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# BARRCING MAD

Official Newsletter of Bunbury Animal Rescue Rehome Care



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## SavourLife Pets **PETBARN**

**RESCUE MONTH HAS OFFICIALLY WRAPPED UP AND WHAT AN OUTSTANDING MONTH IT WAS!**

SavourLife donates 50% of its profits to pet rescue organisations, helping to rehome over 10,800 dogs and contributing more than \$1,250,000 in donations to date.

During Rescue Month, Petbarn and SavourLife join forces to raise funds and awareness for pet adoption.

Over the past three years, their combined efforts have led to the rescue of 1,149 puppies. In March 2024, in collaboration with 40 rescue groups, they successfully saved 432 puppies. Wait and read the results from this year, BARRC did amazing stuff!

The initiative also includes in-store adoption events at various Petbarn locations, including Bunbury, where BARRC held “Meet The Adoptables”.

These events were perfect to allow potential adopters to meet our BARRC dogs and provide an opportunity for the public to engage, talk and cuddle, as well as learn more about the adoption process.

By purchasing SavourLife products at Petbarn stores during Rescue Month, customers not only provide their dogs with high-quality food but also support the rescue and rehoming of abandoned dogs.

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

We can't believe that it is now April. Where have the last three months gone? This period has been particularly demanding with several dogs in our care that have had medical issues requiring significant surgeries. Each of these cases have cost anywhere from \$1000 to \$5000. As a not-for-profit organisation, we depend on support and donations from the community to assist in these situations. BARRC is partnered with multiple veterinarian clinics in the Bunbury region, as well as in Perth, the greater Southwest and Great Southern areas. Without their support, guidance and expertise, we would not be able to offer the best care for all our dogs. We are very pleased to report that all of our surgery dogs have had exceptional outcomes and now have bright, happy future's ahead.

There remains a significant number of dogs needing rehoming through district shires or private surrender. BARRC, along with other dog rescues, continues to receive high volumes of intake requests and operate at near full capacity. This has led to a shift in focus to prioritising dogs on euthanasia lists in shire pounds. Some of the dogs we have taken in literally only had hours left to live.

It goes without saying that rehoming a pet is an emotional experience. We strive to be compassionate, understanding, and respectful, acknowledging that some individuals may become upset when we are unable to assist. We ask that if you are in this situation, please remember BARRC is made up solely of unpaid volunteers (with busy lives) who give up their extra time to help.

We encourage people to consider adopting a pet from a shelter or a foster-based rescue organisation like us at BARRC. Furthermore, reaching out to local rescues about fostering a pet in your own home can help alleviate the burden on the waitlists for much needed assistance. If you would like more information on fostering or adopting please go to our website [www.barrc.info](http://www.barrc.info)

*The Top Dogs*





# Volunteer Opportunities

## Market Event Person

Love dogs? Love talking to people? We need you!

BARRC is looking for a Market Volunteer to help represent us at the Bunbury Markets on the **first Saturday of each month**.

**Duties:**

- 🐾 Chat with the community about BARRC and our rescue efforts
- 🐾 Set up and display printed materials (Officeworks card provided)
- 🐾 Transport and set up the marquee, trestle table and market items

**Criteria:**

A vehicle large enough to transport the market equipment  
Confidence in speaking with the public about dog rescue



## Admin Person

Love dogs? Love to keep things organised? We need you!

BARRC is looking for an Admin Volunteer to help us keep our systems in order and make sure our documents are current and in order.

**Duties:**

- 🐾 Read and possibly write manuals and work instructions
- 🐾 Manage some of our documents and make sure they are named correctly
- 🐾 Look for opportunities to improve our systems and stream-line our filing

**Criteria:**

Access to the internet and a good understanding of document control  
Be comfortable in a range of programs including word, excel and canva



## Media person

Love dogs? Love all things media? We need you!

BARRC is looking for a Media Volunteer to help us keep our media streams current, including Wix, Facebook, Insta and photos (especially photos!).

**Duties:**

- 🐾 Manage photos of our dogs and get them looking the best they can
- 🐾 Manage facebook post creation and facebook ideas
- 🐾 Look for opportunities to improve our systems.

