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WE CARE magazine

The official magazine of the Animal Welfare League of South Australia Inc.

SIMON BRYANT

AWL AMBASSADOR

“ Iggy grounds me. When you get home and your dog is a goofball – everything at work seems a little less serious! ”



In 1991 when the country was heading into 'The Recession We had To Have' the numbers of animal handovers we dealt with increased dramatically.

Since November 2008 we have seen a significant increase in our handover numbers as we enter, or are already in, another recession. The numbers of animal handovers have increased even with the \$10.4 Billion 'Federal Government Stimulus Package' that was pumped into the Australian Economy in December 2008. All economic indicators point to the South Australian and Australian Economy continuing to worsen over the next 18 months. The economic downturn is

affecting all businesses but the Not for Profit sector will be one of the hardest hit. Current research has shown that charities in Australia are struggling to meet a rising demand for their services along with a significant drop in one off donations. This combined with heavy Federal and State Government Regulation, which all businesses have to comply with, as well as a lack of funding in prosperous times means that we will struggle over the period of this recession. Over the past 2^{1/2} years we have significantly restructured and modernised the way we operate and this will help us navigate our way through this difficult period, hopefully without dramatic financial effects on our operation. The senior management team and I are carefully managing the business during this period to ensure that we continue to provide shelter, food and medical support at the highest level to all of the animals in our care.



We do however expect the animal handover numbers to continue to increase during this time and therefore any financial assistance that you can give us would be greatly appreciated. On behalf of the AWLSA I thank our Sponsors and Supporters who have helped us in the past and hope you will all continue to do so in the future to enable us to offer the vital services we do to the animals and the community.

Grant Robb
Chief Executive Officer



This summer has handed out challenges that should have brought people to their knees but instead we have seen 'ordinary people do extraordinary things' to help animals and each other in dire need.

The bushfires in Victoria, though horribly tragic, have brought out the best in a nation. Thousands of volunteers fighting unwinnable fires; thousands more feeding and caring for them and the animal and human victims; millions who could not be there donating more than they could afford in money and goods; people in flood ravaged Queensland donating to people in fire ravaged Victoria because they cared.

On behalf of us all I pay special tribute to all those rescuers and carers of animals in both Victoria and Queensland who continue to work around the clock caring for wild life, stock and companion animals, many of which have no hope of returning home and will have to be re-homed. There are still many challenges ahead for both victims and carers.

While Queensland flooded and Victoria burned South Australia baked through successive days of record above 40 degree temperatures. Our staff were amazing! Dressed in their heavy boots and uniforms (for OHS&W reasons) they worked out in that awful heat keeping our animals safe. They put sprinklers on the kennel roofs and hosed down hot cement; they used cold towels and ice to keep the animals' body temperatures at safe levels; they supported each other in short shifts to come inside for cooler respite, a cold drink and an iceblock and then went back into it again – for days on end. As you all well know heat stroke for dogs and cats can be deadly and the onset rapid.

Thanks to the amazing efforts of our staff we did not lose one animal! Thanks also to our CEO who bought freezers, water coolers and hundreds of ice blocks and who also managed to convince ETSA to not cut the power in our grid. Thanks also to those of you who responded so promptly to our urgent call for freezer containers. A great team effort but the real heroes are our staff.

Sadly many other pets did die during this dreadful time. For backyard pets

even access to shade and water are not enough, for when the air temperature is 46°, they struggle. Their internal cooling mechanism, panting, is nowhere near as efficient as ours – they don't sweat. Short nosed breeds like bull dogs, pugs and Persians are at higher risk of heat stroke as are heavy coated animals and seniors. They are best brought inside even if it is to just lie on the cool tiles in the laundry. Mine were shut in with me and the a/c and we certainly did not go for our walks. It was a quick dash out to toilet and straight back in – they knew the best place to be.

Other backyard pets at risk are birds in metal roofed aviaries, rabbits and guinea pigs in metal roofed hutches and even the backyard chooks. Metal roofs are simply ovens waiting to happen. These animals should be misted with water to keep the air as cool as possible and shade put over the metal roofs. Given that our meteorologists forecast heat waves of this magnitude and greater over summers to come we all need to rethink how we house our backyard pets.

