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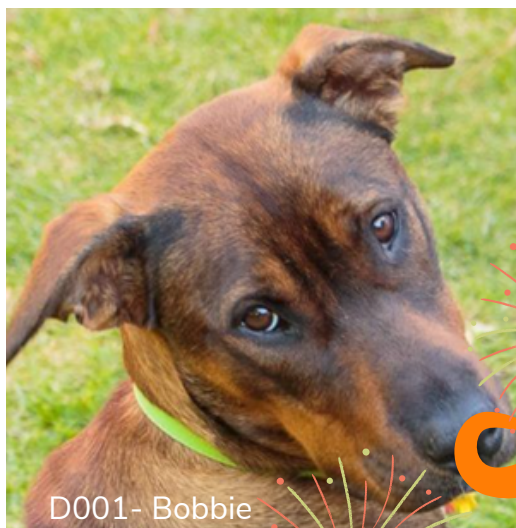
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D001- Bobbie

Happy Birthday to us!

We never imagined when we brought our first dog, Bobbie (D001), into our rescue that three years later we would have added a whopping 400 dogs to the big BARRC family. We look forward to many more birthdays and even more dogs.

Happy Birthday!



D0400 - Shadow



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A MESSAGE FROM THE TOP DOGS

Three years of sweat, tears, smiles and commitment as we strive to place animals in loving homes and support keeping them there! The animals we save, the surgeries we have performed, the difference being made in the lives of dogs and their owners is all because of the generosity of people like you who care about the well-being of our furry friends.

Last year we started our in-house 'dog training incentive' for all volunteers. It has been a great hit with volunteers, allowing them to develop new skills enabling them to support dogs in their care and adopting families.



Pictured Jenni with Shadow D400

Requests for rehoming assistance have increased and more volunteers are needed to help provide the dogs with the necessary care whilst they await their new family. We knew there was a need in the South West for a rescue but did not dream we would help out over 400 dogs in just three years..

We are hopeful of restrictions being lifted in 2022 to enable us to once again, reach out into the community with more training programs and incentives to help fulfil our motto of Rescue-Nurture-Rehome-Educate.



Training days for BARRC volunteers



BARRC is always looking for ways to improve the way we care for our rescue dogs. We have recently taken the initiative to start training sessions for our Kennel Hands and Foster Carers with K9 Connections. In these one hour sessions, our volunteers learn how to deal with puppy training and older dogs who have picked up unhealthy habits or have had no previous training. It has only been running for a few months but already we have had great success and have discussed a range of topics including, loading a dog safely into your vehicle, manners in the home, and body language (of the dog!). These sessions are aimed at providing our volunteers the tools they need to help train their foster dog and those in our kennels.

Our volunteers are welcome to bring their own dogs as well as their foster dog. They are also welcome to bring other members of their family who participate in the care of the foster dog. We also had an impromptu session on how to train a deaf dog when one of our favourites, Spud, came down for a session or two. Sarah and Renee quickly stepped up and gave us all some great advice on eye contact/reward for him, which he responded to very well.





OUR VERY OWN, SPECIAL EDITION, OF THE ROLLS ROYCE: THE SHAR PEI MODEL.



Royce was unclaimed from a shire pound. He had no microchip, so we knew nothing about him. Our first job was to give him a name! Reaching out to our 9500 Facebook followers, some awesome names were suggested. Our favourite for creativity was 'Wee Will Wrinkle' which really made us laugh but 'Royce' (as in Rolls Royce) was the outside winner. Now, 140 days later, Royce is on the road to a brighter future. Although his foster care is 200km from the specialists, he makes regular trips to Western Australian Veterinary Emergency and Specialty clinic where they are monitoring his ears and his skin condition. He also underwent a highly successful, double entropion surgical procedure through the amazing team at Perth Animal Eye Hospital. We have spent \$4,130.95 to date on Royce's medical care and his journey is not yet over. He will require further care from WAVES for which we will be considering a fundraising campaign to help cover the ongoing costs. In the meantime, Royce is being well cared for in his foster home and enjoying seeing the world without pain for the first time.





BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES



We decided not to change his name as he had had a lot of upheaval in his life. He was under-weight when we got him. His first two months revolved around the food bowl. We have all fallen in love with Boof who the most placid dog is we have ever met. We can take his bone, check his teeth, pull burrs from his coat, and he will stay still for us to brush him. Although he is not keen on a wash and blow dry after a swim in a muddy dam. He doesn't like to play ball unless he is in the mood, and it must be a ball he has chosen. He is always ready for a walk and doesn't like to stop.

