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2020 HAS GONE TO THE DOGS!!



Man, it feels like this year has gone on forever, right?!

But we're officially three-quarters of the way through, and looking forward to warmer days, sunny walks with the dogs, and our annual Spring Busy Bee.

It has been an interesting year, one that has certainly been great for our four legged friends – seeing dog owners spending more time at home and more than 90 dogs finding forever homes so far.

Although we've been unable to hold all our planned education sessions and events, we've seen fantastic support from our wonderful donors, volunteers and foster carers.

Thank you to everyone who has adopted, donated, or volunteered. We couldn't do it without you!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BARRC TEAM:

BARRC commenced in March of 2019 and by June of that year it became apparent that we needed to increase our committee size to help share responsibilities and lighten the load for the 5 founding members.

In expanding our volunteer network we enable everyone to enjoy their time with BARRC without risking overload which, in the animal rescue industry, can often result in compassion fatigue.

As one of the five founders, Patricia Perks helped establish BARRC and has made the decision to step aside from the committee, remaining on as an honorary member so she can focus her energy on other important projects in our community.

We welcome Nicole Passfield and Carryn Leigh Guinee to our 'Top Dog Team', both bringing with them a cheerful personality and skills to meet the roles they are supporting BARRC in.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Every volunteer brings something individual and unique to our rescue.

Since our creation, we have approached each challenge with a fun and positive mindset, a friendly manner, and realistic views.

In light of this, we have enjoyed creating some fun names for the positions held by all volunteers.

Top Dogs

Street Dogs

Sub Woofers

Creative Cats

Underdogs

Adoption Akitas

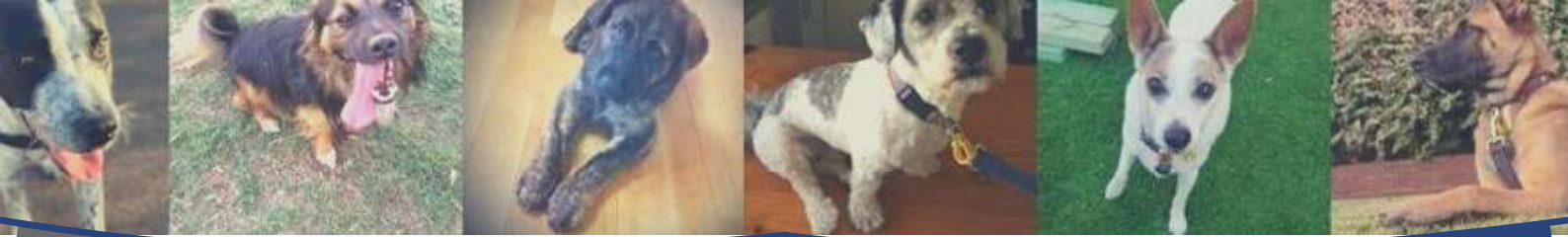
Watch Dogs

Profile Pugs

Market Mongrels

Social Snoopy

» LOVE «



YEAR IN REVIEW

**30+
FOSTERERS**

**190
ADOPTIONS**

**55+
VOLUNTEERS**



**380+
FOLLOWERS**



6000+ LIKES



SAVOUR LIFE BUDDY GRANT

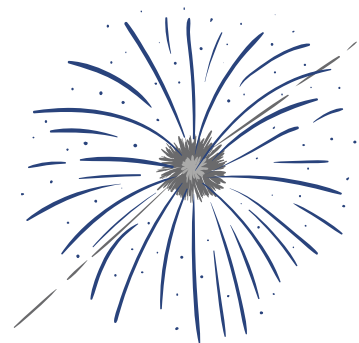
Can you even begin to imagine our excitement when we received the phone call from Kim, Co-Founder of Savour Life Dogs, informing us we were the very deserving recipients of the first ever \$50,000 Buddy's Grant!!!!

BARRC applied for the grant in competition with many amazing and worthy animal rescue groups across the entirety of Australia and also congratulate Greyhound Rescue NSW for their much deserved achievement. Buddy's Grant is awarded to our organisation for demonstrating a strong plan for improvement, which will create a direct and long-term positive impact on helping rescue dogs!

The result of this grant is a key part of the success of the dogs in our emergency care kennels. We are very excited to be able to commence this dream project. Our proposal included the purchase of two ergonomically designed kennel spaces, secure dry storage space for our food and equipment, a prep room with an area for interacting with dogs out of the weather, and the luxurious addition of solar panels to create necessary light for dark winter nights to keep our Watch Dog volunteers safe and reduce anxiety in our dogs.