In past editions of 'We Care' I have asked you, our members and supporters, to also become educators. Heat does kill and it is a bad way to die. Please have chats with all and sundry about keeping animals safe in extreme weather.

The final tribute I wish to pay is to the dozens of fire victims I saw in the media who just had the clothes they were wearing either leading their dog or carrying their cat cage or both. I saw one man with a Jack Russell on lead in one hand and the cat cage in the other hand with his arms outstretched herding his wife and kids onto a bus. They were carrying nothing else. They will probably never get to read this but they are my kind of people. The family pet is not expendable! Thank you for your ongoing support – you are much appreciated.

Helen Ellis
Chairman

Desexing Challenge

Thank you to those of you who accepted my Christmas message challenge to encourage or assist someone to have their cat desexed. The fewer kittens born the less we get which is great.

My Desexing Challenge Heroes are:

R Anderson
L Forsythe
J Benson
K Diotelle
T Black
V Tanner
A Crouch
D Allison

Great job folks!

Why don't you all find someone who needs help to have their cat desexed? How good it would be if we could double the number by 'Christmas in July'!

Best wishes, Helen



Our Vision

Be recognised nationally as a leading animal welfare and care facility.

Our Mission

The provision of the highest quality animal care, community awareness and support, which is recognised for its contribution to animal welfare.

Our Values

- The welfare of animals is paramount in all that we do
- We recognise the responsibilities and rights inherent in the welfare and care of animals
- We support the concept of quality of life
- We believe the quality of our people is fundamental to our achievements
- We have a responsibility to provide relevant assistance to the community from which we derive support.

Proud Sponsors & Supporters





Introducing our new Public Relations and Communications Officer

Brenda Champion

Brenda brings to the AWL a solid background in media, promotions and not-for-profit sectors and describes this role as 'her dream job'. She has a strong passion for the AWL's Vision, Mission and Values and is looking forward to the challenge of building on the rock solid foundations of the AWL to bring animal welfare to the forefront. Brenda is excited about creating new opportunities to promote the AWL's vital role in the community and promote the ownership of companion animals.



Penny Hopper retires from board

After 12 years of unstinting service, Mrs Penny Hopper has announced her retirement from the Board of Management of the AWLSA.

Penny was first elected to the Council of the 'AWL' at the 1997 AGM.

During this time she has been Chairman, Deputy Chairman and served on all sub committees of the Board.

In her own words she has "witnessed the Council becoming a Board and for the betterment of the AWL, the Board changing from being fully operational to a strategic direction".

Penny's contribution to the development of the AWLSA has been enormous and we acknowledge the importance of that contribution.

She will continue her work as a Volunteer, particularly her commitment to the Gawler Thrift Shop and Elizabeth West Shelter.

Penny has been a Volunteer for 21 years and intends to keep going to the 25 year mark, which is a great achievement. On behalf of all of us, I congratulate Penny and express our deep appreciation for her service.

Helen Ellis Chairman

Cat or kitten?

Have you considered adopting a mature cat?

When thinking of adding a cat to the family most people overlook a mature cat and decide on a kitten instead. But adopting a mature cat has many advantages; it will be house-trained, is more settled and makes less demand on your time for play and training.

Kittens have very high energy levels and their playfulness is part of their charm but if you don't have the energy or patience for a kitten then a mature cat is for you.

Adult cats are calmer and less energetic and are past their 'kitten zoomies' stage. (We can advise you on educational toys to help reduce damage to furniture!)

Remember – all animals ready for adoption from the AWL are microchipped, desexed, vaccinated and health checked - ready to settle into your home.

Older cats have many years of life and love left so consider adopting a mature cat from the AWL.



Photography courtesy of Benjamin Liew

Feeding the cats is feeding the problem

With Dr Julia Nicholls

The AWL is currently dealing with this year's "kitten season".