ADOPTED BY MILES 2021



Beau has been an absolute ray of sunshine in our lives after we lost our old dog last year. He is funny, smart, gorgeous and SO affectionate! We go to the beach every day, he helps in the garden, comes with us everywhere we go in the car and on lots of fun camping trips. We can't thank you enough for choosing us to be his paw-rents! Adopted by

Andy and Kelly – October 2021



We went to meet Jacks. Jacks was full of beans and wanted to say hello to absolutely everyone and every dog he could get to. We decided to take him home with us. He settled right in making sure to check out the budgies, rabbits, guinea pig and fish regularly over the next few days. Jacks loves his food and even tasted the front room carpet and sofa which he quickly discovered wasn't good doggy behaviour. Jacks also likes to dig and has even taught his fur sister and baby human how to. He loves cuddles and snuggles up on the sofa or on the bed and often hides among the teddies on baby humans bed at bedtime. It was touch and go in the beginning; what with giant holes in the carpet and sofa but Jacks is here to stay and he has made his mark on our hearts.

ADOPTED BY PAT SEPT 2021



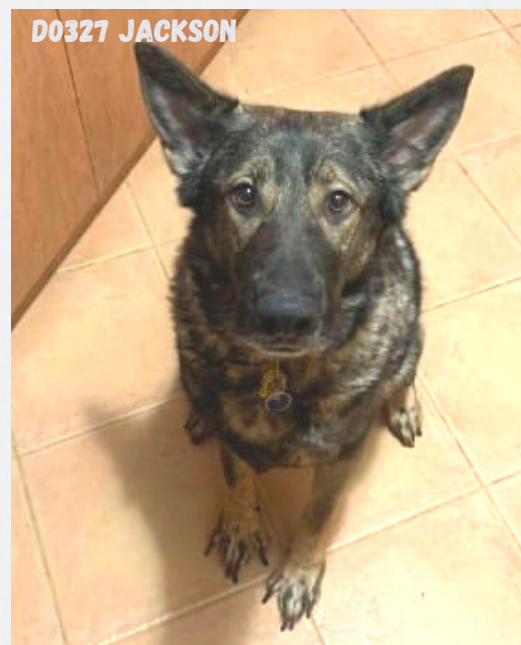
Oz has become some sort of an icon in our neighbourhood because of his friendly nature and interesting DNA of Staffy- Chihuahua cross. We've enjoyed a short holiday down in Albany and several road trips with Oz. Oz loves travelling as a family. Thank you BARRC for giving us the opportunity to adopt Oz. Our lives are better with Oz. Our friends and neighbours are fond of him too. The only exception would be two fluffy females who bark at Oz and a cat that he chases. We are vigilant and try and keep Oz from reacting to other dogs and cats. He loves us unconditionally with all his little might. We love Oz just the same.

OZ ADOPTED BY JANET JUNE 2021

Side note from BARRC: OZ's new parents have also helped transport new BARRCers to Bunbury for us and in this photo he had just helped rescue three from the Mount Barker region. Thank you!!!

After the death of our former pooch, my partner and I talked about whether we should foster/adopt another. We let the issue go for a few months before my wife, Dale, suggested we check out rescue dogs available through BARRC. I remember sending up a short prayer for a shepherd, since our past experiences with this breed had been great, never expecting the prayer to be answered. But it was. We are now the proud owners of Jaxon, a six year old Belgian Shepherd who has the greatest personality and is the source of much love. He is a sensitive and smart pooch, whose only major hassle has been teaching him to walk like the gentleman he really is.

ADOPTED BY GORDON AUGUST 2021



There is a park where Lucy loves to catch a ball is right alongside our house. Our toddler grandson, loves her and with whom Lucy is SO gentle. Thank you for rescuing her and choosing us as her new "parents". People keep telling us how lucky we are...and how lucky she is. And we agree. She loves playing with all the dogs on the park, and adores going to the dog beach. IT feels as though she's been part of our family for much longer than five weeks.

