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BARRCING MAD

Official Newsletter of Bunbury Animal Rescue Rehome Care



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More Space Required

Over five years ago, when BARRC first began, we were fortunate and honoured to receive a grant from SavourLife. This generous support allowed us to create an office and storage space, along with two brand-new kennels. Although these new kennels are in constant use we still use some of our older kennels, which are safe and secure, but they had a significant drawback—the ceilings were extremely low. Only those of shorter stature could stand upright, and many of our volunteers have, unfortunately, experienced some rather painful bumps from standing up too quickly.



We knew we would need to solve this problem at some point and we have!
Read more about it on page 3!





A MESSAGE FROM OUR

TOP DOGS

As we approach the end of another year, we take a moment to look back on all the awesome things we've achieved and give a massive thank you to our incredible supporters.

It's taken us five years to develop but we think we've finally cracked it—our website has undergone significant growth, and we are proud of the new features! This is a huge milestone for us and the timing couldn't be better, as we've just welcomed our 800th rescue dog. Big moment!

Our BARRC Online Auction page has been a massive hit thanks to everyone who donated and contributed goodies. We truly couldn't do this without you!

Our weekly visits to the friendly team at Pet Barn Bunbury are a real highlight. Their generous support has been a lifeline for us and we're so grateful. Not to mention the amazing help from SavourLife, who hooked us up with a whole pallet of food for our rescue pups! A big thanks to everyone dropping off donations at Pet City Bunbury too. Every bit helps keep us going.

Exciting news. We've been invited to the Collie Show for the first time ever! We're thrilled about the chance to connect with neighbouring shires and spread the word about what we do.

And just when we thought things couldn't get better, we're finalising agreements for a recently approved grant. This funding will help us step up our game and provide even more love and care for our dogs.

Lastly, we've hit a big number! Our 120th applicant for our sterilisation program, all thanks to donations to Containers for Change. It's making a real difference in preventing those unexpected litters.

We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us through these challenging months. Your kindness and generosity keep our rescue going and we're so grateful to be part of such a compassionate community. Thanks for standing with us!





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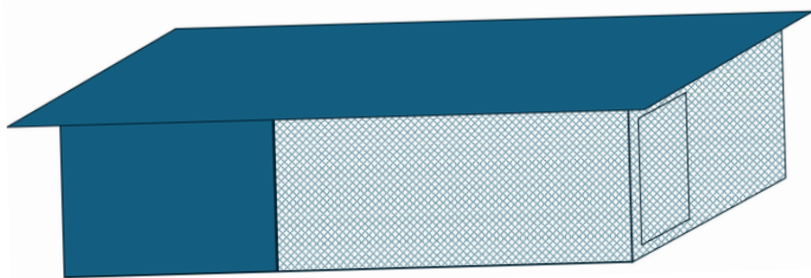
The Western Australian Government is enhancing the welfare of companion animals and wildlife by offering grants to not-for-profit groups that focus on rehoming pets, wildlife rehabilitation and providing low-cost or free veterinary services.

These grants acknowledge the significant role animals play in the lives of Western Australians and the vital work community organisations do in promoting animal welfare.

Not-for-profit groups like BARRC, across WA, who help to improve animal welfare by fostering and rehoming pets that have been surrendered, neglected, or abandoned, could apply and we quickly formulated a plan on where the funds would best be spent.

We are delighted to share that we have once again been honoured with grant approval! This new funding will finally allow us to replace the outdated kennels with taller pens, so our volunteers can walk in comfortably without the need to bend over. Additionally, we now have sufficient resources to install a secondary fence around the entire area, greatly enhancing the safety of both our dogs and our volunteers.

We are currently in the initial stages of design and planning, but we will keep you informed as we move forward with these exciting improvements.





Spread the WORD

As many of you know, our adoption numbers have been lower than we'd like, so we've been exploring new ways to reach a broader audience. We're excited to share that Ray White Bridgetown recently reached out, asking how they could support BARRC in our mission. Together, we came up with the idea of displaying adoption posters in their office windows and it's been a wonderful success!

Following Bridgetown's lead, Ray White Nannup has now joined the effort and we send them new adoption posters each week to feature. Shortly after, the Bridgetown Library saw the posters and also wanted to get involved, helping us spread the word even further.

We're incredibly grateful for the support of these local businesses and organisations. With their help, we're confident that we'll be able to find loving homes for more animals in need. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for being part of the BARRC community!

In this quarter we rescued our 800th dog, not a bad achievement for a young rescue. Since we started in 2019 we have found 687 homes with the remainder still in care, transferred or in some cases died (old or ill). We have nearly 40 dogs currently which is nearly an all time high! We are below the average for adoptions in 2024 but with a few months still to go, we hope things will improve.

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Bunbury Animal Rescue Rehome Care

Digby
D0690
Age: 4 years
Gender: Male
 Digby is a lovable and playful big boy who is in heaven when he's playing tug-o-war and fetch.
 He is a dream to have in the home, only chewing his own toys, and with lovely manners around food.
 As Digby is a strong boy with big feelings about other dogs and animals, he will need an owner committed to helping him learn not to bark or lunge, and to walk nicely on lead.

