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BARRCING MAD

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Kennel Busy Bee

May was the month for our annual Busy Bee at our kennel facility. The call out was given to our kennel vollies and we came together on a sunny Saturday morning with our sleeves rolled up, ready to go. In the driveway on our arrival was 12 tonnes of road gravel. It was at this point that some faces turned white with panic, but after a pep talk everyone was ready to get stuck in.



We had teams of people on shovels, wheelbarrows, pruners, pavers, rakes and we even installed a new kennel with the help of a Hiab

In the end it was 3-4hrs of hard work and everyone put in 100% effort. The end result far exceeded all of our expectations.



We finished with a delicious lunch, icy cold drinks and a platter of fruit. Although most of us went home sore and sweaty, we also went home feeling happy to be a part of a great team, doing great things.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

This year so far has been a rollercoaster of emotions for our rescue team. We've experienced an unprecedented surge in the number of dogs needing our help. While our foster network has expanded thanks to recent media coverage, the rate of adoptions has not yet matched the growing need.

**URGENT
HELP
NEEDED**



Economic hardships, housing challenges, and unforeseen changes in personal circumstances have all contributed to this increase. Many pet owners are facing difficult decisions, leading to a heartbreaking rise in the number of surrenders. These stories highlight the urgent need for our continued efforts and the invaluable support of our community.

Despite these challenges, there have been moments that remind us of the incredible impact we can have. Seeing a dog like Rocky who spent 7 weeks in the kennel while waiting for foster that has thrived in his foster home and is learning to relax and trust humans. Rocky is now ready to be adopted.

Our dedicated volunteers continue to amaze us with their relentless commitment. Whether it's through fostering, organizing events, or spreading the word about our cause, their efforts are making a tangible difference. However, we still face a critical need for permanent homes for these dogs.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far – from the compassionate fosters who open their homes, to the donors who keep our mission alive, and the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Your dedication and love make all the difference. Together, we can turn the tide and ensure that every dog finds the loving home they deserve. Let's make this month one of hope, compassion, and happy endings.



Volunteers Step Up To Support Growing BARRC Family.

In our ongoing efforts to meet the needs of our community through rescuing and rehoming dogs, we are delighted to announce the expansion of our team. To support our growth, several of our long-time, dedicated volunteers, have stepped into new roles, helping us further our mission to serve the community and its animals.

This shift has been crucial in handling the increasing number of dogs needing care.

Their dedication has not only helped manage the growing workload but has also strengthened our ability to provide a safe and loving environment for every dog that comes through our doors.

As we look to the future, the expanded roles of our volunteers will be essential in maintaining the high standard of care and support we offer.

Their willingness to step up and take on new roles is a testament to their commitment and love for these animals. We couldn't do this without them.

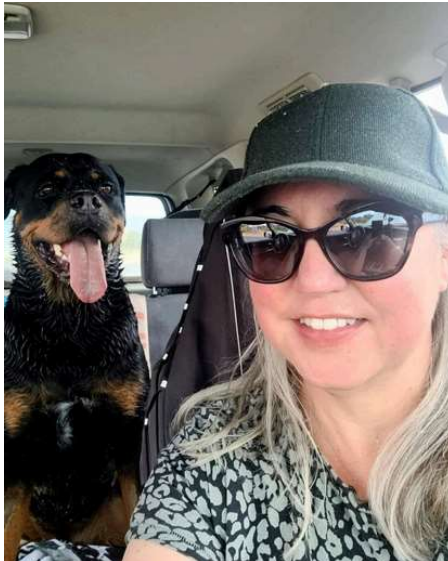
Introducing our Carers 'Guide Dog's'

Affectionately referred to as our 'Guide Dogs,' Rhonda, Shannon and Skye oversee and support our foster carers. They also lend a helping hand at our kennels.

Rhonda has taken on the additional task of administrating our microchip changes.



Rhonda



Shannon



Skye



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Fundraiser Extraordinaire and the heart and soul behind the BARRC Auction Facebook page, Teresa tirelessly engages the Peel region community at local markets and radio. She also orchestrates the highly anticipated annual High Tea Fundraiser, making a significant impact with her dedication and flair.



Teresa



Lynda

Lynda is the forefront of our public contact with foster applicants, providing essential information to those interested in fostering for our rescue. She steps up to speak on radio and played a key role in the creation of our Business Road Map, demonstrating her expertise and dedication.

Leanne is a regular at our monthly market events. She also has the role of 'Follow Up Fairy' and contacts adopters at regular intervals to see how they are going. In addition, she looks after our outgoing postal services and keeps our thousands of doggie photos in order (quite a task)



Leanne

Tracey

Tracey is a dedicated kennel hand, a regular at our monthly markets and our captain of 'Containers for Change' donations on a corporate level. All money raised via our Containers for Change programs is used to sterilise dogs within our community.





