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1000 DOGGY LIVES SAVED WHAT A MILESTONE FOR BARRC!

This milestone is more than just a number, it represents countless wagging tails, second chances, surgeries, chewed up beds, food donations and miles walked. Most importantly it represents countless happy endings that would not have been possible without the dedication of our amazing team and the unwavering support of our community.

Over the past year, our volunteers have given their time to rescue dogs in need, offering them safety, medical care, and, most importantly, love. Every dog that comes through our doors has a story, some arrive scared and broken, others battling severe injuries or chronic illness, whilst some are just displaced, but all of them are welcomed into the big BARRC family and are adopted to a much brighter future.

And it's not just dogs we have helped along the way! A few cats, some cheeky chickens, and even a random sheep have found new homes through BARRC. (We don't make a habit of it though!)

As we celebrate this milestone, we thank every donor, volunteer, foster who made it possible. Together, we've changed 1,000 livesand . we can't wait to save the next thousand.

From all of us at BARRC, thank you for being part of our family.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

Spring has finally sprung!

With the warmer weather upon us, it's the perfect time to start getting outside and enjoy all that spring has to offer. Whether it's taking your dog for a leisurely walk, hitting the beach, going for hikes, or simply lounging in the sun, there are so many ways to enjoy time together.

Don't forget to keep your furry friends hydrated with plenty of fresh water. It's crucial for their health, especially as temperatures start to rise. Always remember to pack water and a drinking vessel with you on your outings.

Our kennel hands and dogs are absolutely loving the warmer days, but as nature wakes up, we need to stay vigilant about the potential for snakes in our area. We have already encountered snakes during our kennel walks recently.

Please be extra cautious while out on your walks. Keep an eye on the ground ahead and encourage your dog's curious nose to stay out of bushes and tall grass where snakes may be hiding.

Let's keep our dogs happy and healthy while we all soak up the sun!

The Top Dogs





THE REAL COST OF RESCUE

Behind every happy adoption photo, there's often a much bigger story. For many of the dogs who come into our care, it's not as simple as a routine sterilisation and vaccination. Some require extensive, and very expensive, medical treatment before they can even think about finding a forever home. From the moment a dog comes into care, we take full responsibility for their health and wellbeing. That starts with vet checks, vaccinations, flea/worm treatments, microchipping, sterilisation, and sometimes emergency surgery. On average, vet care alone costs us \$550–\$600 per dog, and more if there are complications. Some dogs stay just a few weeks. Others remain with us for months due to medical or behavioural needs. And with over 30 dogs in care at any given time, those daily costs stack up quickly.

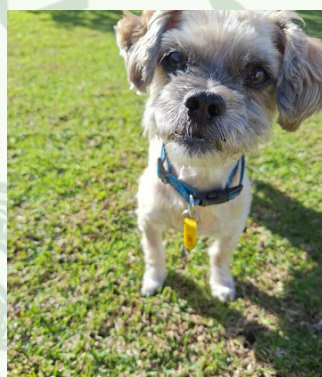
BEYOND RESCUE: GIVING DOGS THE CARE THEY DESERVE

Take Jamie, a 16 month old Poodle, who needed major hip surgery costing well over \$6,000. Then there's Marceline, who has been with us since she was a tiny pup. Now nine months old, she is still under specialist care as we wait for her to finish growing before her surgical options can be assessed. Her vet bills have already climbed into the thousands.



Our French Bulldogs, Louie and Sasha, have both undergone Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) or reconstructive surgeries at a cost of several thousand dollars.

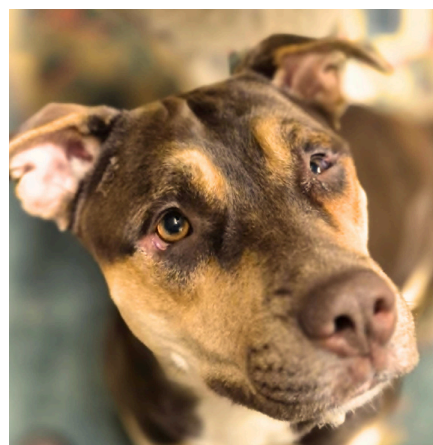
Meanwhile, our older small breed rescues like Sharni, Bella, Roxy and so many others, almost always require dental procedures before they're ready for adoption. These range between \$1,200–\$2,500 per dog, depending on the level of neglect.



