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THE RENTAL CRISIS, ANIMAL SURRENDER AND FOSTERING

The number of people who have found themselves in the unfortunate situation of having to re-home their pets is increasing, but unfortunately adoption figures remain static. This is causing bulging at the seams and increased pressure on council rangers, welfare and rescue organisations like BARRC.

BARRC operate on a Foster Care Module where dogs are placed in private homes until a permanent home is found. Temporary care is for an average of 6 to 8 weeks, during which time we provide support and training to our foster carers.

Keep reading to learn more about the top 5 reasons owners are desperately reaching out, and how you can help.



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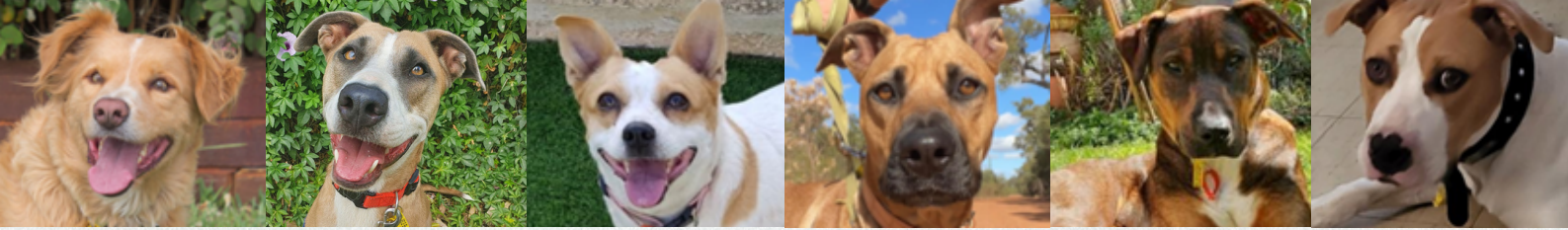
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A MESSAGE FROM THE TOP DOGS

We are thrilled by the expansion of our volunteer team through the addition of new positions. The changes implemented to create these new positions allows us to move forward and continue productive and lifesaving growth.

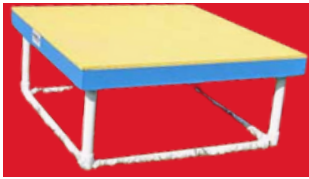
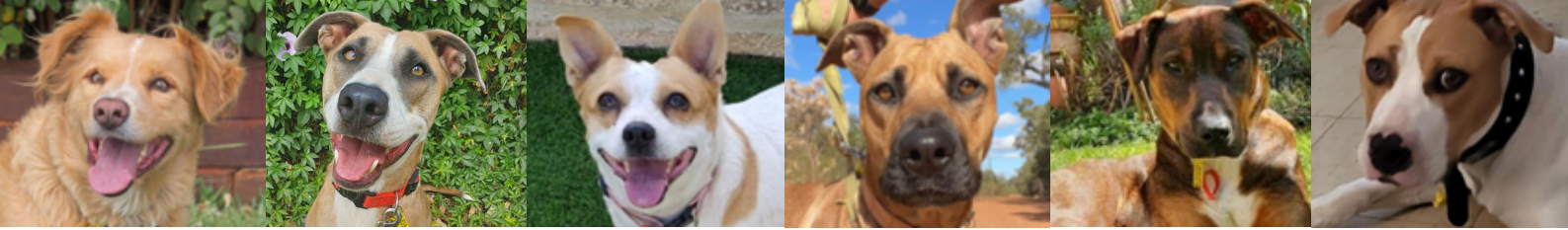
Our 'Follow Up Fairy' team remain in touch with adoptive homes, helping to strengthen the bond between foster care homes, adopters, and their new pets. With the addition of a new 'Guide Dog' team, our foster carers are feeling further supported and included in the adoption process. We are also working on creating a media team full of "Media Marvels" who will help manage not only social media such as Facebook and Instagram but also our web page, our branding, and our printed media. Watch this space.

