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Summer 2018

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Jarrad and Jen are back 'In the Doghouse'!

On Saturday 1st December, Jarrad Tate and Jen Sainken are going back In the Doghouse to help raise much needed funds and awareness for the dogs in our care.

This is Jarrad's fourth time going into the kennels and the sixth year his amazing family – **Tate Family Foundation** – have generously agreed to match donations up to \$25,000. Jen, who is a Home Trustee and past President, started In the Doghouse 11 years ago and has been in the kennels raising funds for our dogs many times since then! Last year Jen and her kennel mate Indi Ellison raised a record breaking \$24,000 and we know Jen will be out to beat it as she does each year.

Jarrad and Jen will be joining a number of other Perthonalities and Dogs' Refuge Home volunteers to spend the day locked in a

kennel with a rescue pooch looking for a home. Visitors are welcome to come down from 10.30am to 2.30pm to say hello to all the crew and find out more about the dog in their kennel.

Huge thanks again to **Tate Family Foundation** for pledging to match dollar for dollar the first \$25,000 donated to this important annual appeal. Together with your donation, we hope to raise at least \$50,000 to help support the hundreds of lost and unwanted dogs who find themselves in our care.

Why go In the Doghouse?

Every year we continue to experience a large operating shortfall, covered only by the generosity of the community. In the last financial year, we took in over 1100 dogs, with a large increase in dogs saved from regional pounds. This comes at a much increased cost, especially transport.

We have continued to watch senior dogs arrive on our doorstep in high numbers and as always this is heartbreaking

to see. We currently have many dogs in palliative foster care and we pledge to continue that care until their quality of life is no more. The story in this newsletter about Hazel is an example of how lots of TLC can make the last few months or years of a dog's life some of their best ever.

With your ongoing support we can make sure that every dog receives the best possible care until we can find them a new forever home.



Support Jarrad and Jen In the Doghouse by donating to www.everydayhero.com.au/event/doghouse2018

A BIG thank you!

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Santa Paws is coming to town

Perth's original and best Santa Paws, **Alex Cearns** from **Houndstooth Studio**, will once again join us in Santa's Grotto to take a fab photo of your pooch for Christmas.

Join us on **Saturday 1st December from 9.30am to 2.00pm**. For \$35, you receive by email a digital image that you can use for prints, social media or card making! No bookings, just come along on the day. Also available Wag Bags, mini-jumble, gift ideas, cakes and coffee! This will be the eighth Santa Paws by Alex and every year she donates 100% of proceeds to the Home!





Ian

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President's Message

As I write this, we are collectively catching our breath after our busiest ever Home Open, where hundreds of visitors streamed through the gates on 20-21 October to help us celebrate our 83rd year of operations! It's amazing to reflect on how such a small group of dedicated dog lovers in 1935 laid the foundations for our Home that is today, such a vibrant part of the WA community.

We are also catching our breath from another busy year that was full of the usual heartbreaking challenges associated with our rescue work and the unbridled happiness of seeing long term dogs adopted and so many unwanted dogs getting a second chance in a loving home.

income, so the generosity of the community is vital to our survival.

Now into its ninth year, our annual Quiz Night continues to be a highlight of the events calendar. Fabulous dog lover and ABC Perth Presenter Gillian O'Shaughnessy donated her time to MC this year and artist Helen Norton once again donated a range of items to auction. The big surprise of the night was Nelson Woss (Producer of Red Dog and long-time donor) arriving with THE banjo played by Bryan Brown in the Red Dog Prequel – True Blue which received a whopping final bid of \$5,000. There is no doubt KOKO's memory lives on at our Home through his Dad Nelson and he's continuing to help save many dogs each year.

This year we were blessed to receive bequests from 10 kind souls who remembered the Dogs' Home in their Wills. These gifts are always the difference between breaking even or making a loss. They also allow us to continue to top up our Master Rebuilding fund as we still have much work ahead of us in updating the reminder of our ageing kennels.

City Farmer's continue to be incredibly supportive and generous. Once again, they

have taken our calendars into their stores and if you can't get into our Home, I would encourage you to stop at your local store and pick a few up! They are just fabulous and taken by amateur photographer and Dogs' Home volunteer Clarissa Human.

