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BARRCING MAD

Official Newsletter of Bunbury Animal Rescue Rehome Care



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The Christmas break (when is there ever a break in rescue?) gave us time to reflect on the amazing feats and events for the year that was. The Rose Hotel 'Buy a Beer for Layla' at the start of the year along with Dogs' Day Out were the first events, closely followed by Pets in the Park and many markets.

We had the opportunity to be part of the Bunbury Colour Frenzy for the second time running. Our volunteers had just as much fun at the colour stations as the runners. It is an amazing event which allows us to talk to the community about what we do and who we are.

We asked for a bit of help this year with a cold start to winter and a shortage of blankets. As usual the community support was amazing and soon all our dogs were as snug as a bug!

There were unexpected donations that just made us smile, a big raffle basket donated by Lickin Livies Treats, a heap of Greenies from ARC, a substantial donation from CNW and a mini photo shoot donated by Bianca Turri Photography. Plus, many more. We love you all!

We visited the Bunbury Markets and enjoyed chatting to the public, along with meeting up with some of our adopted dogs out and about with their families.

Some days we were overwhelmed by the number of dogs needing our help, but we just keep going and helped as many as we can. Bring on 2024.

We will pause for a moment to welcome the new year. Thanks to all our volunteers, supporters and fans for what you have helped create.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

2023 IS BEHIND US AND WE START THE NEW YEAR WITH RENEWED ENTHUSIASM. AS WE LOOK BACK ON 2023, WE COME TO REALISE WE HAVE HAD A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR, ALL THANKS TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS. IN 2023 WE CONTINUED OUR STERILISATION PROGRAM AND NOT INCLUDING OUR DOGS IN CARE, MANAGED TO STERILISE 80 DOGS. FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PROGRAM, IT WAS DECIDED TO USE OUR CONTAINERS-FOR-CHANGE DONATIONS TOWARD THIS CAUSE AND THIS WILL CONTINUE FOR THOSE IN NEED IN 2024 AND HOPEFULLY BEYOND.

WE HAD A RECORD NUMBER OF DOGS REQUESTING HELP, BUT WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO HELP A FRACTION DUE TO THE LACK OF FOSTER CARERS. A SAD NEW RECORD FOR BARRC WAS DECLINING A MASSIVE 15 DOGS IN ONE WEEK ALONE, HOWEVER WE KEEP DOING WHAT WE CAN AND HAVE STARTED TO SEE A SLOW INCREASE IN ADOPTIONS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2024 AND THAT TREND BEING MAINTAINED.

WE DO LOVE THE OLDIES HERE AT BARRC AND MUST MAKE MENTION OF BUDDY. HE WAS AN OLD BLUE STAFFY WITH A MYRIAD OF HEALTH CONCERNS, INCLUDING A SCARY LOOKING LUMP. ALTHOUGH WE KNEW HIS VET BILLS WOULD BE HIGH, WE JUST HAD TO HELP THIS SAD OLD BOY. WE ASKED THE COMMUNITY TO HELP US WITH HIS MEDICAL BILLS AND, AS USUAL, THEY WERE BEHIND US 100%. LUCKILY, THE LUMP WAS BENIGN SO WE SOON HAD HIM FIT AND HEALTHY AND HE HAS BEEN ADOPTED TO THE MOST PERFECT FAMILY. HE WAS NOT THE ONLY BIG SPEND IN THE VET DEPARTMENT AS WE ALSO REPAIRED RACHEL'S CRUCIATE LIGAMENT. ADD KIKAY AND MAMBO'S VET BILLS AND BETWEEN THE FOUR DOGS WE SPENT A WHOPPING \$13000.

ALTHOUGH WE LOVE OUR OLDIES, WE ALSO LOVE PUPPY CUDDLES. WE RECENTLY HAD A MASSIVE 19 PUPPIES IN CARE, ALL NEEDING FOSTER CARERS, FOOD AND MEDICAL TREATMENT. WE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO RE-HOME THESE DARLINGS AND RAN A VERY SUCCESSFUL 'MEET THE BARRC PUPPIES DAY', A WONDERFUL DAY OF PUPPY LOVE AND MEETING THE COMMUNITY. ONE BUNCH OF EXHAUSTED PUPPIES (AND THEIR CARERS) BY THE END OF THE DAY.