**Criteria:**

Access to the internet and a good understanding of media platforms  
Be comfortable in a range of programs including wix and canva



This is a great way to support rescue dogs and raise awareness.

If you're interested, please reach out to us via email

[bunburyrescuerehome@gmail.com](mailto:bunburyrescuerehome@gmail.com)





# SavourLife+

# Love Pets PETBARN

Rescue Month is on again! Petbarn Foundation and SavourLife have donated \$300k during Rescue Month to rescue organisations to save over 400 pups from pounds.

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Winston

Can we save ten dogs by the end of Feb and fill the frames?



Joule, Switch, Relay, Volt, Hertz, Bear!

**NOW FOR THE NUMBER YOU HAVE BEEN EAGERLY WAITING FOR!! WE'VE BEEN DOING ALL THE DOGGO MATH OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT BETWEEN THE 40 RESCUE GROUPS INVOLVED IN RESCUE MONTH, THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 511 PUPS FROM POUNDS! 🐶 BARRC MANAGED TO EXCEED THE MAGIC 10 AND SAVED A WHOPPING 16 PUPS!**



## Dog's Day Out!

For the third year running we attended the Festival of Busselton's Dog's Day Out in Vasse. The weather was perfect and every person and their dog(s) came out.

It was great to speak with the local Rangers, buy some dog treats from the stalls and watch an agility demonstration with a coffee and a sausage sizzle. The best dressed and best trick competition was a hoot and kept everyone entertained. Thanks for having us and we hope to see you again next year!





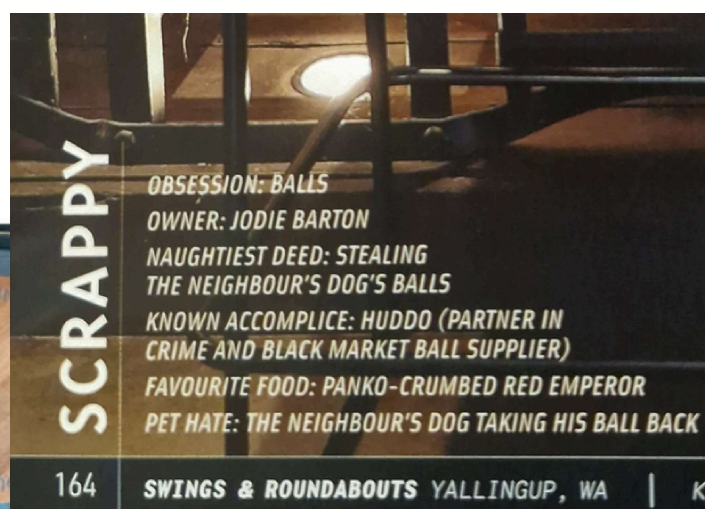


# FROM HOMELESS TO FAMOUS: SCRAPPY'S JOURNEY.

BARRC is so pleased to share the incredible journey of one of our very own rescue dogs, Scrappy, who has gone from homeless to famous! He is featured in the newly released Wine Dogs Australia 6 book. (available now at [WineDogs.com](http://WineDogs.com).)

Scrappy's journey began like so many of the dogs that come into BARRC's care—a pound dog and in need of a second chance. His foster carer would often laugh, saying his name suited him perfectly, as he had a scrappy background and an even scrappier heritage, resembling a skinny brindle fox.

Now, Scrappy is living his best life as a winery dog, gracing the pages of Wine Dogs Australia, a book that celebrates the canine companions of Australia's vineyards.



## SCRAPPY, DARCY & TEX

Swings & Roundabouts Western Australia

WINE DOGS AUSTRALIA 6 – OUT NOW

[winedogs.com](http://winedogs.com)

BARRC is incredibly proud to see one of our boys shine on such a big stage, proving that every rescue dog has the potential to go from homeless to famous. His story is a testament to the love and dedication of his adopter, Jodie, and we sincerely thank her for allowing us to share Scrappy's inspiring journey.