SIBLING RIVALRY

While the idea of adopting two adorable puppies from the same litter might seem appealing, the potential for sibling rivalry and the associated behavioural problems can make it a very challenging experience.

Sibling rivalry occurs when two puppies from the same litter or non-related puppies around the same age, compete for dominance and resources such as food, toys and attention from their owners. This rivalry can lead to various behavioural problems, including aggressive behaviour towards each other which can escalate over time, causing injury and stress.



The most severe forms are usually seen among female littermates. It's important to point out that not all siblings develop sibling rivalry. There are reports of dog owners raising two sibling puppies at once without any particular problems. However, this doesn't necessarily mean everything is 100 percent fine. In some cases, the signs may be there but they may be subtle enough to be barely noticed.

Separating littermates allows each dog to develop its own personality and coping skills. This independence is crucial for their mental and emotional growth. Single dogs often find it easier to socialise with other dogs and people as they are not as fixated on their sibling. This broader socialisation is essential for a well-rounded pet.

Sibling Rivalry Can Be Costly

Pictured here is Jules, who was in foster care with his brother. Like many siblings, they got into a fight, resulting in Jules receiving a puncture wound and a hematoma to his ear. He needed surgery to drain the fluid and antibiotics to clear the infection. This is a tough example of sibling rivalry and an expensive outcome for our rescue group.





Reggie Finds His Forever Home

Remember Reggie from our April newsletter? This little chap was fighting for his life and although he still faces challenges, he has found his forever home with a wonderful couple. They are well-informed about his condition and committed to supporting his growth and development.



Reggie had been attending training with his foster carer, Glenda, who was on her way to earning her dog training certificate and Reggie was lucky enough to travel to Perth to help her complete her qualification. Glenda will continue to be a big part of Reggie's life, offering support and guidance to his new family. We're thrilled to see Reggie thriving and grateful for the ongoing dedication of his foster carer.

Special thanks to **Blair Street Vet** of Bunbury for the exceptional support and care provided to Reggie. Their team went above and beyond to help save this little chap's life. Well done and thank you!



photos courtesy of **Bianca Turri Photographer**

Our thanks to Bianca for her support and amazing photos.



BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

Dobby



We met Dobby three months ago at the BARRC adoption day at Pet Barn. We arrived a bit late in the morning but Dobby was still there saying hi to everyone and wagging his tail. Dobby loves to go for a walk in the morning and he comes to work with us and he greets all the customers. Dobby loves to go camping and really enjoys playing with other dogs too.

Delilah

Delilah is a wonderful girl. She goes from flat out running to flat out sleeping. She and our other BARRC rescue dog, Jax, play together constantly. She is very clever and a bit headstrong, but she makes us laugh with her antics. We are so happy to have her in our lives.



Comet

Comet settled into our home and our hearts like he'd always been here. He loves his sister Angel and Brother Heath, he loves cuddles, love and playing chasey! He is the most lovable beautiful boy, and we couldn't imagine our lives without him



Percy

We're extremely grateful to have met a four-legged companion in Percy. My Partner and I could no longer imagine life without our little guy. Thankyou to BARRC for being able to assist us in finding our best friend.

Amy

Amy has become a beautiful young girl. She hasn't nipped anyone for a few months now, she is happy out in public in crowds and around other dogs and loves playing with kids, she loves traveling out with us in the caravan, loves going in the car and out for walks.



Juno

We adopted Juno just over a year ago, after searching high and low for a dog who would be fine with our special needs child. Juno was fostered just around the corner from us and we decided to pay her a visit. It really was love at first sight, with her gentle nature shining through straight away.





Stories from our VOLLIES

Thanks Mum!



What is a VOLLIE? Well, it's a nick-name for a volunteer. I think I come under that umbrella, but I don't remember actually volunteering. I was dragged into it by a family member. It was only going to be for a few days just to help out---5 years later and I am still helping out. I am more on the admin side. Recording information from documents that hit my mailbox. These include vet procedures, payments, certificate's like sterilisation, vaccination, and identification. Also, registration to the City of Bunbury.

The "said" family member has me researching dog kennels, play equipment, and anything else dog related. She drags me in to check her spelling and grammar and find interesting articles she can use for marketing. In fact, I am a dog's body.