Every year from November to April the AWL is overwhelmed by thousands of unwanted kittens and their bewildered mothers. Only a small percentage make it through the health and temperament checks so our wonderful staff have the heartbreaking task of putting to sleep those that are too young, too wild, too sick or for whom there is simply no room. Every year we see similar numbers and there is no sign of this diminishing. Why is this shameful situation continuing?

When you analyse the data, these kittens are not coming from loving, responsible households; the mothers are not pampered house cats, they are cats that are known as "community cats" or "semi-owned cats".

We know from various surveys that over 90% of owned cats are desexed. This is commendable and if these were the only cats in Australia, cats as a species would soon become extinct! Clearly this is not the case.

So what is a community cat?

These are cats who no-one takes responsibility for, the ones you find crying outside for food or the cat that you see dashing furtively behind the shed or bush looking lean and frightened. These are the cats you put food out for, that may in time allow herself to be patted, that thrives on the food but, come spring, gets a large belly, disappears for a couple of weeks then re-appears trailing six kittens behind her. You feed these too, they are cute. You can't pick them up and when you try to befriend them they run. In a few months, only two of them are still around (the rest have moved on, been run over or died of a preventable disease), then the cycle continues. They too have kittens and their mother has another litter. Before you know it you are feeding 20 cats. Community cats are dumped cats, lost cats or descendants



of other community cats. True feral cats will not come anywhere near people or houses. What can be done to stop these backyard kitten machines?

1. Reduce the number of community cats.

If you own a cat and can no longer care for it- perhaps you have to move, you become unemployed, you get a dog that hates the cat - or one of the many valid reasons for having to relinquish your pet.

Do not dump the cat.

Try to re-home it. (Desex and vaccinate first) or take the cat to a shelter where it has a good chance of being re-homed. No-one will make you feel guilty or ashamed. We understand how life events can change your original plans.

2. Stop cats getting lost.

Make sure your cat is desexed and has some identification- ideally a microchip, but a collar and tag can also work. Many of the adult cats coming into the AWL are clearly someone's pet but without any identification they cannot be reunited.

3. Do not JUST feed these cats.

This is not a responsible action. Feeding allows them to be fit enough to breed.

Feeding them without providing any other health care allows many contagious diseases to persist in the population- cat "flu, worms, fleas, ear mites, Feline AIDS, the list goes on. We must all take more responsibility for this problem. Feeding the cat only feeds the problem.

If a cat turns up in your backyard try to trap or coax it into a cage. If the cat comes to you willingly and lets you pick it up or comes into the house - it is probably someone's pet!

Take it to your local vet or the closest shelter. It will be scanned for a microchip, examined for a desexing tattoo and have a general health check. The best outcome is a reunion with the owner. If not, you can make a decision to either keep the cat or it can remain at the shelter.

If you decide to keep a stray cat you must desex it. Cats may be desexed from 4 months of age (younger in some circumstances). This is a one-off procedure that is not expensive compared to the other costs of keeping a cat.

The worst thing you can do is to continue to feed and encourage entire cats to breed. If you already have a cat problem contact your local council and they will help you. Together we can stop this annual tragedy.

Photography courtesy of Benjamin Liew

KASUAL FOR AWL KENNELS



Have you thought about AWL as your Charity of Choice for a Kasual Day? It is such an easy way to help us help them.

There are many workplace supporters who have made AWL their Charity of Choice - Satisfac, Origin Energy, nab, AAMI, Bank SA and Adelaide Bank... just to name a few!

Contact Brenda Champion on **8348 1349** for more information on how your workplace can go Kasual for AWL Kennels!



NURSERY SPONSORSHIP

Many animals that come into the AWL are too young to be put into the kennels, so they are cared for in our nursery.

For a donation of just \$250 you can sponsor a place in the nursery for 12 months and help care for these precious babies. You will receive a picture, certificate and a plaque placed on the enclosure.



SPONSOR A KENNEL

Sponsoring a dog or cat kennel makes it possible to feed, bed, provide health / vet checks and vaccinations to all animals that stay in the kennel before adoption.

For a donation of just \$500 you will receive a plaque placed on the kennel, a picture and a certificate of appreciation.

