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BARRCING MAD

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As part of the Bridgetown Winter Festival, Jayne and Tessa Dittrich ran a Dog Art Workshop and Exhibition. With all funds raised donate to BARRC's ongoing care of dogs looking for homes in the south west.

During the day they hosted a workshop where local dogs came and create art by licking peanut butter off a ziplock bag with a paint covered canvas inside. It was great fun and dogs of all shapes and sizes turned up to show off their skills. Then in the evening there was an exhibition of all the dogs creations. The evening was a great success and the Peoples Award went to Neva and her special pooch who created an amazing piece of art.

AT THE FRIDGETOWN FESTIVAL

DOG ART

ART BY DOGS

DO YOU HAVE A MONET (THE MIXED BREED) OR A DA VINCI (THE DACHSHUND) EVEN A PICASSO (THE PINCHER) JUST WAITING FOR THE CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS? WHY NOT REGISTER THEM IN THE DOG ART WORKSHOP AND SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS

\$20 per canvas

9th July

REGISTER BY EMAILING DOGART6255@GMAIL.COM OR TEXT 0409083893 LIMITED DOGGY CANVAS SO REGISTER EARLY 87 HAMPTON ST, BRIDGETOWN. ADMISSION TO GALLERY GOLD COIN (OR BAR) DONATION. OPENS AT 6PM ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE AMAZING DOG RESCUE GROUP BARRC



Jenni, Jayne, Tessa and winner Neve with brother.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

With the cost of living rising, animal rescue organisations are filled with abandoned pets waiting to find a new home. Companion animals are rapidly becoming a luxury some families simply can no longer afford, forced to make the heartbreaking choice between feeding and housing family or their pets. Difficulty securing a rental property is adding pressure to rescue groups across Australia with increased numbers of surrender requests based on homelessness or landlord restraints regarding pets on properties.

In addition, we are still seeing lifestyle changes post Covid as one of the main reasons for surrendering a dog and pet behaviour issues remaining high at the top of the list.

In August of this year we finalised our Business Road Map establishing clear guidelines on where we want to be 3 years from now. ***By changing communities' attitude on the importance of socialising, training and exercising companion dogs, we hope to witness a decrease in need for pet owners having to find new homes for their dogs.***

A well mannered and friendly dog is much easier to place with a new family than an untrained, ill-tempered dog that has been denied social outings and positive community interactions.

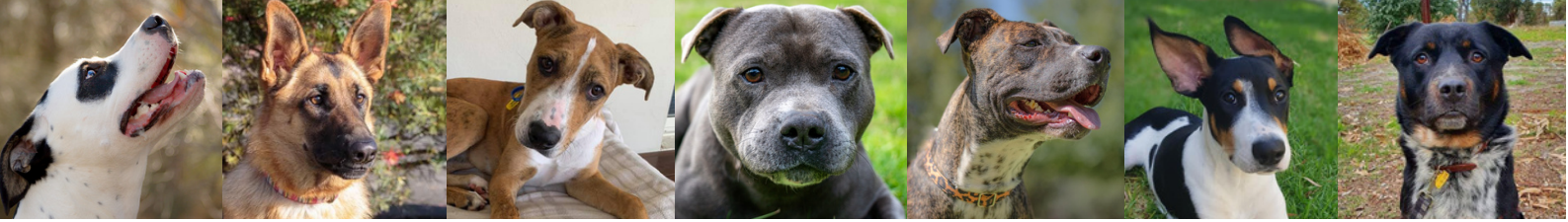
Decreasing unwanted litters will remain a huge focus as we continue to offer free sterilisation of dogs through our spay & neuter litter program.

With the increase in surrenders and decrease in adoptions we are encouraging families that are unable to have a pet long term, to register as foster carers.

**Welcome
to Miley.
BARRC dog
#500**

Hear from our kennel
volunteers and more about
Miley on page 5





MICROCHIP DETAILS

UPDATING YOUR PETS MICROCHIP DETAILS.

THE HOW TO's AND WHY's?