OUR CONTAINERS-FOR-CHANGE FUNDING HAS BEEN GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN 2023 AND WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL BUSINESSES BEHIND US. WE COLLECT FROM PLACES LIKE THE ROSE HOTEL – NANDO'S – LAST SLICE – HAPPY HOUSEWIFE - AND MANY MORE! IF YOUR BUSINESS IS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING BARRC BY SIMPLY COLLECTING CONTAINERS, PLEASE JUST DROP US A LINE! WE HAVE PURCHASED WHEELIE BINS TO PLACE AT DALYELLUP COLLEGE WHO ARE COLLECTING THEIR CANS AND BOTTLES FOR US. WE ALSO HAD OUR FIRST ONLINE AUCTION, AND YOU CAN READ ALL ABOUT THAT IN THE NEXT FEW PAGES.

IN JULY WE HAD A DOGS DOCUMENTARY CONTACT US REGARDING ONE OF OUR DOGS BECOMING A TV STAR. FOR A MINUTE, WE WERE SO NEARLY FAMOUS, BUT ALAS IT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE. WHAT GREAT EXPOSER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR LITTLE BARRC!

ON A FINAL NOTE, WE SADLY HAD TWO DOGS PASS AWAY WHILST IN OUR CARE. ZIKE, DUE TO A SUSPECTED SNAKE BITE, AND CRICKET, FROM AN UNKNOWN CAUSE THOUGH HEART ATTACK WAS SUSPECTED. THESE DEATHS HIT US HARD, BUT WE ARE HAPPY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE GAVE THEM THE BEST TIME OF THEIR LIVES WHILST THEY WERE IN OUR CARE. RIP LITTLE ONES.



Going. Going. Gone! BARRC Unveils Innovative Fundraising Initiative with Online Auction Kickoff



We are thrilled to share some exciting news that unfolded on the 7th of December—the launch of our brand-new fundraising venture, the "BARRC Online Auction"! We raised an impressive \$760.

The online auction, hosted on our new Facebook page, is set to become a hub of generosity, where the community comes together to support our cause.



Every cent raised through the online auction will be directed toward improving the lives of the dogs under BARRC's care. If your business is looking for a way to support our rescue, we welcome items for auction. Please contact us at bunburyrescuerehome@gmail.com.

Our volunteers generously give their time on the first Saturday of each month to attend the Bunbury Markets. Armed with passion and purpose, they engage with the community, sharing our mission and selling our handmade items. Items that not only pamper your pets but also directly support our mission to provide a better life for our dogs. At these events, you will find photos and information on the current dogs available, including a sneak peek at dogs preparing for adoption soon.

Join us at the Bunbury Markets to connect with our volunteers, and be part of the positive change we're creating.

cobblestone drive • queens gardens
**BUNBURY
- MARKETS -**
Make it. Bake it. Sew it. Grow it






SavourLife

DOG FOOD THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

🐾❤️ We love SavourLife and cannot thank them enough for their ongoing support. Well done team!

Happy  Birthday to The SavourLife Family who continue their incredible effort to significantly decrease the number of dogs euthanised nationwide. They stand by smaller rescue groups like BARRC, who tirelessly fight to enhance the lives of at-risk animals without any funding. SavourLife supported our rescue with a huge donation from their Buddy Grant back in 2020, they have since provided a double donation toward our Sterilisation Program, they offer free advertising of our available to adopt dogs and provide food when we are short. BARRC and many other animal rescue groups would not be here today without their support.



Elnora says “thanks and yum”!

Spreading a little joy at Christmas

In the spirit of giving, our dogs in care received a surprise this Christmas—a special gift from Santa Paws himself!

The joy on their faces as they unwrapped their treats and toys was truly heartwarming. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, these dogs experienced a touch of holiday magic, making their Christmas a little brighter.

This new year, let's not forget our four-legged companions who bring so much joy into our lives. Wishing everyone a wag-filled 2024!



Milly getting stuck right in!