I'd also encourage you to please support our amazing team going 'In the Doghouse' on Saturday 1st December – the funds raised will go directly to saving more dogs from regional areas and look after those already in our care. A huge thanks as always to the generous Tate Family Foundation for their unwavering support who will match donations up to \$25,000.

Life at the Dogs' Home is as rewarding as it is challenging. The highs are high and the lows are low. The dogs we save and re-home each year make it worthwhile, but without the whole team our work would be impossible. Our staff and volunteers remain the backbone of our operation - they are always there for our dogs rail, hail or shine.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to each and every person who has helped us achieve what we have. Our dogs deserve your support and you never let them down.

Wishing you and your family a very pawesome Christmas and New Year!

Karen

PS. Don't forget to come down and see us for **In the Doghouse** and **Santa Paws** on Saturday 1st December! It's a great day with a mini-jumble, Wag Bags for the dogs, last minute gift ideas and plenty of refreshments!



Over the coming year we will be looking at our operating model and as always are focussed on saving and re-homing as many dogs as possible. With a growth in foster-based rescue groups and metro pounds increasing their own re-homing efforts, we are turning our attention to supporting the intake of more dogs from regional communities. In the past financial year, **we took in 280 dogs from regional and rural WA.** This included bringing down 88 dogs from Geraldton and surrounds – more than double 2016/17 – in nine trips made by our volunteers.

It's been another tough year in the WA economy, which means fundraising is increasingly more difficult, but thanks to some amazing volunteers and generous supporters, we've made it a successful one. The Home relies on fundraising, donations and bequests for 60 per cent of our annual



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Thank you

Herculean Home Open Celebrating 83 Years!

We celebrated our 83rd anniversary in style recently at the 2018 Home Open held 20-21 October. It was our most successful ever, with more than \$25,000 raised!

The buildup to the weekend was also mammoth with hours and hours of sorting jumble sale items and books after we received so many fabulous donations. A huge thanks to all our volunteers who worked for three weeks sorting and pricing jumble and to all our staff – Herculean efforts all-around to prepare for the two-day event.

It was a brilliant weekend that even a few sprinkles of rain could not dampen! The list of people to thank is far too long, but a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed whether it be donating items, sorting them, helping with set up, potting plants, baking the hundreds of cakes and slices we sold, manning a stall or helping to get all our dogs walked before the crowds arrived.

If you missed out, keep your eye on our Facebook page next year – around the same time – it's the best open day in Perth and we do it all for the dogs.



Chevy finds forever love at last!

He's one of our longest long termers, but on 7th October, Chevy finally found his forever home – 1125 days after arriving in our care. Now six years old, Chevy was surrendered by his owners who were moving interstate. It soon became apparent he was not well socialised with other dogs and suffered from severe separation anxiety.

Now, five fabulous foster care homes later, a short time living with his first doggy friend Paco and calling the cricket at ABC Grandstand with Justin Langer, Chevy is a changed dog who has found his pawfect match! New owner Belinda writes:

“Chevy is the fifth and final addition to our family and honestly, I could not be more in love nor happier than I am right now! We have welcomed him into our home and he has filled a hole that we were missing for so long after losing our dog just a couple of months before.

Chevy has been welcomed into our home as an equal where he has learnt a lot about us, as we have about him. He has delivered the amount of love we expected and more. He provides us with a truck load of cuddles and there have been numerous times where I have nearly fallen asleep next to him. He is the first one to greet us when we walk through the door, counts us all until every one of us is home and he is the last to say goodbye when leaving the house.

Chevy loves his walks, car rides and trips to the beach that we take him on whenever we have spare time, although we still have to get him used to the water. He has filled out hearts with love and happiness and has turned into my best friend who I love and would never be able to replace.”