For more information on Sponsorship please call Nicola Martin, Business Development Manager – **8348 1346**

The Fresh Food People feed the AWL SA shelter animals

The Staff Social Club at Woolworths Port Adelaide chose AWL SA as their charity of choice to share their recent staff Incentive.

Woolworths Port Adelaide Cashier Manager, Dawn Banwell, a long time supporter of the AWL, together with like-minded staff Cherilee Cotton, Brad O'Connor and Bryce Norton chose the AWL as their preferred recipients of the staff bonus to the tune of over \$1500 most of which was converted to dog and cat food, treats and kitty litter. AWL would sincerely like to thank the hardworking social club of Woolworths Port Adelaide for their generous donation to help us help them.



AWL's Cathy Morley with Woolworths Port Adelaide Dawn Banwell and Store Manager, Bryce Norton.

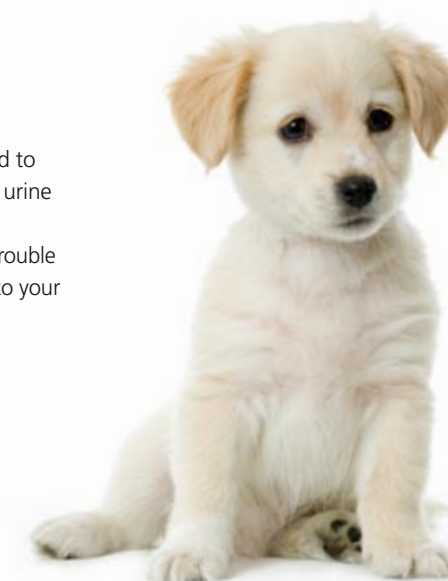
The hard work of Atlas Chem-Dry team helping the AWL animals

For every PURT treatment solution, Atlas Chem-Dry will donate \$5 to AWL

PURT stands for Pet Urine Removal Treatment and is the only product guaranteed to take pet odours out of carpets and upholstery. Did you know that untreated pet urine will continue to give off odour for 5 years! Our technicians can perform a black light analysis to find out exactly where your trouble spots are and treat those areas with PURT so you will be able to welcome visitors to your home without a care in the world! New 'PURT for Wool' is coming soon.



Call Karen and the team on **8269 2626**



Simon Bryant & Iggy

“Iggy grounds me. When you get home and your dog is a goofball – everything at work seems a little less serious!”

Simon Bryant is a busy man. As Executive Chef at the Hilton Adelaide and TV Presenter for The Cook and the Chef he finds little time for himself. But when he does find time, it's for his canine companion of ten years, Iggy, a black and tan Dobermann.

“I work long hours but Iggy knows that I will always come home. I have conditioned him. Like controlled crying in a way. Leave him for 5 minutes, then 10 minutes then an hour, to four hours. It was so important to me to bond with him and teach him independence from Day 1.”

When Simon was looking for a Doberman he knew what he wanted – a boy with good temperament, good health and good breeding. He found Iggy after a lengthy interview process with a breeder.

“I wanted the baddest boy of the litter, the one with personality. That was Iggy. He stood out.”

Simon's long hours at the Hilton Adelaide means he often doesn't make it home until 11pm at night and to Iggy, that means playtime and a walk. But to Simon that's the perfect way to wind down and relax. “Iggy grounds me. When you get home and your dog is a goofball – everything at work seems a little less serious!” Simon has been the Executive Chef at the Adelaide Hilton since 2001 and understands how important it is to have a good team behind him.

“It's about trusting people - so I can show up and do my bit rather than control the whole process. Most chef's are obsessive, they can be tired and grumpy so it's important for me to be able to go home because there is someone waiting for me!”

Simon's career has always meant time away for extended periods and it was important for Iggy to travel with him, which meant finding pet friendly accommodation. “Hilton's Pet-friendly policy meant that Iggy could travel with me.. but he is getting older now, so I don't travel as much”.

With the little time Simon gets at home he does manage to cook for himself.

“Yes, cooks do cook at home”, Simon says. “It's about taking ownership, getting great satisfaction from your veggie



garden and really having a passion for the food you are cooking. We are in such a throwaway society”

Simon is passionate about what he puts on the plates and it is evident when he is sourcing his produce. From the quality of the supplier, the environment in which the produce was grown and the quality of life of the animal, it is all part of the balance of the quality served in his restaurant.