Microchipping your pet is not only a mandatory requirement, but is also an assured way of getting your pet back if it is handed to a vet or ranger. Many dogs are collected by animal rescue groups from ranger facilities simply because their microchip details have not been updated. This usually means that a pup is still chipped to his breeder, purchased off an advertising site or perhaps simply given away to a friend with neither owner taking the time to transfer the microchip details over to the new owner.

When you acquire a pet that is already microchipped, you will need to have both Previous Owner and New Owner details completed on a Transfer of Ownership Form. There are several microchipping companies in Australia. They all have forms available online. If you are unsure which company the pet is chipped with, you can check with a scan at your local vet or ranger office or enter the number into



www.petaddress.com



BRIGG'S STORY

How is it that a dog ends up in foster care for more than a year!

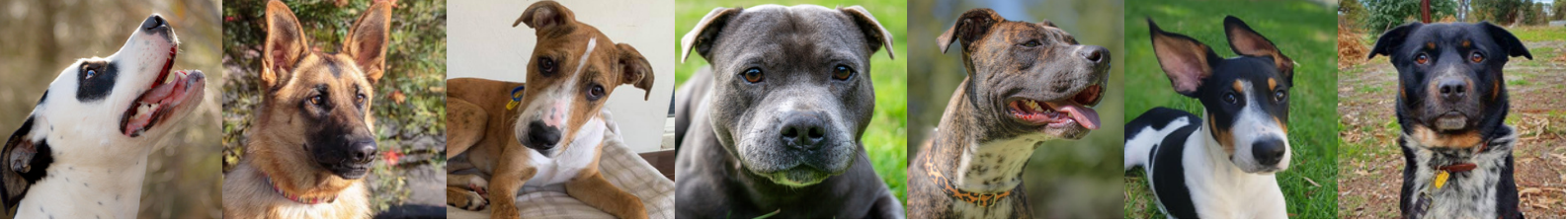
BARRC's aim is to successfully match a family to a dog. Sometimes finding the right fit takes a little longer and Briggs is a prime example. He has been in foster care for 14 months and still seeking that 'special person' to commit to his needs. Getting the match right is important to us. The right match ensures the dog will not be returned to us at a later date.



So why is it taking so long for Briggs to get adopted?

At 10 yrs of age, Briggs is considered an older gentleman and has somewhat typical arthritis for his age. He receives a Zydux injection quarterly to help relieve arthritic inflammation, requires Carprofen to reduce discomfort when he has 'overdone things' and has some mild allergies which need to be managed. Briggs suffers from extreme anxiety during storms and loud, unfamiliar, noises. His anxiety has lessened over the 9 months he has been with his current carer, though he may become unsettled when moving. A people lover only, he is required to wear a muzzle in the community as he is not compatible with other dogs. Although his carers can be seen out and about in the streets taking Briggs for his short daily walk, they are not in a position to keep him long term and he frequently has little visits to other carers when they are away from home.

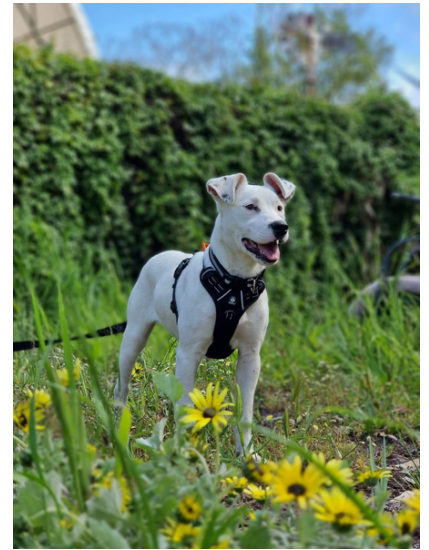
No one knows how much time these older dogs have to offer but one thing we know for sure....he has a lot of love to give no matter how long or short that time is.



500

LIVES SAVED

BARRC Dog No. 500 is not just a number. She is one more dog that we have saved from an unknown future. The figures on page 11 in this issue are a clear indicator of the need for our rescue to exist in the south west of Western Australia.