CONGRATULATIONS





We are fortunate to have available to us the use of land on private premises for the emergency care of dogs. Our amazing team of Watch Dog volunteers continue to turn up shift after shift come rain, hail or shine to the decaying condition of the kennel space and storage areas. These volunteers' dedication and support to BARRC has been there right from the beginning.

They are our anchor, giving us the strength to keep going when times are tough and we are so grateful to be able to give something back to them in making their volunteer time even more enjoyable. We are so overwhelmed with gratitude to SavourLife. This is a life-changing outcome for both our volunteers and dogs, and we are lacking words to express our sheer delight. The best way to say thank you, is to continue saving further dogs and providing the best care we are capable of. Onward and upward. We are so proud to be BARRC.



From our first dog, to our latest.
Thank you!!



SW RANGER'S MEETING



Top Dogs Rachael and Sally recently attended the South West Rangers Meeting and met with several representatives from shires in surrounding areas.

They were invited to talk about BARRC and the positive steps we take to ensure dogs are provided the necessary care and support needed once released from the pound.

In an ideal world, we would like animal rescue to be a thing of the past, but in the meantime we continue to build new relationships, offer public education and support regional shires to the best of our ability.

BARRC was well-received with some lovely supportive words spoken by the rangers.

In August, Rachael spoke to GWN News about BARRC being nominated for the 2020 RSPCA WA Community Action Award. We are thrilled to have been recognised for our efforts in animal rescue and want to thank Genna, the local south-west area RSPCA representative, for her confidence in our little organisation for the nomination.

Being nominated for this award is a huge acknowledgement of the commitment and dedication from all our volunteers. It is recognition that we are on the right path and providing a service that is based on not just what research says, but also on what the community wants. Our greatest thanks to our volunteers and community for your support.

RSPCA NOMINATION





VOLUNTEER VOICES



Sheba was my smallest and oldest foster, and one in much need of love. She came straight to my home for foster after BARRC offered to help the RSPCA with her case. A very sad little lady who was in much pain.

Once she had recovered from her much-needed surgery, my children and I noticed a major change in her behaviour. She was no longer tense and tucked in. She was bouncy, talkative and very affectionate. The day she greeted me with happy vocals was one of my best days of fostering!

My own dog had been waiting for Sheba to recover so that they could play together, and play they did! Up and down the house, tug of wars and lots of bouncing around. It was so rewarding to see her finally happy and confident. She was relaxing enough for me to pick her up for cuddles– something she was previously unhappy for anyone to do.

THANKYOU

CHRIS DE BLANK PHOTOGRAPHY

BLAZE PET PHOTOGRAPHY

LITTLE WREN PHOTOGRAPHY



I love fostering dogs for this reason. They come in all shapes and sizes, some are confident, others are shy or confused, and many times unloved.

Between myself, my kids and my dogs, we see them leave happy, comfortable and confident as they head to their new loving home.

Many people ask how I can give the fosters up and I tell them that “the biggest reward is seeing the change in them and watching them drive off happily with their new family.”

I love fostering and only have one regret – that I didn't get into it sooner!



ADOPTION A-PAW-TUNITIES



TED

Male
Red Heeler X
1.5 years old
Relaxed
GREAT WITH KIDS



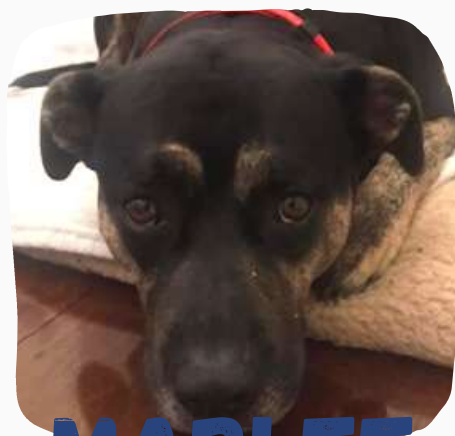
HULK

Male
Mixed Breed
1 year old
Affectionate
FOOD MOTIVATED



DEWEY

Male
Staffy X Red Heeler
3 years old
Enjoys playtime
NEEDS PEOPLE AROUND



MARLEE

Female
Mixed breed
3 years old
Very loving
PLAYFUL AND SNUGGLY



ROGER

Female
Staffy X Lab
3 years old
Very smart
VERY AFFECTIONATE



EMMA

Female
Kelpie X Cattle Dog
2 year old
Very gentle
PERFECT FRIEND



SUCCESS STORIES

Want to share in your own happily ever after?

BARRC welcomes temporary **foster** carers and those hoping to **adopt** their own awesome pooch.