“We need to respect food more. You don't need to do crazy stuff to food. The minimum amount of damage you do to food to get it on the plate, the more honestly you do it and respect the flavour. It's honest cooking!” As an Executive Chef as his master, Iggy does get the odd treat.

“T-Bone is his favourite”, Simon says “and he loves the odd bit of Extra Virgin Olive Oil on his dinner.”

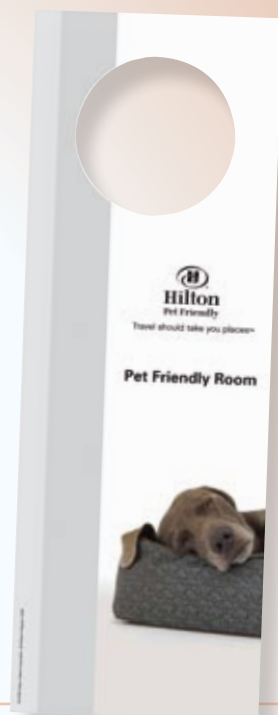


Pampered pets

You can now have your pet stay with you in a luxury hotel thanks to the Hilton Adelaide's pet-policy.

Pet-friendly rooms have been designed to accommodate you and your domesticated dog or cat, complete with bed, bowl and treats to make their stay as pleasurable as yours. The service costs just \$90 a stay.

For those who are pet-icular about their four-legged friend, the Hilton Adelaide Pet-Policy is ideal for pampered pooches and moggies. So remember, next time you pack your bags for your getaway, remember to pack their bags too so they can enjoy a taste of 5-star luxury. Call Hilton Adelaide **8217 2000**



Cooking Dahl with Simon Bryant

Ingredients

200g lentils, channa dahl or toor dahl (soak for a few hours)
2 garlic cloves
2-3cm piece ginger (sliced in chunks)
1g brown mustard seeds
1 small red chilli
5g cumin seeds
1 onion, chopped
3 tomatoes, chopped
4g red chilli powder
5g coriander powder
3g turmeric powder
15g ginger garlic paste (blend equal parts of garlic and ginger in a food processor to a paste)
15ml oil
Salt to taste
Lemon juice to taste (2 lemons)
½ tablespoon tamarind concentrate
10g coriander, chopped
2 tomatoes, finely diced
Chopped chill (optional)
Chapattis to serve (Chappatti link)
2 teaspoons ghee (optional)

Method

Boil the soaked dahl in a saucepan with cold water, whole garlic cloves and ginger chunks. Cook until soft. Drain but keep liquid, and toss out ginger and garlic. Heat a pan with oil. Add cumin and mustard seeds and gently heat till you can smell the cumin. Fold in the onions, and fry until soft and lightly browned. Add ginger garlic paste, and stir for 30 seconds. Add the red chilli powder, coriander powder, turmeric powder and then chopped tomato and salt. Cook until oil separates. Add boiled dahl to the tomato mix, add more liquid to the consistency you like, a thick soup, and allow it to simmer for 5 to 6 minutes. Season to taste. Add lemon juice / tamarind juice, diced tomato, chopped chilli (optional) and coriander and serve with chapattis. (If you stir in a teaspoon of ghee right at the end it will fatten the flavour.)

See the next edition of We Care Magazine for another great recipe from Simon Bryant



Exciting steps forward

In an exciting step forward we have expanded our gift giving and pet supply products. These are all on display in our Wingfield's Adoption Centre, in our newly expanded Tranmere Thrift Shop and soon to be introduced into AWL Thrift shops at Parafield Gardens and Gawler.

Due to changing economic times the AWL Thrift Shop at Woodville has closed and we would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers for many years of hard work and dedication. For more information about our Thrift Shop locations please visit our website www.animalwelfare.com.au or call AWL Administration - **8348 1300**.



Staff and volunteers Brian, Lena and Annette; Pet supplies and gift ideas on display at Tranmere.

Ducks for AWL bucks!