We also continue to offer training classes for our volunteers and dogs to help prepare the dogs for success in their forever homes. With Covid restrictions being lifted across our region, we are excited to start planning to host events in 2023 with our aim being to increase the number of education programs offered within our community and to our volunteers.

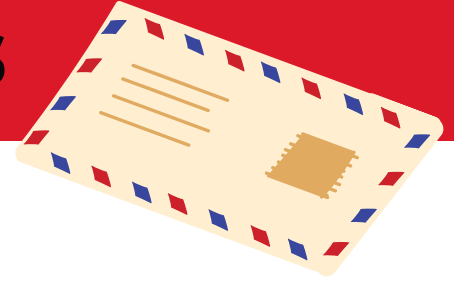
Requests to surrender dogs has been on the increase with reasons ranging from accommodation difficulties to unsuitable choice of breed. In the meantime, adoption numbers have slowed, putting pressure on our team and highlighting the urgent need to source further foster care homes.

We have increased our relationship with regional shire pounds by signing off on yet another MoU. These Memorandums of Understanding build strong connections with rangers and assists in both parties working collaboratively to find the best outcome for unclaimed dogs.

BARRC will continue to explore unique ways of saving the lives of dogs and congratulate our volunteers on 'hanging in there' during these challenging times.



Postage Pups



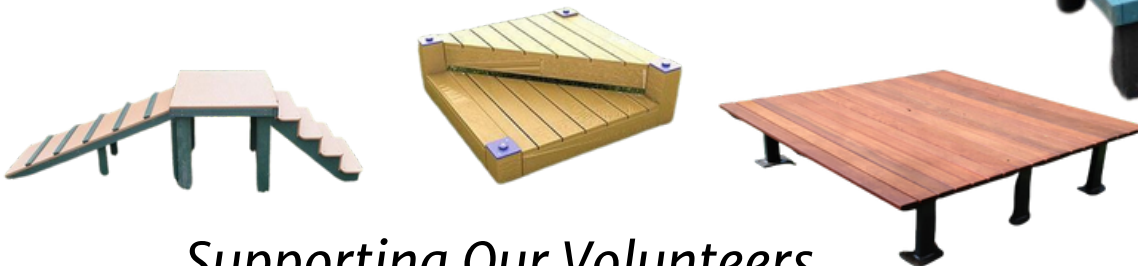
We were very excited to receive this recent news from Australia Post -

"It gives us great pleasure to advise that Bunbury Animal Rescue Rehome Care (BARRC) has been approved for a \$1000 grant to updating the play Area. We would like to thank your organisation for all the wonderful work you do for your community. We would also like to congratulate Greg Baker for nominating your organisation."



This awesome grant will be utilised to update our kennel play area. During training with K9 connections, we have been concentrating on having dogs return to their bed when requested. Training a dog to return to their own bed or mat is important in the management of dog behaviour and we plan to purchase play equipment for the purpose of this.

We would like to thank Greg Baker and Australia post in making this little dream achievable.



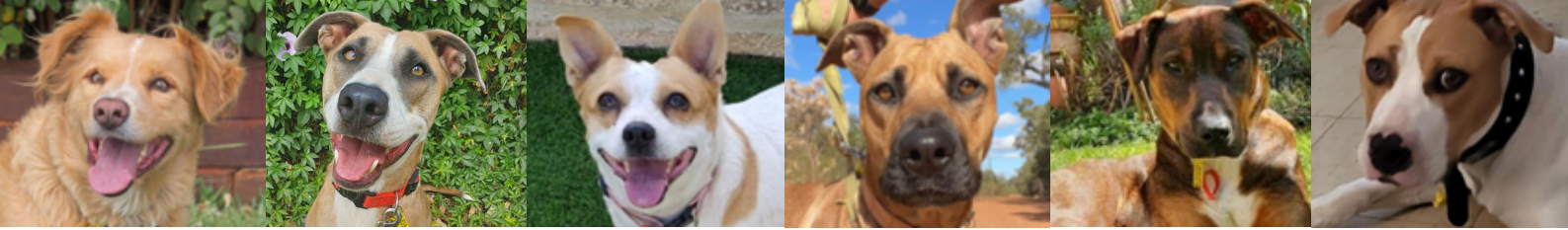
Supporting Our Volunteers

We continue to support our volunteers by providing training through local trainer, K9 Connections, a dog training and community education business specialising in dog behaviour and training.