There's no need to worry about costs with fostering – as vet care and provisions are provided.

For more information, or to apply, check out the links on our website www.barrc.info



Johnny is quite the “Mummy’s boy”! He knows what time his mum is due home and will be sitting at the gate patiently awaiting her return. He's always at the car door as soon as the engine turns off, and then on his mum's lap before she even gets the chance to hop out.

He is absolutely adored by his new family's seven-year-old boy, who thinks of himself as a dog whisperer, and is so wonderful and gentle with him.

He has regular play dates with his friend Shanti and while he walks well on the lead he does loves good gallop whenever possible. He's not a fan of water though, so you won't find him swimming, bathing or even get his feet wet.

Johnny is just a gentle giant who loves a good banana or strawberry, and gets plenty from his "very lucky" forever family.



FLETCHER



As soon as we met Fletcher in September 2019, we just fell in love. His high energy, his charm, his cheekiness and his affection, were the perfect addition to our family of two, making him our first child!

Whilst at the start it was a bit of a challenge, he settled in well and seeing how comfortable and relaxed he has become with us is so reassuring that we made the right decision.

He loves a good run in the fresh air at different parks. Sniffing and weeing on everything is what he lives for! Oh, and food. He definitely loves his food! He will let you know if breakfast is late with a tap at the door and a little nudge of his nose. And he always looks forward to the treasure hunts and treat toys when we leave the house.

Fletcher is super affectionate and loves a good cuddle. He is definitely our shadow, wanting to keep tabs on what is happening. He always wants to be in the action. When he is tired, he gets grumpy. He does cute little huffs, grumbles and even puts himself to bed, coming out occasionally with a look of, 'when are you guys coming to sleep'.

He is the most beautiful fur pal we could ever have. We are so glad he was rescued by BARRC. We were so impressed with how easy the process was to meet Fletcher, right through to bringing him home. It was simple and easy. The BARRC team asked the right questions to make sure we were a good match and were able to care for him. And they offered so much follow up support and facilitated advice from a dog trainer.

On behalf of Fletcher, and from us, thank you BARRC for all that you do! You are doing an amazing job and we are so proud of how successful and committed you've been to the local cause. You are saving so many dogs lives, and giving them the gift of another chance, a happy and lovely life with the right families.

Fletcher, Nathan and Ben
xxx





UPCOMING EVENTS



October 11

High Tea Fundraiser at Peel Manor

We continued to raise awareness through educational Facebook posts and to raise funds through online raffles and auctions. Keep an eye out for our return to markets and community events soon!

SNUFFLE MATS

We received great support from volunteers who have offered to make Snuffle Mats for our dog's entertainment and to introduce colour to our market stalls. We can't wait to get back into the community and raise money from the sales of these items.

Pictured are SSEP students attending Harvey Senior High School, who got on board with our Snuffle Mat project as a way of giving back to their community.



THANK YOU





THANKS

Caring for our lovable pooches can often be a thankless task, so we would like to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful teams at the following organisations for their support and advice.

Blair Street Vet

Eaton Pet Vet

Larkhill Vet Hospital

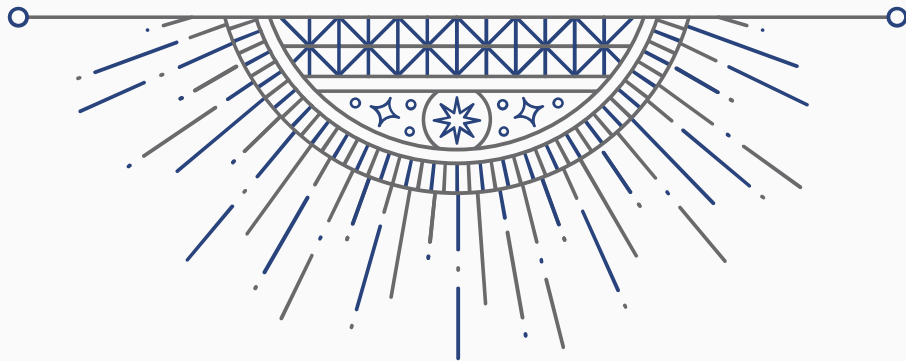
Ocean Keys Vet

Heritage Vet Hospital

K9 Connections

Alisha Fenn (AF Accounting and Business Services)

HOW CAN I HELP?



DONATE

VOLUNTEER

FOSTER

You can **donate** at this [link](#).

Foster carers and volunteer **dog walkers** are crucial to BARRC's success. If you would like to enquire about either of these roles, please visit our website:

www.barrc.info