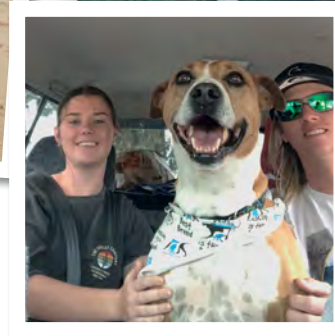


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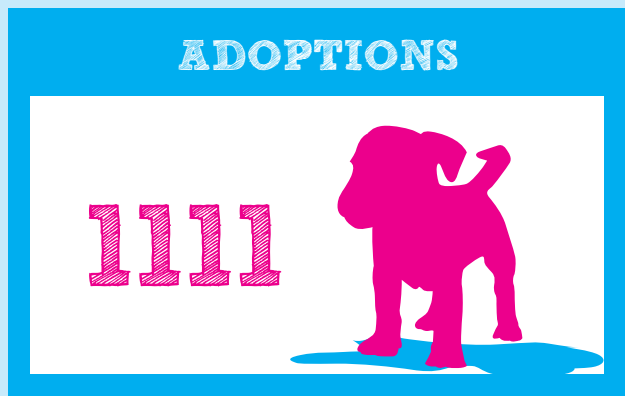
Thanks to the following people and businesses who have sponsored a kennel since June 2018:

- Alythea Campbell
- Calum Stirton
- Coffee Table Delights
- Gail Archer
- Jude Bowers
- Mark Hanlon & Atty
- MayDay Dog Rescue Club (2)
- Next Level Tiling
- Ros Stynes & Lulu
- Uncle Dave & Johnny

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



Our Pawesome Year In Review



Where our Dogs Come From

	2017/18	2016/17
Pound Rescue	565	582
Owner Surrender	252	390
Dogs Returned	177	219
Other Rescues	164	186
Shelter Offspring	27	23



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Dogs Returned: The Home accepts 'returns' of our dogs unconditionally. Sometimes the fit is just not right, but often circumstances within the household change and dogs are surrendered back into our care. Detailed feedback collected at the time of return helps us better understand the behaviour and needs of the dog and assists greatly in re-homing.

Pound Rescue

Pound rescue fell slightly during the year. Many of these dogs are collected by the Home's trainers during weekly visits to local government Pounds, while others are transferred in by rangers or volunteers. Our major partners continue to be **Wanneroo (90 dogs)**, **Gosnells (81 dogs)** and **Armadale (83 dogs)**.

Ranger Services report that mandatory microchipping is assisting to reunite lost dogs more readily with their owners.

Regional Dogs

The Home continues to broaden our reach and received **280 dogs** from **16 regional localities** during the year. Many of these come to us via regional rescue groups including the SAFE regional network {83 Broome and 50 other}. The Home is now collecting directly from Geraldton and brought down 88 dogs during the year – more than double the previous 12 months.



raising litters of puppies; dogs recovering from surgery or illness; palliative care; and supporting dogs on behavioural programs. We can't thank our foster carers enough for opening their homes and hearts until these dogs find their new homes.

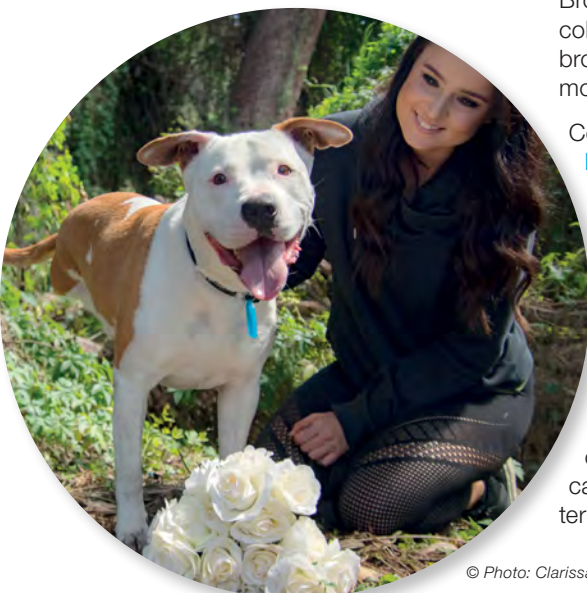
Lost Dogs

During the year, the Home received **108 lost dogs**. The majority were picked up within the surrounding localities of Cambridge, Cottesloe, East Fremantle, Mosman Park, Perth and Subiaco, who retain the Home as their pound facility. Around 90 per cent of lost dogs were re-united with their owners, while the remainder (11) were transferred into our care for re-homing.

