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Marceline Update

The festive season is always busy, so we truly appreciate everyone who continues to support BARRC, but with Christmas behind us and the New Year now upon us, we thought it was the perfect time to share an update on our very special Marceline.

First of all, we'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Let's hope 2026 is a good one for dogs and people alike, with fewer surrenders, more wonderful foster carers stepping forward, and lots of successful adoptions. Thank you, as always, for being part of our rescue community and helping us make a difference. Keep reading to find out how Marceline has grown.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

Looking back on 2025, it's amazing to see everything we've achieved together. This past year has had its ups and downs for BARRC, but we've come through stronger than ever. One of our proudest moments was in September, when we rescued our 1,000th dog—an incredible milestone in just six years, made possible by our dedicated team and the wonderful community around us.

Of course, it hasn't always been easy. There were some tough times, especially when several dogs needed major surgeries, each costing anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000. But thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the help of vet clinics across Bunbury, Perth, the Southwest, and Great Southern regions, every single dog got the care they needed and is now thriving. We're so grateful for the expertise and kindness that made this possible.

The need for rehoming is still high, and our capacity has been stretched to the limit. This year, we focused on saving dogs at risk of euthanasia—sometimes taking in those with only hours left. While the number of animals needing help keeps growing, we've seen a drop in available foster carers. To help, we secured a grant and built some new kennels, which has eased things a bit, but foster homes are still urgently needed. If you've ever thought about fostering, even for a short time, please consider it—it truly changes lives.

Rescue work is never easy, but the passion and support of our volunteers and community keep us going. As we head into the new year, let's keep working together to give every dog the happy, healthy life they deserve.

Thank you for standing by us. We couldn't do any of this without you.

The Top Dogs





Teresa-the secret of our high tea and more

Many of you will recognise Teresa from our past updates and we are proud to share that she continues to go above and beyond in raising both awareness and vital funds for BARRC. Once again, Teresa hosted the Annual BARRC High Tea, with \$2300 raised helping to support a litter of 11 puppies who came into our care at just two weeks of age.

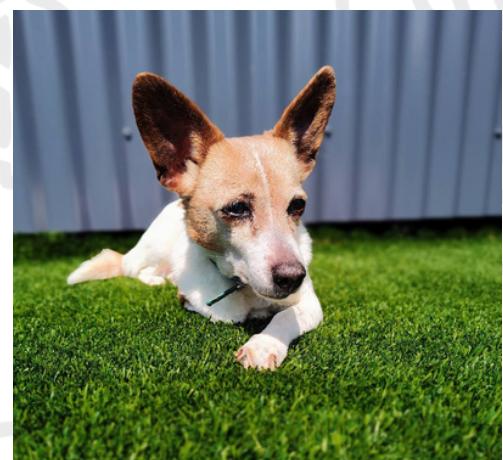


Teresa's granddaughter helping spread the word

Teresa also oversees the BARRC Online Auction page, where the recent Christmas auction raised an incredible \$1100. A familiar and friendly face at the Rockingham Sunset Market and at Larkhill Vet, where she recently hosted a stall, Teresa is always spreading the word about rescue. Sadly the Rockingham Market hosts require a major sponsor to support the markets continuing which means a loss for many community stall holders in 2026.

Miss Molly

We are delighted to announce that Teresa is now the proud owner of Miss Molly, a senior Jack Russell who came to us in need of medical care. Teresa leapt at the chance to help another oldie and instantly fell for her cheeky personality. Molly has truly found her perfect home and we couldn't be happier that it's with Teresa.





Sunflower Girl Guides Meet Rusky and Learn About Rescue Work

In November, BARRC had the pleasure of visiting the “Sunflower” Girl Guides, a lovely group who were working toward their Pet Badge. Their program encourages them to live to their full potential while caring for the earth, themselves, and others, which we thought aligns beautifully with everything we do at BARRC.



