HUMANE ANIMAL RESCUE

2024-25 Financial Year Impact Report

The 2024-25 financial year provided great challenges as a rescue, financial pressures and demand for services growing meant in addition to rescue we focused on ways we can support proactive rescue - stopping animals from needing re-homing at the source, rather than just rescuing animals that have already found their way into the pound system.

Challenges to animal welfare saw euthanasia of animals in pounds & shelters in 2024-25 increase compared to the previous year.*

Donations declined compared to previous years and more requests for animal welfare services.

We remain a 100% volunteer run organisation and we are so lucky to have the most dedicated and hardworking volunteers to support our cause. I am grateful for them every day.

-Grace Gibson Cain

Managing Director/Founder

*Shelter & Pound reporting data from Animal Welfare Victoria.

About Us

Our Mission

Save animals lives & treat them humanely.

Our Vision

Be a leading animal welfare organisation, treat animals humanely, empower our volunteers, and have a positive impact on the community.

Our Values

Integrity – Do what we say, say what we do, be ethical & humane in the treatment of of animals, and be transparent in our operations.

Passionate – We are committed to animal welfare.

Empowering – Empower our volunteers to have a voice, and to be innovative & different.

Sustainability – Maintain a sustainable future for the rescue and the animals under our care.

In Short

267 Animals rescued from Victorian Pounds

378 Free parasite control distributed

43,720 Free pet meals provided

Over **300** volunteers joined to support our mission

Animals

Rescued

Cats - 236

Dogs - 13

Adopted

Cats - 185

Dogs - 25

Average Time with Rescue

113 days

80 days

Average Cost per Animal

$588.98

Total Cost of Animals

$157,258

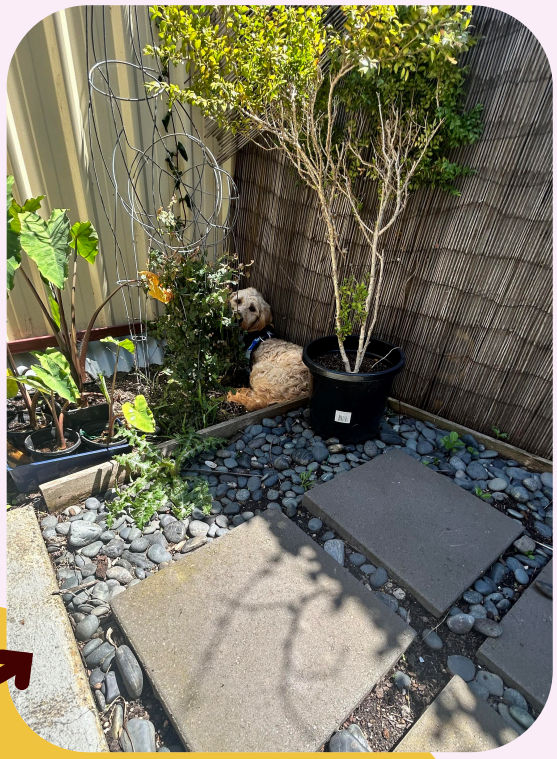
Kola

4 year old Chi X, Rescued from Wat Djerring Animal Facility and Adopted in May 2024.

Poppy

Poppy was a Groodle from a back yard breeder that was seized by the local council for mistreatment of animals and rescued from the pound by us.

She was severely shut down and scared, when she first came into care she hid for days in the back yard.



Poppy's first day in care

POPPY'S MEDICATION

Morning

Zactin 20mg - 1 tablet
Catapress 150mcg - 1 tablet
Symmetrel 100mg - 1 tablet
Pregablin 75mg - 1 tablet
Carflexn 50mg - 1 tablet

Night

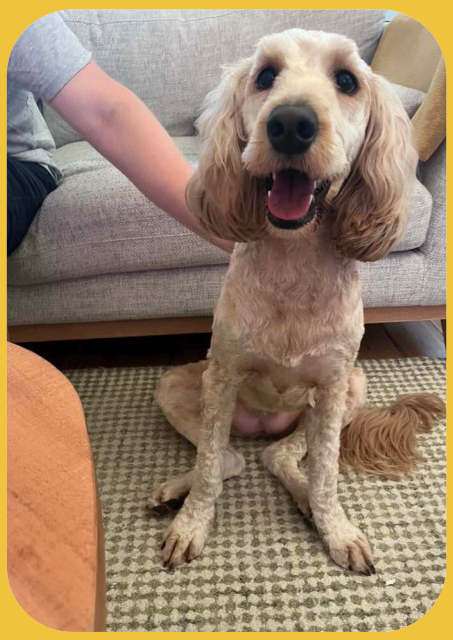
Catapress 150mcg - 1 tablet
Pregablin 75mg - 1 tablet
Carflexn 50mg - 1 tablet

NOTE: on stressful days, you can give Poppy up to 5 Catapress tablets in one go.

Over 8 months we worked with behavioural vets & force free certified trainers to support Poppys rehabiliation. Taking time and an incredible foster carer, Poppy slowly was able to feel save & loved.

Poppy's medication to support her rehabilitation

Poppy adopted, safe, and rehabilitated!



We launched outreach programs to prevent surrendering and keep animals fed and healthy. It was crucial to us that our services do not require a concession card or social worker to be obtained and can be accessed by anyone that needs it.

Our goal is to not question or pass judgement on people, but to remove barriers to access support.

Pet Pantry Program

In May 2024 we were gifted the use of a retail store for two months to fundraise and expand our free pet pantry program. This helped us advertise the program and expand our reach as we got it off the ground.

Our Pet Pantry Program provides free meals to people in need, so they don't have to choose between feeding themselves or their pet.

We had a goal to distribute 15,000 free pet pantry meals this year and ended up distributing 43,720 free meals and counting!

We also launched our collaboration with Mambourin - a disability service hub - whose members sign up for volunteering days to bag up pet pantry meals and deliver to nearby food-banks. We couldn't have achieved such a great outcome without their support.

Free Parasite Control

Our free parasite control is the only service of it's kind that is accessible and an animal welfare service delivered to someone's door.

People in need can apply online and are posted parasite control for their animal, prevention is better than treatment and parasites can cause severe illness and disease in animals.

We had a goal to distribute 250+ parasite control treatments and we have distributed 378.

We also collaborated with Pets in the Park to provide members free parasite control at their free veterinary check ups in addition to other animal supplies & food.

Volunteers

We are so thankful to have had over 300 volunteers sign up with Humane Animal Rescue, working together to make a positive impact on animals & humans - this hasn't been possible without them.