I try and keep informed about all the dogs coming in and find it sad when I read why a dog is surrendered. I can't wait to see a picture of the dog. I get quite excited when a dog has an EOI (Expression of interest) especially when they have been in care for a while. I see changes in the before and after photos of the dogs. Some come in scared and worried but with a little bit of BARRC care and love from the foster carers their postures and facial expressions change, and they become more confident.

BUT I don't actually own a dog and I don't live in Bunbury.

I love reading the profiles after they have been with BARRC and are ready for a fresh start. I have been impressed with the way BARRC is run. They have some exceptionally good volunteers working away in the background. So, I will continue to be known as bM and keep on being a dog's body and remain on the good side of the family member -
anonymous



Some times we get in a dog that needs a special home, not because they are difficult or have behavioural issues, just because they are unique in their own way. Darla was one of these, but she found her perfect home with Doreen. Thank you Doreen for not giving up on this very special dog.

DARLA'S STORY

I had been looking for a dog to adopt for a few months from Shenton Park Dog Refuge. When I was contacted by Jenni from BARRC about Darla a lovely Maremma x golden retriever she was fostering. Poor Darla was only 20 months old and has had two owners and three foster homes.

Jenni explained Darla needed a job, she's independent and will do what she thinks is best. I love working breeds and was keen to meet her.

Our first meeting was memorable. Sandy and I were waiting for Jenni at the gate when a large black dog ran down the driveway, looked to it's right at a pen of sheep, leaped towards them and bounced of the fence. I thought, if that's Darla then she's the dog for me.

Unfortunately Darla had other ideas, for during the initial meeting she must have been overwhelmed and bit me on my right arm. Darla and I had another two meetings, which were less painful.

We adopted Darla on February 8 and we are so fortunate to have her. Darla is such a compassionate, lovely gentle girl. Sandy and I have worked with her to make her feel at home and loved. In return she has filled the void I felt when I lost my last dog Max to cancer.

I can't image life without her.





BARRC BY NUMBERS

The SNIP Program (2nd Stage)

Number of requests - 111
 Number completed - 109
 Snip Spend - \$16153
 CFC income - \$8700.9
 Shortfall covered by BARRC
 Donations, and SaviourLife



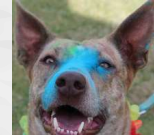
Doggy Facts

It will come as no surprise
 that Mixed Breed (Doggy
 allsorts - Doggy Mixture)
 and Staffordshires are our
 most popular breed.



Colours

We have black, tan,
 brindle, brown, white,
 and often a mixture of all
 colours. plus the odd
 pink and blue ones.



Where our dogs come from (Since operations began)

Private Surrender 315
 Shire Pounds 350
 RSPCA 89
 Vet Clinics 16
 plus others

We have had 21 dogs
 born in foster care and
 19 dogs taken in for
 temporary care



Rosie, Bella and
 Molly are still the
 most popular
 names for females
 and Rocky and
 Buddy for the
 males

Misc numbers

We have issued 131 BARRC
 Weeklys . The first issue
 was on 2/1/2022

We have issued 18
 newsletters since our first
 in January 2020

All the dog that we
 have
 cared for in some way
 or another

470 were males
 461 females
 5 puppies not sexed yet

Number of
 dogs with two
 ears 792
 Number of
 dogs with one
 ear 1 (Simba)





Caring for our pooches is often a thankless task and we would like to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful teams at the following organisations for their support and advice:

Bunbury and Eaton Vet Clinic

Ocean Keys Vet Hospital

Larkhill Vet Hospital

Blair St Vet

Heritage Vet Hospital



Donation of Goods

BARRC gratefully accept items of clean usable items for our dogs.

Clean blankets (We regret we are unable to accept quilts, pillows or sheets)

Sturdy play pens

Indoor dog beds

Medium to large dog harnesses

Worm & flea treatments

Dog Treats

Tough dog toys

These items can be left in the donation bin situated at Pet City cnr Strickland Street and Zaknic Place, Bunbury

Your Time

Volunteering for BARRC is a life-changing experience for the animals and a rewarding one for our Foster Carers, Kennel Hands and helpers.

These people are crucial for our operations. We also welcome administrative, media and event helpers.

Events

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at such events as:

- Christmas in the City
- Colour Frenzy
- Markets
- Educational days
- Training sessions
- and much more

If you are interested head over to our web page and become a volunteer today

MONEY

Your support is important to us. Whether it is \$5 or \$5000 your gifts are truly what saves the animals. We can't thank you enough! Adoption fees help but don't cover all the costs of preparing our dogs for adoption. Some animals need very little, perhaps just a health check and vaccination, whilst another may need thousands of dollars in medical care. Your gifts make forever homes possible.

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DOLLAR COUNTS!