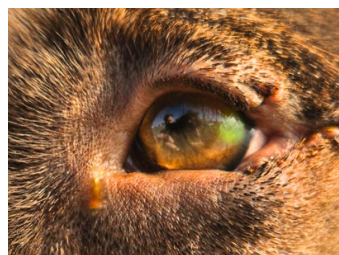


Lets not forget our entropion surgeries, Milo is our most recent candidate. Left untreated, this painful eye condition can lead to blindness. Surgery is essential but costs rescues thousands of dollars. It's a reminder for owners to research breed-related health issues. Some dogs pay the price when this is overlooked.

Although we have done all we can for Milo, she has permanent damage to her eye, thankfully it should not impede her vision and she has a bright and clear, pain free life ahead.



Sadly, many of these medical challenges could have been avoided if the original owners had kept up with their dogs' health care over the years and if new owners did their research on breeds and their needs, along with ensuring breeders are checking for things such as hip issues.



At BARRC, we don't cut corners. We believe every dog deserves the chance to live free of pain and go into their new home in the best health possible. That's why we commit to these procedures, even when the costs are high, because rescue is just the beginning, and our goal is to give each dog not just a second chance, but a healthy future.

Blanket Drive

We Asked, You Delivered!

Thanks to your generosity, our winter blanket drive was a huge success. Each of our dogs leaves for their forever home with a familiar blanket, providing them with comfort and security during the transition. Because of your support, we now have plenty in storage to see us through the colder months. Thank you for helping us keep our dogs warm and loved!



Thank you





MEET KASH, DOG NUMBER 1000 IN THE BARRC FAMILY.



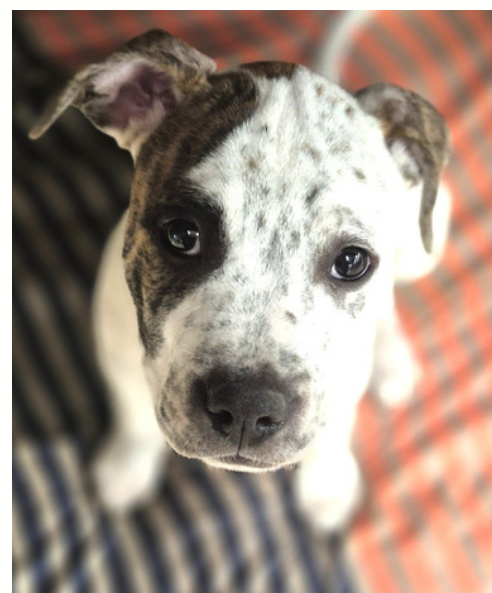
We kept his arrival a little secret as Kash came into care, a very unwell little pup who needed some extra love and attention before we could introduce him to the world.

Right now, Kash has no idea what all the excitement is about. He's fast asleep, dreaming of good food, warm beds, and the bright future ahead of him. But for us, he represents so much more.

This milestone isn't just a number, it's 1000 lives saved. It's Kelpie's with endless energy, Rottie's with hearts of gold, the quirky odd mixes that made us smile, and of course, the Staffie's, because somehow there always seems to be a little dash of staffy in every rescue.

It's 1000 tails wagging in new homes, 1000 families made complete, 1000 second chances.

So, as Kash snoozes peacefully, we celebrate him, and every single dog who came before him. Here's to the next 1000!





JIMBO'S BIG ADVENTURE

Some of you may have followed the story of Jimbo, one of our more adventurous dogs who certainly gave us all a run for our money, quite literally!

Jimbo came into BARRC's care in June, a timid and scared little boy, he slipped out of his harness and vanished as he was being transferred to his foster care home. What followed was 19 long days on the run, through cold and miserable weather, late night drives, and many kind hearted community members keeping an eye out for him.