It was a sea of yellow at the Oarsman Reserve at West Lakes on Sunday April 5th for the running of the 2nd Annual Rotary Club of Adelaide EDGE Duck Race. The bright yellow rubber ducks ducked and dived their way through the water to take out line honours and raise in excess of \$2500 for the AWL! We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Adelaide EDGE, all sponsors and supporters for a fantastic event and helping us to raise bucks from ducks! To see the 'duck-umentary' visit our website www.animalwelfare.com.au

GIFT GIVING MADE EASY AT AWL



MERCHANDISE



\$5.00

SHOPPING BAG



\$12.00

METAL PIN/BADGE



\$4.00

WRIST BAND (BLUE OR GREEN)

As retailers and supermarkets phase out the plastic bag now is the time to buy your AWL Environmentally Friendly shopping bag. AWL Gift Giving ideas can be viewed online at www.animalwelfare.com.au, purchased at our Thrift Shops or by calling **8348 1300**. Help us help them... and help the environment at the same time.

VIRTUAL SHELTER GIFTS

\$60

KITTEN SEASON



A preventative measure to desex mum and her litter.

\$40

HELP US HELP THEM



Mistreatment can often develop antisocial behaviour.

\$250

THE DOGGY WORKS TLC



To be able to give a dog a second chance and find a loving home.



In this current economic climate, there are many ways you can help the AWL. We have introduced new and exciting fund raising events and your continued support. Visit our website regularly for updates on new events. If you would like to donate your time and become a volunteer to help, we would love to hear from you.

Movie afternoon

"The Boat That Rocked"
(Yet to be classified)



From the creator of Four Weddings, Notting Hill and Love Actually.
'An adult comedy set in the sixties on a pirate radio ship off the coast of Britain'
3.00pm for world class Wurlitzer music
3.30pm movie commences
Sunday 26th April 2009
Capri Theatre
141 Goodwood Road, Goodwood
Tickets just \$15.00
Book your tickets now – 8348 1300

Value of our volunteers

Volunteers play an integral role at the AWL shelter but we are always looking for volunteers who can help us in other areas like the Thrift Shops and fundraising events including BBQ's and Donation Drive. Please call the AWL on **8348 1300** if you would like to volunteer and help us.

Quiz Night

Games, Raffles, Prizes & Silent auction!

Great event to Help Us Help Them

1st May 2009

7pm for 7.30 Start (finish at 11pm)
Enfield Community Centre,
510 Regency Road, Enfield
\$10 Per head BYO Supper.
Beer, wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee for sale on the night.



Book your Table of 10 early to avoid disappointment.

Phone us on 8348 1300.

If you can help us with prizes for the Quiz night and Auction please let us know.



Donation Drive

The AWL Donation Drive is on now and the animals need your support. You will see AWL Donation tins across Adelaide including Gawler, Barossa and Victor Harbor. The Donation Drive will wrap up under the Gawler Place canopy in Rundle Mall on AWL Day - **Friday 19th June**. Your loose change will help us change the lives of many animals, so please give generously.



SUPPORT THE AWL ON FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Visit us in Rundle Mall under the Gawler Place Canopy and at locations in and around Adelaide. Our dedicated volunteers will be spread across Adelaide collecting the much needed donations.

Little White Fluffies

and the grooming commitment

At the AWL we are now seeing significant numbers of this type of dog either strayed or relinquished.

In recent years, the so-called Designer dog has become very popular. A large number of these are Maltese Terrier and their various crosses. Many are white and most have long coats as adults- hence the term Little White Fluffies. These dogs are deservedly popular as they are usually very healthy, small, easy to feed, require little exercise and are easily trained. As puppies they are irresistible and pet shops and breeders are selling large numbers of them. However, as with any trend there is a downside.

The Maltese has a continuously growing coat. Anyone who has seen a Maltese Terrier in a dog show will be aware that

in a mature dog the coat can reach the ground and takes a lot of upkeep. Many of the crosses inherit this trait. Poodles, which are also used in designer dog breeding, have a similar coat but this time it is also curly!