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SHARING THE LOVE: CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUCTION SUCCESS

We're pleased to announce that 50% of the proceeds from our Christmas in July auction were shared with Animal Rescue Cooperative WA, an organisation that works tirelessly to care for creatures great and small.

Over the years, ARC WA has played a crucial role in supporting the broader animal rescue community in Western Australia. Sharing these funds is our way of giving back and expressing our heartfelt thanks for their unwavering support.

This gesture wouldn't have been possible without the incredible generosity of local businesses and the public, who donated so kindly to our auction. Your support allows us to continue helping our dogs and extending a helping hand to those most in need. Thank you for making a difference!

Big thanks to everyone who purchased a case of Willow Bridge wine to support our fundraiser. We receive part proceeds from the sales and earned ourselves a very grateful sum of \$720!



**WILLOW
BRIDGE**
— ESTATE —

Annual High Tea - Peel Manor House 27 October 12-4

It's not too late to join a table or book a group for a delightful afternoon at our Annual High Tea in support of our dogs.

Indulge in a delicious selection of teas, treats and company, all while supporting a great cause.

Bookings are essential. Please book through peelmanorhouse.com.au





A Dog With Angel Wings is Saved!



This beautiful boy, now known as Ranger, was just hours away from being euthanised when he stole the hearts of an entire office team. With his gentle nature and sweet face, it's no surprise that texts and calls went out to family and friends, all asking, "Please, can we take him?" But it was our amazing volunteer foster carer, Emily, who couldn't walk away and made the decision that would save his life.

"I couldn't let him die. He's perfect, honestly!" Emily said, thrilled to give him a second chance. And Ranger hasn't missed a beat since. He fit right into her home, getting along beautifully with her dogs and is ever so gentle with her children. "He's definitely been loved by someone before—he's fearless around people and walks beautifully on a lead." It's clear this boy once knew love and now he's ready for it to come back into his life.



BARRC held a public vote to name him, and 'Ranger' won! But Emily's daughter, Leilani, had other ideas and decided he looked more like a 'Douglas'. And as long as he is getting cuddles, Ranger doesn't seem to care less about what you call him!

Ranger is all booked to be microchipped and sterilised, making him officially ready to find his forever home. Emily would've loved to keep him, but with two other rescues already in her home, a third was just a little too much. Still, her heart is as big as it gets. While Ranger might have angel wings on his chest, Emily's the one wearing the halo!

If you're looking for a loyal companion with a big heart, Ranger (AKA Douglas) is your guy! He's full of love and ready to offer a lifetime of loyalty.



BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

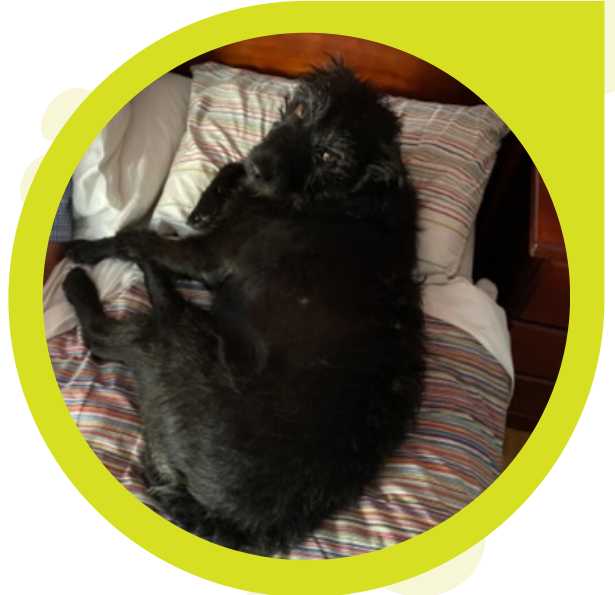
Nugget Do733



Adopting Nugget was an easy decision; he brings joy to our lives. He accompanies Dad to work and eagerly welcomes Mum home. Nugget enjoys socializing at the park and playing with his toys but prefers sleeping under the quilt between Mum and Dad, despite having his own bed.

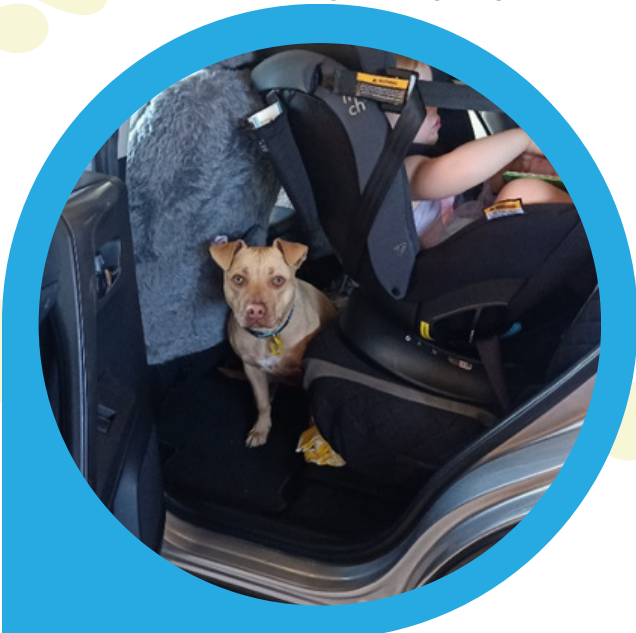
Pearl Do740

Pearl is a beautiful and friendly dog who enjoys being around people. She has become popular in the office, and my husband believes she needs a companion. Our son had Pearl while we were away, and she bonded well with his dog, leading to regular playdates.



