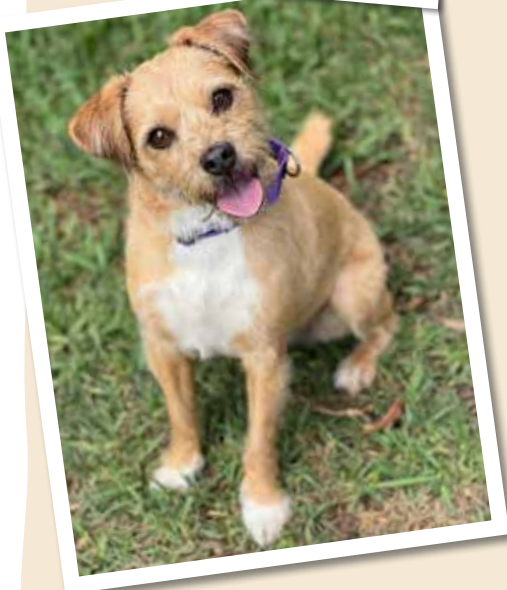
As a **Caring Friend** we will post you our 'Chinwag' newsletter twice a year plus our Annual Report to highlight all our rescue and re-homing work and show you where your donations are spent. You will also receive regular email updates and notices of our events and activities.

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.



## 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 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 COMMENT on 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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