Miley received her name from a lovely gentleman who found her wandering the streets. He made sure she was safely handed to the rangers in case her owner was out there looking for her. With no microchip, collar or identification, she remained unclaimed and we were asked by the shire to help find her a new home.

Fortunately for young Miley, the gentleman that found her was also looking for a new addition to his family and is keen to adopt her into his life. Miley will be microchipped, sterilised and vaccinated before adoption and is looking forward to a positive future in her new home.

Messages from our Kennel Volunteers

Daily updates are provided by our kennel hands who volunteer their time 365 days of the year caring for some of the 500 dogs assisted by BARRC.



The rain stayed away which made for a lovely morning with the dogs. Patches insisted on being carried back to her kennel. Such a princess - Tracey

Good shift with Tk and Michelle! All dog's kennels were clean! Chai was loud on arrival, Michelle walked her. Zesus and I spent some time in the run, gorgeous timid boy who wants to be close. Tk took him for a walk he saw some Kangaroos and was very interested in them. Bo and I spent some time in the run and he was treated to a head and chest massage and absolutely loved it he begged me for more - Nikki

Fabulous weather for our morning shift at kennels today. Tanya cleaned out the pens while I took Maple out. We went on a nice walk and she enjoyed sniffing everything along the way. In the run she absolutely loved the rope toys to chase and throw around. Very keen on treats and pats. Such a gorgeous girl.

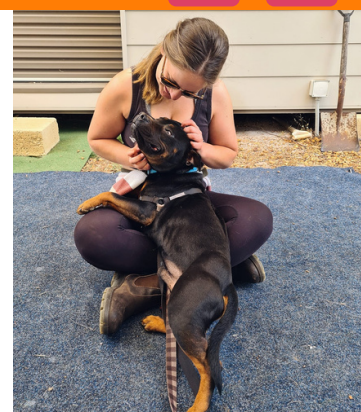
Kelly and Kristi took Kaycee for her walk and she also had a great time in the run afterwards chasing her ball. - Emma

Great shift this afternoon with my shift buddies, Emma and Selina.

Stella and Molly are both so lovely and are snug as bugs tonight in their coats.

I took Aasha to her new foster home after shift, so only the other two girls there.

Stella is looking a bit sad but I'm sure she'll come out of her shell in the next few days - Nicole



I just want to say this community of dog lovers is amazing Casey put the SOS for helpers this arvo and 3 people came to the rescue ... thank you Michelle, Jenni and Paul. Marshall was taken to his new foster family and gosh he's lucky. A lovely young couple and a huge back garden with lots of green grass to run on. He looked apart of the family straight away. - Shelly



BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES



Bella

Bella is our new best friend. After only 3 months Bella has enriched our lives and we can't imagine life without her. She goes wherever we go and is always by our side. She loves to say hello to other dogs and humans on her walks and is happy to chill at home, at the cafe and in the car on long trips. Being a Husky (cross) she loves to talk and we get a conversation every morning and lots of kisses. We are blessed to have Bella and would like to thank all the team at BARRC. From the initial selection process to the caring foster family and the follow-ups BARRC has been brilliant!

Adopted by Kim and Hugh 16/5/2022

Reuben

He has the best temperament. We are the best of mates. Thanks again to Barrc, you do a really good job.

Adopted by Geoff 1/5/2022



Teddy

My husband and I adopted Teddy four months ago and it was the best decision we ever made. He is the sweetest and most well behaved little man and loves his brother Buddy.. He loves to take naps on the couch with my husband. We love to spend our weekends together walking in nature and going to the beach. Teddy will live out the rest of his days in a warm and loving home.

Adopted by Arlene 23/3/2022





Midnight (or Middy for short)

Middy has settled in right from day one. She is so full on being Kelpie and a little terror but in a nice way. She is such a sociable little dog loves people and gets on well with other dogs. She absolutely adores my other dog Marty who was also a rescue and he is such a obedient dog so he is a great role model for her.