Izzy Do622

Three months after joining us, Izzy celebrated her first birthday and has settled in nicely. As a puppy, she has chewed through several shoes, a snorkel, baby wipes, and a hat. Izzy enjoys walks with a new harness and attends dog club for socialization and training. The toddler loves watching her zoom around after dinner.





Skid D646

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. There is constant competition between my partner and myself to be his favourite



Rambo D0619

I saw Rambo on Facebook and he reminded me of my old dog. I applied for Rambo without telling my husband. Rambo came to us 9kg overweight and is still improving; we walk daily with his 7-year-old fur sister, Lucy. He has quickly settled in and is loved by everyone who meets him.



Juno D0510

We adopted Juno just over a year ago, after searching high and low for a dog who would be fine with our special needs child. Juno was fostered just around the corner from us and we decided to pay her a visit. It really was love at first sight, with her gentle nature shining through straight away.





Stories from our Vellies

FOSTER CARERS: THE UNSUNG HEROES BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL DOG RESCUE



We've been in the rescue game long enough to know our usual crowd—Amstaffs, Bull Arabs, Kelpies. But lately, we've had a surprising surge in small breed dogs needing new homes. It's a bit unusual for us, but like always, we're stepping up to the challenge.

One of our standout volunteers, Margo, has been an absolute star during this time. Margo has a soft spot for the little, older dogs, and she's been the first to raise her hand when they need fostering. This year alone, she's opened her home to 8 small dogs, some of which have stayed with her longer than usual as they work through some behavioural quirks.

Her patience and love have been nothing short of magical for these dogs, helping them prepare for their forever families. Margo's dedication to these challenging but loveable pooches has been inspiring and because of her help, these little ones have found their happy ever after homes.

Here's to Margo and all the amazing people who make our rescue work possible. You're all heroes in our book!

*Fostering saves lives—each home we find means one more dog gets
a chance at happiness.*



Some times we get in a dog that needs a special home, not because they are difficult or have behavioural issues, just because they are unique in their own way. Fig's story s the next story in the unique dog series.

FIG'S STORY

AKA TRIP HAZARD

Fig came to us through the Shire of Capel, with no indication she had any health concerns. During her medical check-up, we discovered that Fig had a grade 4 heart murmur, leaving us uncertain about her future. The vet informed us she might not make it through the spay surgery and her heart could fail at any time. We thought it best we discuss Figs future quality of life when the original owner suddenly contacted BARRC, giving BARRC a reason to hold off from any decision. Unfortunately, the previous owner was just not in a position to take Fig back, so we were back to having to discuss her future once again. We decided to give her a chance and she was spayed successfully. After such a rocky start as a BARRC dog it was wonderful when our adoption coordinator admitted she had fallen head over heels for her. Fig was welcomed to the Supported Independent Living (SIL) property, receiving abundant love from everyone she encounters. She has learned which friends to play with and who to be gentle around. Fig has even shown some support workers that not all dogs are intimidating and has become quite the vacuum cleaner during mealtime. While we await her DNA results, we're hosting a raffle to guess her breed!

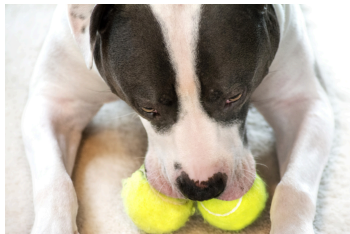
Post Script. Just after this story was drafted, our worst fears were realised. This week whilst she was doing what she loved most, playing ball, her heart gave out and she simply stopped. She did not suffer and she was with the people who loved her most.. You can see from the pictures Fig was much loved and her owner Carryn gave her the best 6 months of love and care.





BARRC BY NUMBERS

The SNIP Program (2nd Stage)
120 approved SNIP
applications since
commencement of
initiative



We worked out how
much we have spent on
vet bills over the past 5
years - but it was to
scary to publish"



Poor dental hygiene leads to
thousands of teeth extractions
for dogs every year. A huge cost
to any rescue.



20 small breed dogs
Surrendered since Jan 24



We have transferred 33 dogs
to remove out of area or to
send to specialised breed
rescues.



An average of
120 poops per
day picked up by
our foster carers
and kennel
hands



Repurposed 200+ tennis
balls into Octopup toys for
dogs



We have, amazingly, had
21 dogs we have been able
to reunite with their
owners



Our dogs have
hijacked over 275
blankets from
volunteers' laps and
couches. Snuggling
is serious business!





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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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.

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