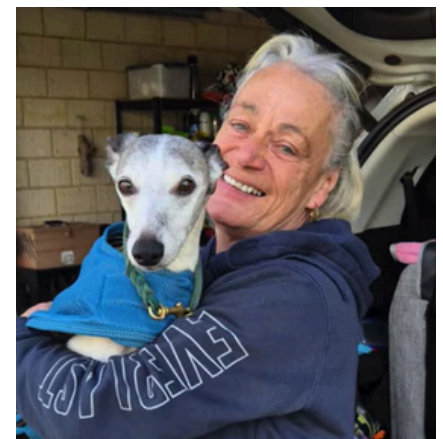
Jimbo proved to be clever and cautious, never straying far, but always staying just out of reach. Sightings trickled in from around the region and just the night before he was captured, Jimbo had been sighted around 20km away from Bunbury, where he was eventually found. While walking her dogs near the Boyanup townsite, Joanne's dog alerted her to a small creature curled up in the bushes. At first glance, Joanne thought it was a sadly deceased cat... until a pair of familiar ears pricked up from behind the shrubs. Quick-thinking and calm, Joanne slipped a lead over Jimbo's head before he even realised what was happening.

She immediately took him to the vet for a microchip scan, then home for warmth, food, and a well-earned rest.

The relief across the team was enormous. For Jimbo, this marked the beginning of a new chapter. One filled with safety, a warm cosy bed, regular meals and the love he deserves.

Once he was fully recovered from his adventure, he was prepared for adoption and has found the perfect home where he receives extra special attention every day.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped in the search and to our volunteers who refused to give up hope. Jimbo's story reminds us of the resilience of dogs, the importance of community, and just how far we will go to ensure every dog is given their chance at a better life.



A NEW START

A message from Jimbos new family:

We are so happy that we have been chosen to give Jimbo his forever home. If you follow BARRC you may have read about his rather gruelling adventure.

As soon as we saw his photo we knew he was the one for us. We applied and I spent the next few days with my fingers crossed. He has only been with us 2 weeks but is settling in so well. We are besotted with this little whippet.

Thanks to everyone at BARRC. What a wonderful organisation.



BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

Catching up with the Wendy's Litter



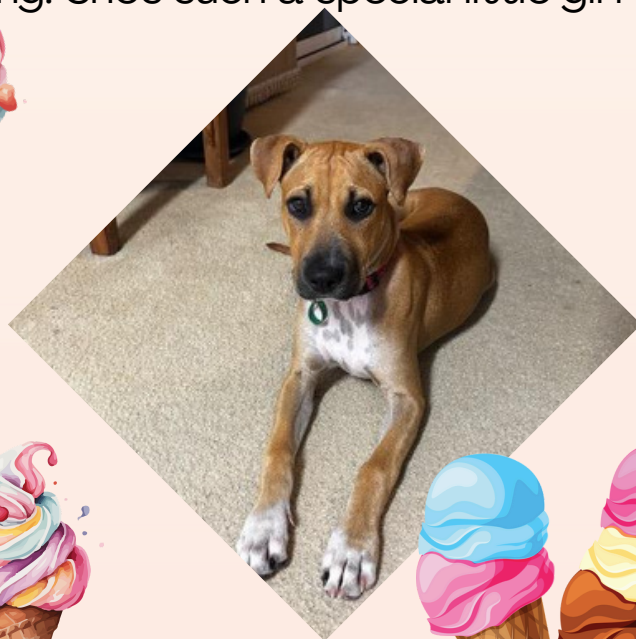
MACADAMIA TWIST - EVIE D0840

when Maccadamia Twist came along it was love at first sight for our boy. He chose our next member of the family and we all love her dearly. She's our first ever 'foster fail' in our 10 years of fostering. She's such a special little girl



BUBBLEGUM - KORA D0842

Originally we went to have a look at another pup from her litter, but we fell in love with Kora (Bubblegum yum) and knew she would be a perfect addition to our family. She keeps us on our toes and loves her cuddles