The Guides themselves choose the activities for each badge, and their team leader, Anne-Marie (Blossom), organised for them to hear directly from a rescue. We were thrilled to bring along Rusky, who quickly became the star of the afternoon.

A warm thank-you to the Sunflower Girl Guides for inviting us, and to their leader Anne-Marie (“Blossom”).



Marceline Update

Marceline has grown out of her existing life vest for her hydro therapy if anyone has a good quality large size one they are no longer using they might like to donate, we will be forever grateful!

Marceline came to BARRC with her 9 siblings at 4 weeks old in Nov 2024, not only was she half the size of her siblings she also had medical issues. All her sibling were adopted but because of her medical issues sadly Marceline was not able to leave us. 12 months on and she has no idea how special she is. She has an exercise program and a great diet to help her. Now she is just over 13months old she is almost ready for her surgery on her back legs that have not formed correctly.





Donation....Great and Small

Lilly recently held a stall where she sold a beautiful selection of plants, each carefully cultivated and presented in an amazing array of pots. Not only did she put so much time and effort into growing and arranging them, but she also chose to donate all the proceeds to BARRC. Thank you so much, Lilly, for your generosity and kindness!



THE SECRET, SILENT DONORS

We were recently contacted by Larkhill Vet with some incredible news—BARRC is in credit to the tune of \$1,500! ❤️

It turns out that a kind and generous person has quietly paid all of our vet bills at Larkhill Vet. Thanks to this amazing gift, a lot of our dogs have received de-sexing, microchipping, and worming, all covered without anyone knowing.

To whoever you are, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your generosity is making a huge difference for our furry friends. 🐾

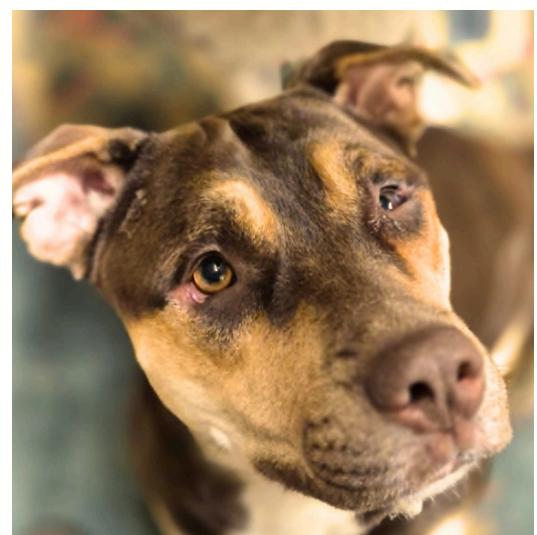
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MILO, MILO, MILO!

What a problem she has turned out to be (well, eye-wise at least)! Unfortunately, it seems that her first entropion surgery didn't fully succeed. After her adopter had to return her due to her own health concerns, ironically also related to her eyes, she didn't just return Milo; she generously donated the adoption fee and even contributed towards the second surgery Milo will receive to hopefully fix her eye once and for all.

And if that wasn't amazing enough, we've already received another donation for Milo's first eye surgery from a potential adopter.

We are truly surrounded by incredible, kind-hearted people. thank you for showing that compassion and love can make all the difference!





As you all know, we recently completed two new kennels after receiving a grant to purchase them. We were disappointed, once they were installed, to find that the sleeping areas sat directly on the ground, making it nearly impossible to hose out and clean properly.

We debated a quick, cheap fix, but in the end decided that custom-made feet were the best solution. We were quoted just over \$1,000 by our local fabricator, BVA. However, when we went to collect them, they generously waived the cost and donated the feet to us!

What a wonderful surprise—we are so grateful to BVA for their generosity.



Trace gets a well deserved hug from one of our more teddy like dogs, Rusky

And in more fundraising..

One of our lovely foster carers, who owns Take A Paws, recently hosted a special day to support BARRC. Thanks to her generosity and everyone who came along, \$223 was raised to help us stock up on much needed worming treatments.