This program is designed to educate our volunteers by providing basic skills on dog management. A well trained dog is more likely to remain with its adopted owner, resulting in a successful rehoming outcome and reducing the risk of return from adoption back to the organisation.

We take this opportunity to thank Renee and Sarah for their ongoing support.





THE SCAT REPORT

Being an animal rescue, we do get a few weird and wonderful requests for help with a variety of animals. We have received calls about surrendering chickens, missing cats, lost ferrets and of course many, many calls about dogs. We think this one is worth a mention as sheep is definitely a new one for us!

Claire recently contacted BARRC as she was out of options for one of her elderly mum's pets and was looking to surrender him to us. We think this must be one of our most unusual requests for help, but after a few false starts we were pleased that a volunteer of BARRC was able to help "Scat" the 14-year-old sheep. Yep, we were also surprised to learn sheep live that long as well and we are sure he would be classed as a grandad in the sheep world.

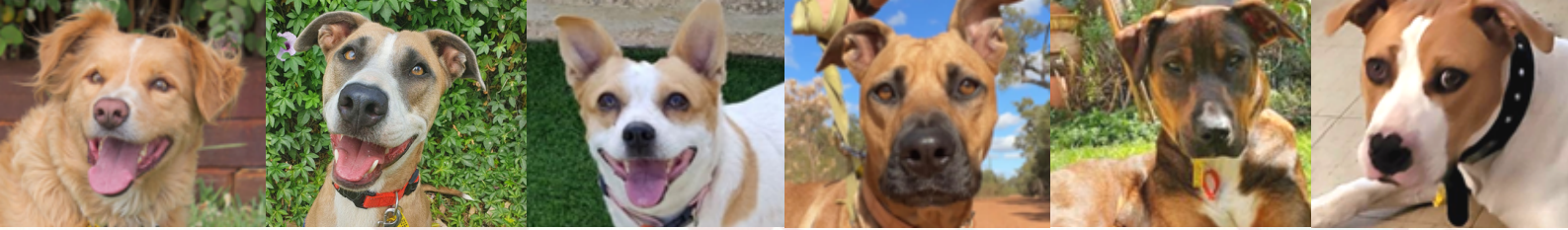
He is heading to a flock of girls and a well-deserved shear!

A big thank you to Kieran and Chad who not only took on "Scat" but also helped re-home 2 chickens and a pink and grey galah.

All in the day of a rescue.

P.S. reminder that this is a ONE-OFF for our rescue!





BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES



D0392 AJAX

Jax, as we call him now, was very shy and small when we picked him up. He curled up in my lap on the short trip to his new home. Jax has settled in really well and made friends with Rosie, who is our older dog. He loves to play and Rosie will play with him and then tell him when she has had enough. We have started training him with a training group and he seems to be getting the hang of it better than his humans. Jax has also discovered that the mat in front of the fire is the best place to be when it starts to get cold. He loves pats and meeting new people. He also loves playing with empty plant pots, even more if he has to empty the pots first. We are so happy that we were allowed to welcome him into our family.

Adopted by Judy - February 2022

It's been very nice to add Tilly to our family and she never leaves an opportunity to be part of us. She enjoys her morning and evening walks with daddy every day and will have a disappointing face if the weather is bad. She waits every evening for daddy to be home and gets ready for her walks and gets overwhelmed when Mum and sister joined. She always look forward for her meals and have the best manners ever. She been best friend of every doggy friend and recently noticed have a bit bitter taste towards the poodles. We had couple of visits to the vet her when she drank seawater and her had some randomly had food rubbish on the footpath over her walk. But She is good in a day and recovered from it. We are having a best time ever and our daughter is more happy to have her and she thinks Tilly is best doggy in the world.