At the AWL we are now seeing significant numbers of this type of dog either strayed or relinquished. A large proportion present with long matted coats, some with days-old faeces trapped in the matts. The poor little things are miserable especially in the hot weather. Our groomers are kept busy clipping and bathing and the transformation both in looks and demeanour is wonderful, as you can see in the pictures.

If you have one of these 'little white fluffies' please either buy some clippers to use yourself or book six weekly appointments with your local clipping salon. If you are selling these dogs, please make it very clear to the new owner that, even though they will not have hair all over the house, they DO have a responsibility to have the dog clipped short unless they can brush the coat out fully daily.

If you adopt one of these from the AWL please remember the added costs and time you will need to put in. In return, you will have a loving pet for many years, as these designer dogs usually have hybrid vigour and live long cheerful lives.



Watch this space.

We are introducing a newsletter to our members to compliment our WE CARE Magazine. Faithful Friends and Happy Homes are some of the stories that will feature in our newsletter. With the development of our communication strategy, we would like to know how you would like us to communicate with you. The newsletter will arrive in your letter box but if you prefer to receive the newsletter via email please let us know at wecare@animalwelfare.com.au. If you would like more information about becoming an AWL Member please call **8348 1300**



Chelsea and Lily

I was enjoying reading all the lovely Happy Home stories but noticed they were all about Dogs! I thought I'd send in my story to even things up for the Felines. My husband and I adopted 2 Siamese cats in 2004 and have been blessed with undivided love, cuddles and laughs. We have recently suffered the loss of our beautiful Chelsea (the seal point) which has devastated us and Lily, but we have been comforted by knowing that we gave her a loving forever home and that she touched our lives with her gentle spirit. Thank you AWL for our two beautiful girls and for converting us to the delights of the Siamese.

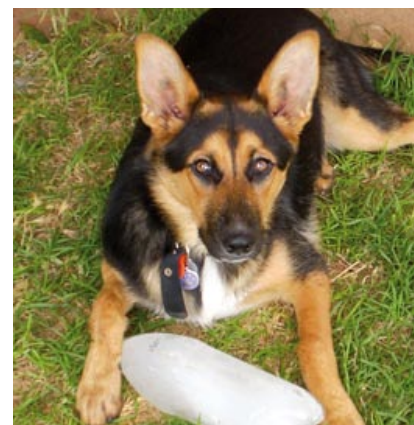
Lou and Paddy



Kit Kat

We adopted our wonderful cat Kit Kat from you on the 24th December. He adores our puppy Oscar, as you can see in the photo. Recently Kit saved our puppy's life. Oscar fell into the pool and luckily he landed on the champagne seat so did not sink to the bottom. Kit Kat used his teeth to try and drag Oscar out the pool keeping his head above water until Trevor saved him. We are amazed. Kit Kat is a true hero - his nickname now is Super Cat. Thank you for your good work and for rescuing Kit Kat and giving him to us.

Caryl and Trevor Armstrong



Leah

Leah, our German Shepherd x Kelpie was a much waited for addition to our family, she is a great joy and has totally changed our life. She has made our house a home - A home that she is the boss of. She loves her walks as she can't wait for the roller door to go up before she is dragging me down the driveway. She also loves chasing and trying to catch the water from the hose when we water the garden. It was definitely meant to be the day we went to the AWL and fell in love with her, We are very thankful for her becoming a major part of our lives. We can't imagine life without her now and would like to thank you for making this come true.

Andrew, Kellie and Leah.

Kato

A year ago on my birthday my daughter and I went to the Animal Welfare league and got myself a kitten. He is now a year old and I just wanted to say that I bet you see some heart breaking things but I have had nothing but joy since we got my mate Kato. He is named after the character in the Pink Panther movies - the one who used to attack Peter Sellars in his role as Inspector Clouseau - hence his name. He still stalks me and attacks without notice. You do a great job! Keep up the good work.

John Zadow



Toffee

Remembering the walks and the games we played. You, dancing through sprinklers on Summer Days. Chewing Smackos while laying flat on your back. Food, your number one love, that was a fact. I know you're still with us, our little mate. But it still doesn't stop the awful heartache. Always in our thoughts, see you again one Day. 18.08.92-14.04.08

Jo, Brooke and Bonné

Bequests offer animals a second chance

Many people care deeply about the welfare of lost and abandoned companion animals.