MANGO - GRACE D0837

Grace came into our lives and brought a new light. Shane and I are both dads to Grace, She has not only filled our days with happiness, love, and hope but has also been a wonderful companion





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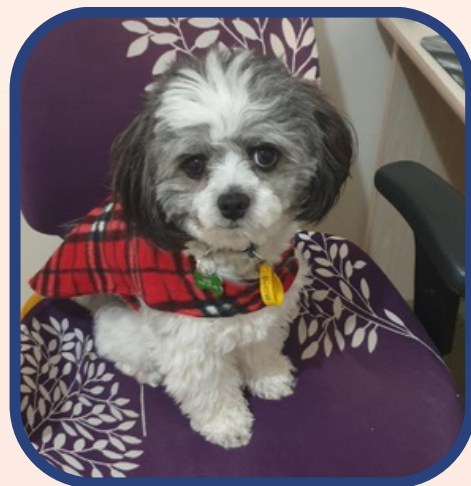
RACHEL D0601



Since we had her, Rachel has become an invaluable member of our family and has even befriended our ferret Bear. In the beginning of the mornings she wakes us by nudging us with her nose and a big talkative wowowwooo. This is usually her belly talking that it is time for food! :) Rachy comes with us anywhere we can take her. She loves the beach (except the water), she is intrigued by the horses of my sister-in-law and sits in the paddock for hours just watching them

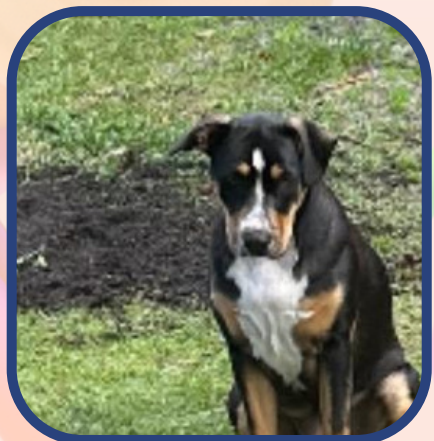
OREO - OLLIE D0799

What a gorgeous little boy! Within 2 days I knew I had to keep him. He will sleep on the floor next to my two guinea pigs and they are completely safe, although I do have to make sure he doesn't pinch all their vegies. He only chased the chickens once and has not done it since. He is one of the sweetest dogs I have come across. He loves all people and all dogs and I am regularly calling out to people to ask if we can approach them when out walking, as he wants to meet every dog, even the dogs that are huge



TUJUH - MAGGIE D0697

Maggie - a free spirit who can't be contained. we Wouldn't want her any other way x





BARRC BY NUMBERS

As we headed to print we have achieved a massive milestone...1000 dogs re-homed! A good time to reflect and look back over some other pretty impressive figure:

AND A FEW MILESTONES

The furthest one of our dogs has travelled to their new home...2400km. All the way to sunny Broome

THE MOST UNUSUAL BREEDS INCLUDE:
1 FOX TERRIER
1 BELGIAN SHEEP DOG
2 BEAGLES
4 WHIPPETS
9 KING CHARLES SPANIELS

Longest time in care was poor old Digby, but some are adopted after only one day with BARRC. However the average time in care is 20 days

Over 420 of the dogs we have brought in start their new BARRC life at our kennels where we have a team of over 70 volunteers who walk them twice a day

55 of these were born in our care and whilst a massive 426 came from local pounds, not surprisingly the private surrenders were equal in number

We celebrated our 1000 dog, Kash arriving in the 2/09/2025 but at the time of print on the 30/09/2025 we have taken in another 16 dogs

Adoption Milstones:

To us it feels like the number of adoptions are dropping but when we crunched the numbers this is not the case:

- 2019 112 adoptions
- 2020 64 adoptions (what happened in 2020?)
- 2021 148 adoptions
- 2022 146 adoptions
- 2023 172 adoptions
- 2024 189 adoptions (A particularly fine year!)
- 2025 120 adoptions (with still 3 months to go)

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



THANK YOU!

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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