Adopted by Vydika - February 2021



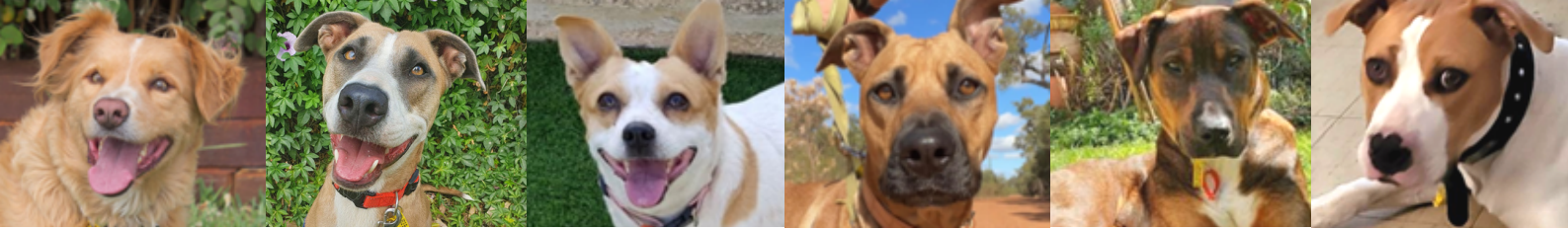
D0373 TILLY



D0321 FONTY (KHAOS)

We took our time in finding the fourth piece to our family puzzle. When I saw the post on facebook and the photo of 'Kaos' I sent off the adoption questionnaire instantly. We had already picked the name out for her as we knew our lives were about to get a little more 'Chaotic' with the new addition. Kaos loves to go to the beach (not so keen on swimming just yet), walks to the park, playing tug-o-war with her big sister Karma and snuggles at the end of the evening. Kaos is full of life and burns off energy trying to catch the sprinkler and running around with her fur friends. We are so grateful to BARRC for choosing us and giving us the opportunity to adopt little Kaos. We adore her and her cheeky little antics.

Adopted by Janine August 2021



Something about the zonked out pup snoozing in the sun caught my attention and we put in an application to make the 3hr drive to meet her - it was love at first sight. She's such a lovely, soft natured girl and has slotted straight in to our crazy family, even getting along with her cat brother Bingley. She comes with us on so many adventures; to the beach, farmers markets, cafes - you name it. She loves them all and always gets so many comments on how pretty she is and how well mannered she is for such a young pup.



D0389 OMO (ELLIE)

Adopted by Claire
February 2022

Who can blame her, this
was Omo's profile
picture



We were looking a for a rescue dog for a few months and it was becoming quite frustrating, that's when Dusty came along and we found BARRC the least stressful in terms of meeting up and getting the necessary paperwork in place.



D0363 DUSTY

Adopted by Andrew in December
2021



D0354 COOPER

FROM THE MOMENT WE MET HIM HE'S BEEN A CUDDLY BOY AND EARNED THE NAME OF COOPER THE SMOOCHER. HE WAS A LITTLE SKITTISH WITH MEN BUT HE'S NOT ANYMORE NOW THAT HE KNOWS HIS DAD HAS A BEEF JERKY BUSINESS, SO HE GETS UNLIMITED TREATS. COOPER LOVES TO PLAY IN HIS BIG BACK YARD, WALKING AND SWIMMING AT THE BEACH, BUSH WALKS, CAR RIDES AND LOVES HIS BATHS. COOPER LOVES HIS PATS AND NOW THAT HE HAS HIS OWN MATTRESS IN THE LOUNGE ROOM WE LAY WITH HIM FOR CUDDLES. COOPER IS A GORGEOUS BOY WITH BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER, VERY CLEVER AND OUR PROTECTOR.