Stocking being prepared for delivery on Christmas Day



Murphy with his Christmas Stocking





WEIRD FACTS ABOUT DOGS, I BET YOU DID NOT KNOW

DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST BASSET HOUNDS CANNOT SWIM

IF NEVER SPAYED OR NEUTERED, A FEMALE DOG, HER MATE, AND THEIR PUPPIES COULD PRODUCE OVER 66,000 DOGS IN 6 YEARS

THE BREED LUNDEHUNE HAS 6 TOES AND CAN CLOSE ITS EARS

ONLY DOGS AND HUMANS HAVE PROSTATES

WEIRD DOG LAWS INCLUDE IN VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, CATS AND DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE SEX WITHOUT A PERMIT

EIGHTEEN MUSCLES OR MORE CAN MOVE A DOG'S EAR

A DOG'S SHOULDER BLADES ARE UNATTACHED TO THE REST OF THE SKELETON TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR RUNNING

A DOG CAN LOCATE THE SOURCE OF A SOUND IN 1/600 OF A SECOND AND CAN HEAR SOUNDS FOUR TIMES FARTHER AWAY THAN A HUMAN CAN

DACHSHUNDS WERE BRED TO FIGHT BADGERS IN THEIR DENS.

THE WORLD'S SMALLEST DOG WAS A YORKSHIRE TERRIER, WHICH WEIGHED JUST FOUR OUNCES

DOGS HAVE LIVED WITH HUMANS FOR OVER 14,000 YEARS. CATS HAVE LIVED WITH PEOPLE FOR ONLY 7,000 YEARS

DOGS CAN SEE IN COLOUR, THOUGH THEY MOST LIKELY SEE COLORS SIMILAR TO A COLOUR-BLIND HUMAN. THEY CAN SEE BETTER WHEN THE LIGHT IS LOW

PETTING DOGS IS PROVEN TO LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE OF DOG OWNERS

WHEN THE TITANIC SANK IN 1912, THERE WERE THREE DOGS THAT SURVIVED. THEY HAD ALL BEEN TRAVELLING WITH THEIR OWNERS IN THE FIRST CLASS CABINS

WHEN DOGS DO THEIR BUSINESS, IT'S USUALLY ON A NORTH-SOUTH AXIS, WHICH MIGHT HAVE HELPED ANCIENT CANINES WITH TERRITORIAL MARKING

THE OLDEST DOG ON RECORD WAS AN AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG NAMED BLUEY WHO LIVED 29 YEARS AND 5 MONTHS. IN HUMAN YEARS, THAT IS MORE THAN 160 YEARS OLD



BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

BEFORE

How fast they grow!

AFTER



BOWIE

He has such a unique and funny personality, over time he has built trust with us and now loves his pats and cuddles. It's completely changed our life and routine, but definitely for the better



LILLY

Our Lily joined our family 3 months ago and she has fit in well from day one. Her (much older) brother Mack loves her even when she can get a bit much for him sometimes. Luckily they both have safe spaces to retreat to.



SADIE

Sadie is a wonderful dog. A true mummy's girl she's very playful and loves her walks. She's very intelligent and very obedient. She's great with my family and very affectionate. Very different from the puppy she was when she came to me.





The Profilers

Why you should read the entire profile of a potential new house mate

In the world of online dog adoption, a cute photo might catch your eye, but the real key to a successful match lies in the adoption description. Never judge a book by its cover! Here's why taking a few minutes to read about a dog before adopting is so crucial.

1. **Personal Connection:** The adoption description reveals more than a photo can. It introduces a dog's personality, energy levels, and quirks, helping you assess if their traits align with your lifestyle.
2. **Managing Expectations:** Dogs have diverse backgrounds and histories. Descriptions provide insights into any past traumas, behavioural challenges, or medical considerations, helping you approach the adoption process with realistic expectations.
3. **Health Details:** Descriptions often include crucial information like vaccination status, spaying/neutering, and overall health. This knowledge is essential for planning veterinary care and addressing any potential health concerns upfront.

Taking the time to read adoption descriptions is a small investment with significant returns—a smoother transition into pet ownership, a more harmonious match, and a fulfilling, lasting relationship with your new furry friend.