ADOPTED BY LINDY NOV 2021

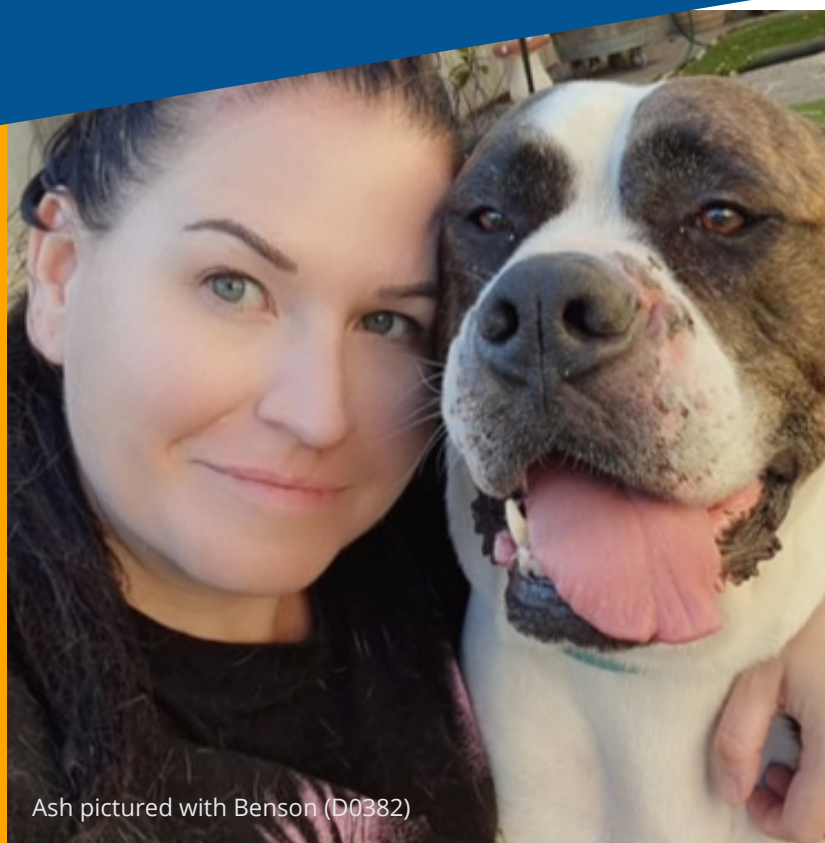


Stories from our Volliers

For over 10 years, my 2 Huskies were my absolute everything. After they crossed the Rainbow Bridge, I began a FIFO job.

My home was missing something each time I returned so I decided to contact some local dog rescue's to see how I could help out. The first one I contacted were seeking long term carers and declined my offer of help. I contacted BARRC expecting the same response, mentioning that I was happy to help with transport, vet visits, kennels, anything to fill the doggo hole in my life. BARRC were more than happy for me to come on board and help in any way I could, and it turned out being a short-term carer was the perfect fix for me and the dogs. Giving a dog a break from kennels for a few days or another foster carer the chance to spend a few days away.

I have to say it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I have enjoyed every minute of it. I have fostered 10 dogs and am looking forward to meeting Shadow, No 11, on my next rotation home.



Ash pictured with Benson (D0382)

I love to give them a nice bath and then shower them with treats and lots of love and affection, yes, they are allowed on the bed and the couch! I have gotten attached to pretty much all of the fosters, I can't help it, but there has been one special boy that stole my heart and ended up being adopted by my mum and stepdad.

I remember every single foster dog I have had in my care and they are all special to me in their own way, Bronson and Meera (who have been customers in my pooch taxi) Lily, Basil, Bindi, Benson, Royce, Briggs, Bronson, Lucy, Koda, Esco. Bring on the next 11!



Stories from our Veggies



Chei pictured with Zeus

After finally moving into a rental that allows pets, the first thing I did was put in an application to foster. I like the option of being able to have unplanned get-aways without the commitment of pet ownership at this stage in my life and fostering allows this flexibility which suits my lifestyle.

I picked up Zeus, my first foster in mid March so I am still new to fostering but so far I have loved every moment (apart perhaps, from my nice feather pillow and new quilt cover falling victim as a midnight snack for Zeus).

Getting to know Zeus and his wild character has been a very rewarding experience with many belly laughs. I am excited to continue learning about fostering, meeting new dogs and providing lots of cuddles to more doggos in need. - Chei



The Cost of Rescue

Rescue organisations always charge an adoption fee. Most people don't seem to mind, in fact, they expect it. They know that rescues need to cover operating expenses, pet care, medical bills, and so forth.