WE JUST LOVE HIM

XX ADOPTED BY MEL NOVEMBER 2021



Stories from our Volunteers

When we asked Bev to write a little story about her volunteering experience, we should have known she would use the opportunity to advertise for more foster carers instead of talking about her wonderful self. So we will add a bit more about Bev and thank her for her unending support she gives BARRC. She has not only been a kennel-hand but also collects, delivers and transports not just dogs but car loads of dog food, crates and anything else we ask of her. She has been with BARRC from the very beginning and is a very valued part of the growing BARRC family, thank you Bev!

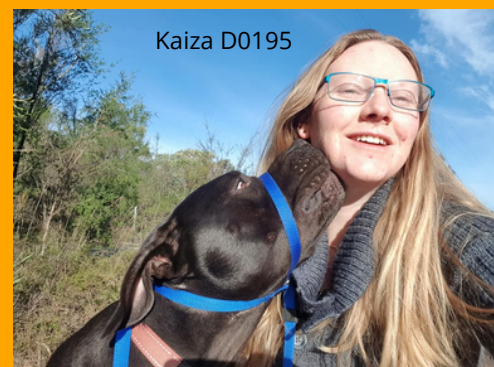
Marley - D0227



Patches D0436



Kaiza D0195



Hi, I'm Beverly and I'd like to tell you a bit about Patches and about my role as a kennel hand at BARRC.

Patches has recently come into care at BARRC, and she is just one of the many dogs who has briefly passed through our small-capacity kennel facility on their way into care.

Patches is 18 months old and spent a few weeks with us at the kennels. She is now relaxing in her foster home and hopefully will find her new forever home very soon!

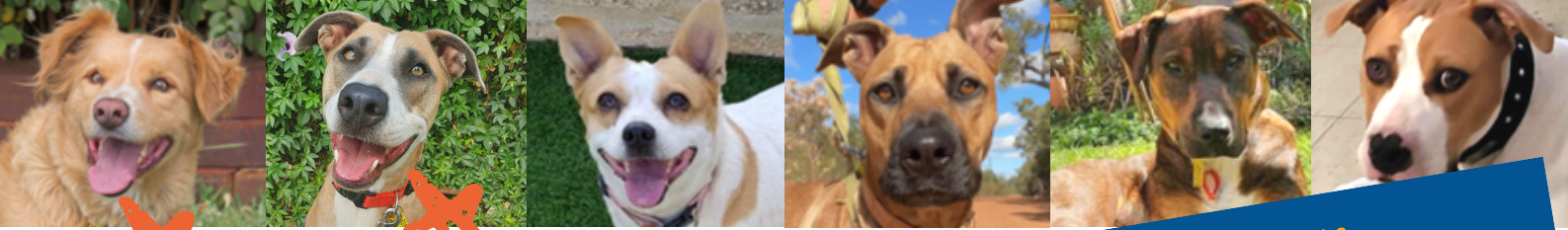
I am a regular volunteer at the kennels and generally attend at least one 3-hour shift per week. I have been a member of the team since BARRC started in 2019 and I love this role. I get to make a difference in a dog's journey whilst getting a walk out in the fresh air and catching up with the other kennel hands.

The kennel facility forms a crucial part of our foster chain as it allows us to bring in potentially unknown dogs, assess them over a few days and then match them with a suitable carer.

Typical kennel shift tasks include pen cleaning, dog walking, trick training, playtime and giving lots of cuddles. Kennel hands also provide vital information to the BARRC foster carers about the dogs' observed behaviours and personality. As carers put their hand up for compatible dogs, the information we gather directly helps the dogs have a stable foster care experience.

I find it very rewarding to see the pups grow in confidence over time and with care. Each dog is unique and the whole team works together to get to know the dogs' personalities and to find every pup a great forever home.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please reach out to the BARRC email at [email address] or message them on facebook.