Petbarn Store Manager Conference

We are incredibly grateful to Petbarn and SavourLife for their generous support of rescue groups like BARRC.

Following the Petbarn Store Manager Conference, Store Managers were invited to award a SavourLife donation to a rescue of their choice — and we were thrilled to be selected as one of the recipients.

Thanks to this, BARRC has received a huge donation of food and treats that will directly support the dogs in our care and our amazing foster carers.

Support like this makes a real difference by reducing costs and helping us focus on what matters most, caring for dogs and finding them loving homes.

From all of us at BARRC (and the very grateful dogs!), thank you for supporting rescue 🐶💙





BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES



D0900 - Jordan

Jordan has been welcomed with lots of love. She is very cheeky and loves to do zoomies, but she also loves a cuddle on the couch. She has 2 new friends who she absolutely adores, has been on adventures to the beach and loves a puppaccino.

D0914 - Eva

Eva is a sweet girl & perhaps the world's most extroverted dog! She adores dogs and people alike, wanting to say hello to everyone we meet. She LOVES going to the dog park which she insists we go to every afternoon & is always very entertaining.



D0921 - Quest

Quest has been such a great addition to our family, we couldn't imagine life without her! Quest and our 6 month old cane corso Dozer are the best of friends and enjoy getting into a bit of mischief together. She is an affectionate, snuggly girl and we absolutely adore her!



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D0985 - Windy

We adopted Windy three months ago and have never looked back. It was love at first sight when we met her and that love grows everyday. Windy is a perfect dog. She is responsive, happy, active, healthy and a joy to be around.

D0971 - Sharni

We live in a retirement village in Perth and Sharni being a Maltese Terrier is perfect in size and temperament. Sharni is the best choice we have made all year and has bought happiness and companionship to our home. Thank you to our daughter and BARRC for making this happen.



D0875 - Reyna

We welcomed Amelie (now named Reyna) into our lives one year ago. She has become a wonderful addition to our household. We take her everywhere we go - when and where possible. Reyna enjoys bush runs and loves to run alongside our 4wd vehicle.



**What do you call a dog that can do magic?
A Labracadabrador!**

**What do you give a dog with a fever?
Mustard, it's the best thing for a hot dog!**

**What kind of dog should you get if you're always late?
A watch-dog!**

**What did the dog do when it graduated from obedience school?
It got its masters!**

**What do you get when you cross a dog with a calculator?
A best friend you can count on**

**Why can't dogs work the TV remote?
Because they always hit the 'paws' button!**

**What's a dog's favorite kind of store?
A re-tail store!**

My dog just ate a whole set of Scrabble tiles. We've taken him to the vet, but no word yet

Where do you put barking dogs? In a barking lot

Why did the pooch sit in the shade? Because he was a hot dog!

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 PetO
cnr Strickland Street and Zaknic Place,
Bunbury



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

Your Time

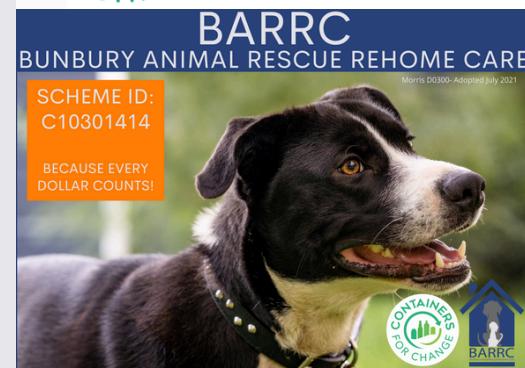
Volunteering for BARRC is a life-changing experience for the animals and a rewarding one for our Foster Carers, Kennel Hands and helpers.

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

Every container counts toward improving our communities and the environment. But why not take it a step further? Collect containers from your workplace or office and register them to our scheme number!



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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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