In addition to the expected costs incurred from sterilisation, vaccination, microchipping, worming/flea treatment and general health check, BARRC also have other costs associated with our dogs in foster care.

X-rays for dogs with health issues that need to be resolved. Blood and urine tests to check for serious diseases. Biopsies and removal of lumps and bumps. Ear and eye medication. Dental care – many dogs have gum disease, broken or decayed teeth and general plaque and bacteria issues which need to be dealt with under anaesthetic. Allergies – skin scrapes / blood tests / specialist food. Wound care (e.g., grass seed removal under anaesthetic). We also pay for training and behaviour assessments. Also don't forget our phone charges, website running costs, printing, transport expenses, cleaning consumables and administrative costs such as microchip transfer fees.

All these costs are necessary so when our dogs are ready for adoption, they are the best they can be.

To give you an idea on some of our cost: (In the past year)



We have spent over \$45,000 in sterilisation and general health care alone

\$ 2500+ in microchips

\$1,460.00 in Training

\$ 1,144.54 just to transfer microchips to new owners

And \$ 11,000 in vaccinations.

We need to find \$200 per month to operate our phones and data recording program; \$60 in maintenance at our kennels and so many more small amounts that add up to big dollars across each month.



Adoptions, how does it work?

Dogs come to us from a variety of sources. One of BARRC's core values is 'integrity' and as some of our dogs have special requirements, our top priority is setting them up for success by matching to the right home.

Once a dog is available for adoption, we ask the foster carer to write about the dog's character and personality to the link on our website. This link takes you directly to our available dogs on the SavourLife advertising platform.

As applications are received, our adoption coordinators will review each one to assess suitability, so the more information you provide, the better. This process can take up to 14 days. We understand that it may be frustrating waiting for a reply although we'd like to remind you that we are all volunteers with families, pets and employment.

Applicants selected will be contacted via a phone call to share further information. All other applicants will receive an email with an update on their application.

Most importantly, please don't be discouraged if you weren't successful with an application. We have a constant flow of dogs and 100% believe that every dog has the perfect home waiting for them. It's not that we think you are unsuitable, we promise, its just we can get quite a few offers of the perfect home!

The approved applicant will be contacted by the foster host family to arrange for a viewing with all your family members, including the four legged ones. If both BARRC and yourself are then comfortable with proceeding with the adoption, you will be provided with the Trial Adoption Agreement and make payment.

During the trial period, one of our volunteer Follow Up Fairies will ring twice to ensure all is going well.



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



I started Little Wren Photography in 2020. After taking 1000s of photos for my own dog's Instagram account I was asked by a few people if I could photograph their pets. I didn't think pet photography was a 'thing' but I loved the idea of combining my love for animals with my passion for photography.

Around the same time BARRC did a call out for volunteer photographers. I saw this as the perfect opportunity to help out rescue dogs, practice my art and get my business name out there! What I didn't realise at the time is what a wonderful, supportive, little community BARRC have created and I am so privileged to be a part of it!

I have been honoured to photograph two BARRC Dog-Education days (one while secretly pregnant and quite unwell, haha). I have also done shoots for lucky dogs number 300 (Morris) and 400 (Shadow). Before we know it BARRC will have dog number 500 and I hope I have the opportunity to photograph them too.

-Louise (Little wren Photography)





BIANCA TURRI

photographer

An animals eyes have the power to speak a great language and I look to capture a little of this and their personality by combining my passion for dogs and photography, and in turn, helping find new homes for these amazing animals. I have also been looking at initiatives to raise funds for BARRC dogs through portrait bookings and calendar/book opportunities.



I first met the BARRC team when I was contracted by SaviourLife to cover the Buddy Grant Kennel Upgrade in 2020. I have an absolute passion for dogs and instantly knew I wanted to do my part in helping BARRC to promote their dogs.

BARRC have such a wonderful team of volunteers and being a part of their extended family has been an absolute privilege. I lost my beautiful rescue girl, Roxy, last year and although my family didn't feel quite ready to introduce another dog into our home, my daughter and I fell immediately in love with Jack whom I had the pleasure of photographing with his siblings, and we knew adopting him was just what we needed to fill that hole in our hearts.

-Bianca

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, Strickland Street, 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. Yours gifts make forever homes possible.

**YOU CAN DONATE AT THIS LINK.
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