Stories from our Volliers

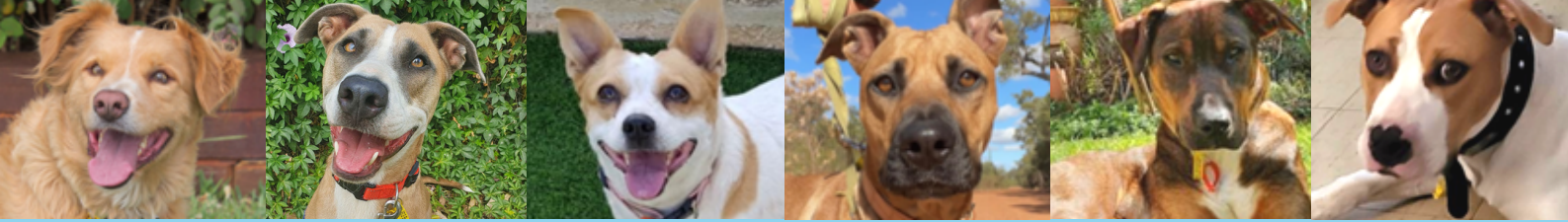
**MARTA AND ANDREW
JOINED OUR FOSTER CARE
TEAM IN JULY OF 2020.
THEY HAVE FOSTERED 12
DOGS FOR BARRC.**



Together they persevered for 7 months with Cleo until she finally found her perfect family. Dewey kept them entertained for 4 months in which time he managed to destroy the strongest of kongs and strengthen their throwing arm as he chased ball after ball. They had the mischievous duo of brothers Rocko and Otto; those two provided much entertainment with their 'humping antics'. Though, it would be fair to say, their favourites are the oldies. Both Marta and Andrew have a soft spot for them. They provided short term care for Briggs, Rex and Zeus and had a wonderful connection with one of our old girls, Tonka. Tonka was diagnosed with cancer and Marta and Andrew remained by her side to the end as she was peacefully euthanised after a sudden decline in health.

We are saddened to say farewell to Marta and Andrew as they prepare for overseas travels. We wish them the very best of fun, friends and family and are sure they will spot a dog or two on their travels to share their affections with.

Marta and Andrew plan to return to fostering once they re-settle and we will be excited to have them back on board. Farewell, safe travels and thank you. We are so grateful for all you have done for BARRC.



WHERE DO THEY ALL COME FROM?

Although microchipping and registering your dog is mandatory under the Dog Act, we still frequently receive requests to rehome unidentifiable dogs that are ending up in shire pounds. They are held for a mandatory period and then made available to BARRC for collection.

We continue to receive private requests for assistance for a vast number of reasons. The top 5 reasons are:

1. The lease on the owner's property has expired and they are unable to find suitable accommodation.
2. The family no longer has enough time to spend with the pet, often resulting in nuisance behaviours such as barking or escaping the yard. Most common reason being as a result of the addition of new family member or changes in work circumstances.
3. Lack of training and socialising the dog. Resulting in an ill-mannered dog with naughty, unsocial behaviours.
4. Lack of research into the breed best suited to the family's lifestyle choices.
5. Incompatibility with other animals that share the property. This is generally owing to lack of training and socialising.

WHAT DOES FOSTERING A DOG INVOLVE?

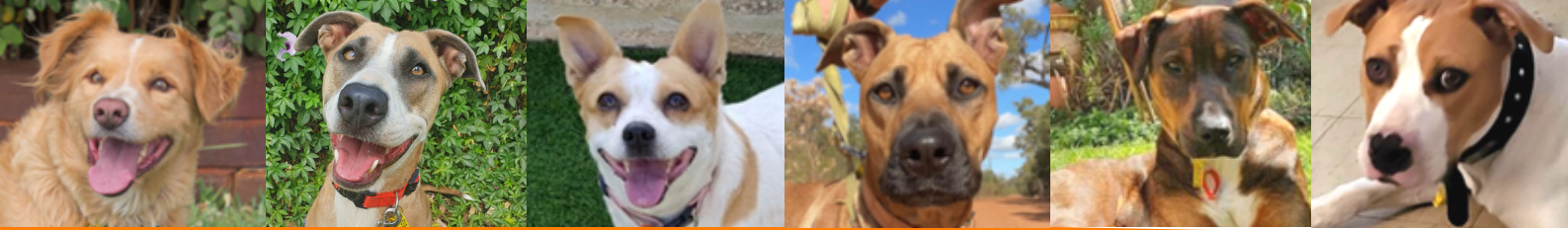
When you foster, you agree to take a homeless dog into your home and give the dog love, care and attention until the dog is adopted.