Collectively, we received **dogs from 46 localities** during the year extending from Esperance to Kununurra, Mid West, Pilbara, South West, Great Southern, Goldfields and throughout the metro area.

Foster Dogs

378 dogs and/or puppies spent time in the loving homes of foster carers during the past year. Foster carers help in many ways including: short term stays for dogs not coping in kennels;



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Patches and Angel - A Winning Team!



Patches (male, black & white) and his bestie Angel (female) are two young Bull Arab crosses who we rescued from a metro pound in April. With the exception of a few short foster homes, they have been with us ever since.

They currently occupy the 'Penthouse suite' in K5 and are adored by our staff and our volunteers who spend many hours with them. They have also been to a few events where they represent us impeccably.

These gorgeous dogs are looking for a home with high fences please and a family to give them lots of cuddles and attention – that's compulsory. Their foster carer reported them as being fabulous companions around the home and they love sitting on the couch and watching TV.

If you know anyone who might be able to give this lovely pair a home please ask them to visit us soon. P.S. They also are big Eagles fans and hope to watch next season in their very own home.



Mikey



Leo



Ochi



Nala

Congratulations to West Coast Eagles – 2018 Premiers! It was all blue and gold for the big weekend at the Dogs' Home!

All you need is love!

Hazel arrived as an emergency foster ("just for one night") in August 2016 and it didn't take much for Joan and Mike Gourley to fall in love with the beautiful but neglected girl, who had been used for backyard breeding all of her life.

She was placed with Joan and Mike on foster as a 10-year-old 'senior', with fur missing, a saggy belly from giving birth to countless litters and diagnosed with terminal cancer; our vet Dr Greg advised that she had a few weeks at best to live.

But sometimes all you need is love - and that was definitely all that Hazel needed. From Joan blowing on her porridge each morning ("to check it's not too hot"), to constant companionship and more pats, walks and games of ball (her favourite thing ever!) than she ever had, Hazel was adored and thrived in her foster home, gaining a new lease on life. She gave back too, featuring in numerous media stories for the Dogs' Refuge Home's Seniors for Seniors program, and as a result she became a much-loved little star in her neighbourhood.

Rescue dogs really are the most loyal companions and Hazel was

the most incredible ambassador, demonstrating that - given a second chance - they give more love than it's possible to imagine.

Just about everyone fell in love with the sweet, adoring, funny and totally gorgeous Hazel Gourley, and Mike and Joan were choked to have to say goodbye to her in August this year, almost two years to the day since they looked after her just for that one night.

But Hazel will never be forgotten by Mike and Joan or their daughter Ruth who has been a longtime foster carer for the Home. Not only did Hazel have the best two years of her life, but she gave Joan and Mike two years of pure joy with her everyday antics and her complete loyalty and devotion.

Every year we take in many dogs in their senior years or who are failing health that are best placed in palliative foster care like Hazel. We continue to take care of their vet costs but ensure they enjoy a comfortable and loving home until it's time to say goodbye.





Koda

Male/ Kelpie X/ 4 Years
Waiting: 7 months

Can You Give a Long-Termer a Home?

Sometimes it takes a while to find the right home for a special dog who so desperately awaits a second chance. But we never give up hope! If you're looking for a new family member, come and meet one of these pooches who have been with us far too long. Visit www.dogshome.org.au or call 9381 8166 (Please note dogs in foster are available for adoption)



Lani

Female/ Staffy X/ 18 months
Waiting: 7 months



Lou

Male/ Staffy X/ 3.5 years
Waiting: 6 months



Indie

Female/ Mastiff X/ 6 years
Waiting: 16 months



Rocky

Male/ Mastiff X/ 2.5 years
Waiting: 10 months

Shop for the Dogs!

Don't miss our 2019 Calendars featuring the fabulous photography of Clarissa Human and still only \$10! Purchase from our shop, online or from your local City Farmers store. All proceeds go straight to our dogs.

Plus, Perth's best Christmas Cards with photography by **Houndstooth Studio** and design by **ScruffyDog Designs**. Online and in store.

Visit us at 30 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park for loads of great toys and treats for your beloved pooch and dog loving friends this Christmas and all year round!

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Dogs adopted
1 July - 28 Oct '18



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