Adopted by Kevin 10/4/2022



Rayleigh (or Scrappy)

Rescuing a dog has always been something Cameron and I have wanted to do. It's definitely been challenging at times but Scrappy sure is a character. Very vocal, so much so we swear he's part Husky 😊 He sings for his dinner while it's getting ready. He LOVES tug of war. He's always happy and loves to chew on pretty much anything haha. But he makes us laugh and we are working on his training bit by bit so he can be the best he can be.

Adopted by Rachel and Cameron 21/5/2022

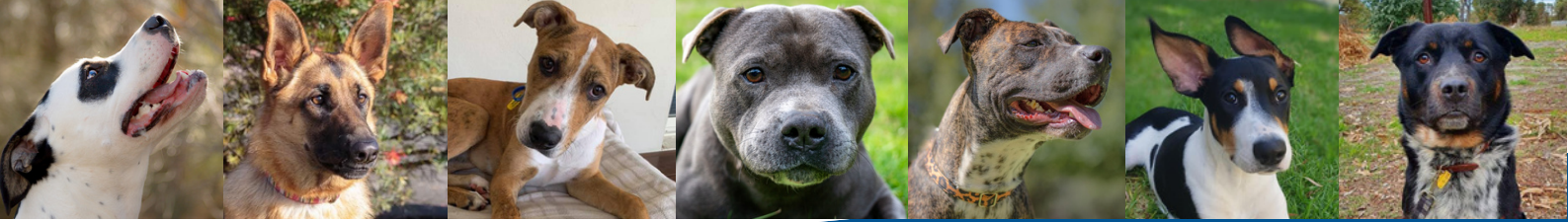


Casper

Casper is such a joy to have around, feels like he's been here forever. He has fitted in very well with all the family and friends. He is absolutely adored

Adopted by Susanna 1/4/2022





Stories from our Vollies

Teresa Ong is one of our greatly treasured volunteers. She works diligently to fundraise and promote our organisation throughout the Peel Region.

A message from Teresa:

People ask me what I do at BARRC. My response is always: "You mean what we do for each other!" Volunteering with BARRC gave me a purpose at a time when I was needing to stop asking myself "Why Me?" I needed a distraction from my illness at the time and found BARRC, and in return, we get to help each other.

"I mainly do markets where I get to meet and chat to the most amazing people and talk to different groups on my experience in dog rescue, my journey in fostering and my foster fails. I sometimes get a call to pick up a dog from different areas in Perth and feel extra special being able to help these little dogs find their new homes. I get to pick up valued supplies for the organisation and arrange their transfer to Bunbury.

BARRC started a Snuffle Mat team a little over a year ago and when there is a fleece fabric sale on you will hear me shout "Start the Car" as I race from store to store getting the bargains to donate toward this fundraising program.

My journey in rescue started a few years ago when I adopted a neglected little old lady of 17.5 years of age. I called her Pixie-Belle. To celebrate her 18th birthday a High Tea was held with all funds raised to go to dog rescue. For her 19th birthday another High Tea was held, again raising large sums with proceeds to BARRC and for her last and most treasured birthday before she passed, her 20th was celebrated and recognised at the BARRC High Tea, raising \$3k with 120 people present to share in her special day. The BARRC high tea event has become an annual event held at Peel Manor House. I love organising the day, auctioneer and raffles.

BARRC has been wonderful for and to me. BARRC are so professional, caring and supportive, I'm proud to be a very small part of an amazing group."

And we are proud to have Teresa as a part of our growing family.





WANTED

SNUFFLE MAT

MATERIAL

CUTTERS



Being part of a community can have a positive effect on emotional wellbeing, giving a sense of belonging and the opportunity of social connectedness. Our wonderful team of Snuffle Mat Creators is made up of people from many walks of life. A big part of this team are the students from the Senior School Engagement Program at Harvey High School.

These students are enthusiastic about being involved with our organisation and all profits from the sale of the mats is used to benefit our dogs in care.

We are always looking for volunteers who have some time on their hand to cut polar fleece into strips 30cm x 5cm . Each mat requires 360 strips.