- All food, bedding, toys and vet care are provided
- Advice is just a phone call away
- Training is provided in the Bunbury area

Why do we need foster homes?

BARRC do not have a physical shelter premises and rely on foster homes to care for dogs. Dogs in foster care have a higher chance of adjusting to their new adoptive home through your help in socialising and preparing them for family life.

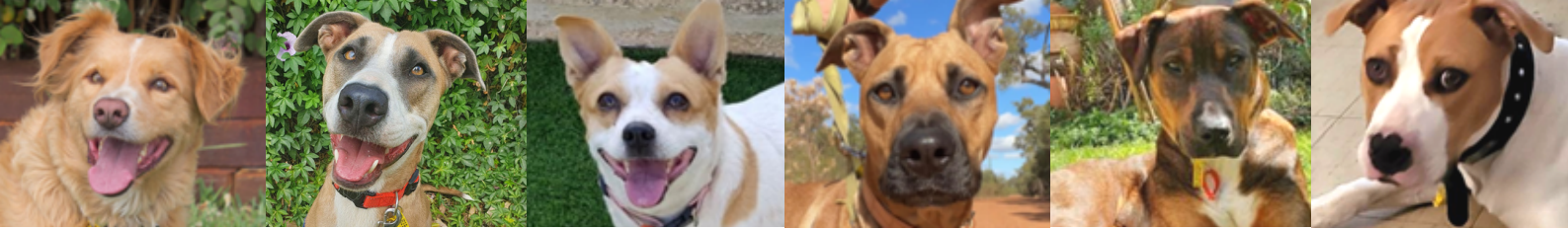
- Puppies need a safe, warm and caring space until they are old enough to be adopted.
- Dogs recovering from surgery, illness or injury needs a safe place to recuperate.
- A dog showing signs of stress in the kennels is given the opportunity to learn, to trust and to relax once in a foster home environment.



Working 9-5 What a Way to Make a Living

What makes a Volunteer? We know that rescuing dogs draws people from all walks of life and different home situations. Apart from retired people, who still have the will and energy to foster our dogs, many of our volunteers are in full time employment. We also have several students. These wonderful people give their time and energy to helping or fostering our dogs. Despite being busy, these volunteers take our dogs to the vet for appointments or procedures. They interact with the dog, walk them and report any health or training issues that might need addressing. They get the dogs used to living in a normal household and prepare them for their permanent home. A very worthwhile activity. Our volunteers have a wonderful variety of occupations. These range from Teachers, Painter and Decorator, Speech Pathologist, Occupational & Remedial Therapists, Drivers, Waiters, Sales Reps, Managers, Receptionists, Crane Operator, Electrician, Childcare Educator, FIFO Workers, Horse Riders, Plant Nursery Staff, Support Workers, Auditors and Public Servants to name but a few.





DALYELLUP COLLEGE

Thank you

How amazing is this!

Dalyellup College is fundraising for BARRC and their target is \$600. That will pay for sterilisations of our dogs or much needed flea and worm treatments.

The students at Dalyellup College are being encouraged to use the Container for Change wheelie bins (donated from the Shire of Collie) instead of the normal waste bins. These bins have been placed around the school to recycle plastic containers and drink bottles. Each week the containers are collected, "cashed in" and the value added to the visual thermometer. This is displayed in Student Services and allows students to see how the raising of funds are progressing.

There is a wonderful group of dedicated students volunteering their spare time to sort the bins out, ready to be collected by the Collie Shire.

BARRC is very honoured that Dalyellup College give us the support they do.

Dalyellup College has raised \$180 so far.



If you would like to help out BARRC with your own Containers for Change just quote our number

BUNBURY ANIMAL RESCUE REHOME CARE

Containers for Change

Scheme ID: C10301414

Because every dollar counts!



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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



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How Can I Help?

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

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



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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