RSPCA 
Western Australia

COMMUNITY ACTION AWARDS

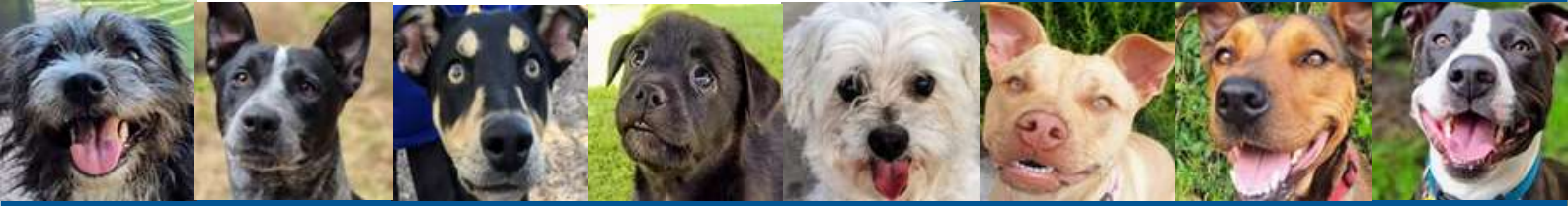
Being recognised for what we do always gives us a warm fuzzy feeling and lets us know that we are serving the community and their animals in a positive way and creating change.

On World Animal Day, BARRC was honoured to receive a Community Action Award for the work we are doing with our Sterilisation Program.

BARRC launched a Free Sterilisation Program for dogs with our sponsors Savour Life and Pet Barn. This program was established to reduce the number of unwanted, abandoned dogs and their unnecessary breeding. It has proven to be such a success that we are now adding to the funding with our 'ContainersForChange' donations and hope to be able to keep the program running well into 2024

To date we have assisted in the sterilisation of 80 dogs and counting.



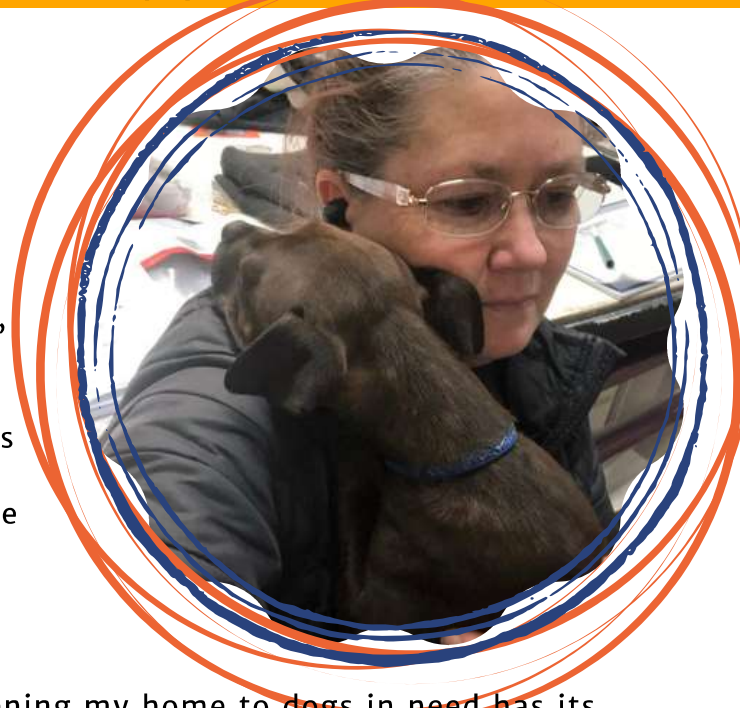


Stories from our Vellies

Rhonda pictured at work with foster pup, Hendrix, who needed a cuddle.

My journey in the world of animal rescue began when I decided to volunteer for BARRC. Little did I know that this decision would shape the course of my life and fill it with purpose.

Life is a balancing act, and I have embraced it wholeheartedly. In addition to being a hands-on mum and wife, I run my own business. In my world, family isn't limited to those with two legs. Our home is a haven for those who wag their tails. Volunteering at BARRC has been a labour of love. As a kennel hand, I've cleaned, fed, and comforted countless dogs. The satisfaction of knowing they are safe and loved, is incomparable. Every dog I've encountered has left paw prints on my heart, and I wouldn't have it any other way.