That is a lot of cutting. BARRC purchase the material which can be collected from Bunbury and returned cut, readied for bagging and sending off to the snufflers.

If you have a quality pair of sewing scissors or a rotary cutter and would like to get involved, we encourage you to email us at bunburyrescuerehome@gmail.com



BARRC BY NUMBERS

Over 80 volunteers with

18

Snuffle Helpers

2

Drivers

50

Kennel hands

16

Foster
Homes

8 Media
Helpers

6

Markets

7 Admin

500 DOGS ASSISTED

ORIGINATED FROM:

SHIRES - 220+

PRIVATE SURRENDER - 220+

RSPCA - 40+

VETS - 10+

10900 Facebook
Followers



Number of BARRC
days since established

1312

\$60,874 spent on
sterilisations

Most common names

Rosie - Girls

Chip - Boys

Average time in
foster **17 days**





HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF ADOPTING A DOG.

Filling out an application is just the first step in any adoption process and many applications can appear excessively lengthy. Still, a small price to pay for the privilege of saving a dogs life and adopting a fur-ever friend. Considering that many rescue dogs have difficult lives prior to coming to us, they often have specific living and care requirements. Knowing what questions to expect and how to properly fill out an Expression of Interest application can bring you one step closer to rescuing a dog.

Your Home

You will have to state whether you own or rent. You don't have to be a homeowner to adopt a pet but we will want to verify whether you have permission to keep a dog at your current residence and will ask for evidence of your landlord's approval. Countless dogs have to be surrendered to rescues because of landlords no-pet policies so you may be asked to provide confirmation of a long-term lease to ensure the longevity of pet ownership can continue.

Your Fencing

Most dog adoption applications will ask if you have a fenced-in yard. Having a safe, secure place for your dog to play and run is important, however, we do make allowances for rural properties when the applicant can demonstrate effective means of keeping the dog safe and secure along with providing adequate exercise.

Your Work

Having a dog means that you will need to interact and spend quality time with them every day. You'll be asked to estimate how much time your dog will spend home alone. On one hand, you have to be financially stable in order to own a dog, but at the same time, you shouldn't leave a dog alone at home for too long.

Lifestyle

If you are an active family, an active breed might be a perfect choice. On the other hand, a senior or low-energy breed can be a better option if you lead a more sedentary lifestyle.



Your Family

Adopting a dog is a big step and will have an impact on your entire family. Therefore, we will want to determine what type of dog will be the best fit for you and your family and ensure that the whole family has agreed on the adoption. Matching a dog to a home with young children needs to be done safely so if you have kids, or have children visiting often, we would want to know about their ages.

ADOPTION



Training / Socialising Your New Pet

One of the main reasons rescues end up with dogs in their shelter is owing to lack of training, and in particular, socialising exposure. You will be asked to research trainers available in your locality and how you intend to socialise your new pet safely whilst you get to know each other better.

Your Current Pets

If you already have pets, think about them before you decide to adopt a new one. Some cats and dogs don't get along and many prefer being the sole pet in the household. So if you already have pets, don't forget to mention them on your application. This way, we can match you with a dog that will get along with the pets you already have. We will also want to know if you have approval from your council if you plan to exceed the standard number of dogs permitted on a residential property in your shire.

Furthermore, if you have any other smaller pets such as guinea pigs, chickens, sheep etc, mention them as well. Certain dog breeds have a strong prey or chase drive and your other pets might end up being harmed.

When filling out a dog adoption application, be as detailed as possible. Don't shy away from providing detailed information about your lifestyle and family situation or your previous experience with pets. The more information you provide, the better your application will look and will show that you are truly invested in providing a forever home for your new dog.

If your adoption application gets rejected, don't be discouraged. This only means that you aren't the best match for that particular dog or there were numerous applicants for the same animal.



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



BARRC

BUNBURY ANIMAL RESCUE REHOME CARE

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C10301414

BECAUSE EVERY
DOLLAR COUNTS!



How Can I Help?

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.

YOU CAN DONATE AT THIS [LINK](#).
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