The Animal Welfare League offers shelter and a second chance at happiness for thousands of unwanted cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. The Animal Welfare League's work is crucial for both people and animals alike, and as a not-for-profit organisation that receives minimal Government funding; we rely on caring individuals to provide essential financial support now and in the future. One way you can help is to leave a bequest for the AWL in your Will.

A bequest is when you make a gift of your personal property to a named person or organisation in your Will, such as:

Proportion The most adaptable form of a bequest is a proportion or percentage of your estate. By using this kind of bequest you need not worry about the effects of inflation or changes in the size of your estate.

Specific Sum A specific bequest of money is a simple one but it can be reduced in value over the years by inflation and it remains fixed despite any increase or change in the value of your estate.

Property A specific bequest of property is one that nominates property, works of art, stocks and shares or insurance policies.

Residue When you have made provision for your family you may wish to leave the residue to the Animal Welfare League.

Pet Cremations

The loss of a pet can be difficult, and just like losing a human family member, the grief can be hard to manage.

Saying goodbye is a vital stage in the healing process. The AWL can help you with this. We offer a dignified and respectful cremation service. Your pet can be returned to you in an urn of your choice and many people find it comforting to scatter their beloved pet's ashes in a favourite place that they and their pet once shared.

Each day an increased number of pet owners who have lost their special friend are realising the

comfort in providing a dignified farewell to a friend who has given so much over your years together. The AWL has expanded to care for the demand in pet cremations.

If pet cremation is an option that you are considering please contact the AWL Pet Cremations department with any questions that may need answering.

For more info phone 8348 1333



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A home away from home

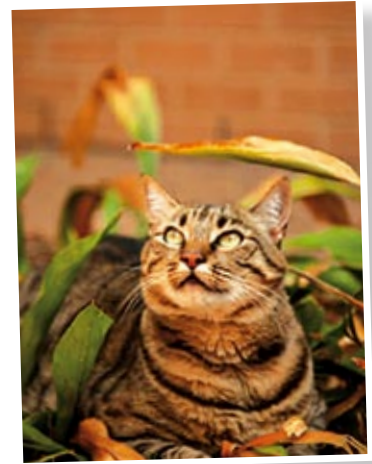
Mahler

The AWL Boarding Centre is a home away from home for many animals; some stay for a short time, some for a long time depending on the owner's circumstance. One such resident in the cat boarding centre is Mahler, an 8 year old Tabby, who has been calling AWL home for an extended period of time while her owners renovate their home.

Mahler is often found wandering through the corridors looking for a cuddle, or on a warm sunny day she is curled up on a chair in the courtyard enjoying a cat-nap.

She is very much a part of the boarding centre family and has made herself at home. Mahler's owners visit her regularly but this home away from home gives them the peace of mind knowing that Mahler is getting the best care and attention. Their generous donation over and above Mahler's boarding fees helps us to continue the care for the animals in the Boarding Centre.

If you want your pet to experience a home away from home at the AWL Boarding Centre please call **8348 1300**.



Give your pet a Ticket home!

A simple identification tag can mean the difference between your pet being reunited with you sooner, or it ending up at the AWL Shelter, resulting in stress for you and your pet! Each month the AWL reunites more lost dogs than cats as dog owners are more likely to tag and microchip their pet. A simple coloured tag with your pet's name and your phone number will help find its way home to you.

If you move house or change your phone number please remember to update your pet's identification tag. Make a pet tag your priority and give your pet a ticket home! If your dog or cat is lost, remember to call the AWL on Day 1. Your quick action can save you and your pet unnecessary stress.

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Administration

8.30am – 4.30pm

Shelter

7 Days (except Christmas Day
& Good Friday)

Thrift Shops

Tranmere

66 Reid Avenue
Telephone 8365 3877

Gawler

Shop 1
41-43 Murray Street
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Parafield Gardens

Shop 1A, Parafield Plaza
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