Fostering has been a rollercoaster of emotions. Opening my home to dogs in need has its challenges, but the rewards are immeasurable. Each foster dog is a testament to the resilience and capacity for love that animals possess, regardless of the hardships they've endured.

In 2023, my commitment to BARRC took a new turn. I joined the admin team as a 'Guide Dog', taking on a role that involves not just helping the dogs but also guiding and supporting the volunteers. This position has allowed me to contribute in a different capacity. Through training and guiding both dogs and humans, I've found a sense of fulfilment that goes beyond words. Helping others discover the joy of animal rescue, advocating for the voiceless, and witnessing the transformative power of love has solidified my belief that this is where I'm meant to be.

As I reflect on my journey, I am grateful for the moments of joy, the challenges that have made me stronger, and the lives I've been fortunate to touch. Volunteering is a celebration of the connection between humans and animals, the power of compassion, and the belief that every pawprint has the potential to leave a lasting impact on our hearts.

Rhonda



Celebrating our Volunteers

Volunteers from BARRC recently came together for a cheerful Christmas party, celebrating their shared commitment to community initiatives. The event was filled with laughter, delicious food, and lively games, showcasing the tight-knit bond among our volunteers, a close family united by a common purpose. The Christmas gathering served as a heart warming reminder of the joy that comes from giving back and working together for the greater good.



K9 CONNECTIONS: A VITAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DOGS

K9 Connections play a crucial role in the success of our volunteer-driven initiatives. Their commitment to assessing our dogs and enhancing their training, not only contributes to the well-being of our four-legged friends but also saves lives.

K9 Connections work hand-in-paw with our volunteers to ensure that our dogs receive the care and attention they need. Their expertise plays a pivotal role in our ongoing mission to make a positive impact on the lives of these animals.

Together we continue to strive for excellence in training, assessment and ultimately, in saving lives.



Renee & Sarah working with Monica

Volunteers watching a demo

Renee teaching Chip not to pull

Demonstrating safe and accurate use of harnesses



BARRC BY NUMBERS

ADOPT 

**TOTAL NUMBER OF
SUCCESSFUL
ADOPTIONS SINCE
BARRC BEGAN
581**

**WE PRODUCED 50
BARRC WEEKLIES,
UMPTEN FACEBOOK
POSTS AND 4
NEWSLETTERS IN
2023**

**WE ATTENDED 10
BUNBURY MARKETS.**

cobblesstone drive • queens gardens
**THE BUNBURY
- MARKETS -**
Public & Private & Social & Grand

**APPROXIMATELY 200,000
STRAY OR SURRENDERED
DOGS ARE ADMITTED TO
SHELTERS AND MUNICIPAL
RESCUE FACILITIES EACH
YEAR IN AUSTRALIA.**

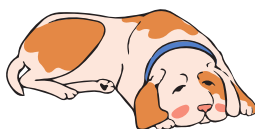
**Our vet bill for
2023 a scary
\$110947.26**

**IN 2023 WE BROUGHT IN
88 LARGE BREED; 5
MEDIUM AND 36 SMALL
BREED - A RECORD
INCREASE IN ANNUAL
NUMBER OF SMALL DOGS
FOR BARRC**

**MOST POPULAR DAY
TO ADOPT - SUNDAY**



**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 23:
28 DOGS IN CARE
9 DOGS ON WAIT LIST IN
POUNDS
27 FOSTER HOMES**



**THIS IS BARRC BY NUMBERS.
WE HAVE LOST COUNT THE
NUMBER OF HOURS OUR
BOOK-KEEPER SPENDS
TRYING TO TRACE BANK
DEPOSITS WITH NO
REFERENCE.**

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
PUT A REFERENCE OR WE ARE
ALL
DOOMED**



**ANNUALLY, AUGUST
IS USUALLY THE MOST
POPULAR MONTH TO
ADOPT
THOUGH IN 2023 WE
SAW A SHIFT TO
FEB/MARCH**



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

SCHEME ID:
C10301414

BECAUSE EVERY
DOLLAR COUNTS!



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.
BARRC IS A REGISTERED NOT FOR PROFIT CHARITY WITH DGR STATUS.
DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