# The Reality of Surrendering Dogs to Rescue

At BARRC, we understand that life can change unexpectedly, making it difficult for some to keep their dogs. While we strive to help, we do not have a shelter. Our rescue relies entirely on volunteer foster carers. This means every dog must be carefully assessed before being placed in the community.

## **We Can't Take Every Dog**

Many assume rescues can take in every dog, but our capacity is limited by foster homes and the need to prioritise pound dogs at risk of euthanasia. Each dog requires assessment, vet care and support to ensure a successful future.

## **The Importance of Training & Socialisation**

A major challenge is finding homes for dogs without training or socialisation. Many surrenders involve behavioural issues that could have been avoided with early training, exercise and enrichment. While we work with trainers, we can't fix every issue that stems from a lack of care.

## **When Surrender is Necessary**

Some situations, like illness or financial hardship, make surrender unavoidable and we assist when resources allow. However, we urge owners to take proactive steps in training and socialisation to prevent unnecessary surrenders.

## **The Costs of Rescue**

Taking in a dog requires time, effort and financial resources, from vet care to supplies like food, beds and crates. We also invest in training for our carers to ensure the best outcomes.

## **What You Can Do**

Before surrendering, explore alternatives. Could training or a behaviourist help? If surrender is the only option, please contact us with as much notice as possible to allow for proper planning.

Rescue is a community effort. By prioritising responsible pet ownership, we can reduce the number of dogs needing rescue and give them the best start in life.



# From 0 to 15000 in 5 years

## The Growth of Our Amazing Rescue Community

In March 2019, we took a big step forward by launching our official Facebook page. What started as a small platform to share our mission, quickly became a thriving community of dog lovers. Within just one month, we reached 250 followers and within a year, that number soared to 5000.

By October 2021, we were thrilled to welcome our 10000th follower, a milestone that reinforced the incredible support and passion behind our work. Fast forward to today and we are proud to have over 15000 followers standing with us to support our rescued dogs.

This growth isn't just about numbers, it's about lives changed. Every like, share, comment and message has helped us connect dogs with loving homes, secure much needed donations and raise awareness about responsible pet ownership. You, our amazing supporters, make this possible!

As we continue to grow, we remain committed to education, rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs in need. Thank you for being part of our journey. Here's to saving even more lives together!!





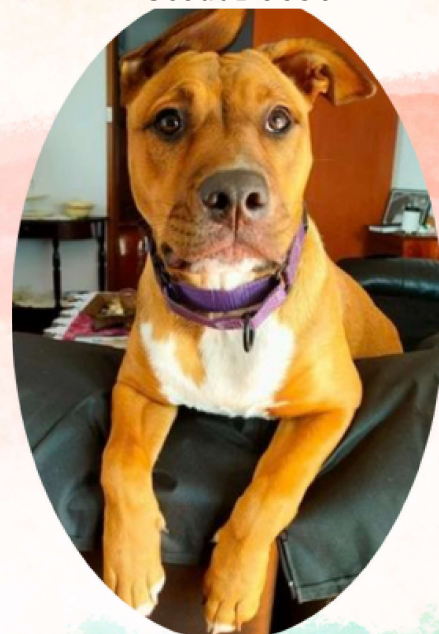
# BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

Scooby D0823



We adopted Scooby when he was 11 weeks old and since that day we have fallen completely in love. From the moment we opened the front door Scooby knew it was his home and he ran straight to his toys (we may have spoiled him). The first day he spent playing, exploring and sitting on the couch having cuddles and watching TV. Scooby has grown so much since he first arrived. We learnt that Scooby loves water, whether it's the ocean, his little shell pool or the house, even spray bottles 😄 He is equally energetic as he is sweet and cuddly. He is also afraid of the curtains when they move. Scooby has captured our heart's and we couldn't imagine life without him. He is our baby and our best friend - Gabby

Scout D0695



From day one Scout has loved every person as well as every dog we've met. In the mornings she would prefer a full on cuddle in our laps than breakfast. She has done some normal puppy destruction, but we have thanked our lucky stars that she doesn't like shoes or washing. She is totally ball obsessed but that helps with exercising her. We've had our challenges with allergies, but we think we've now cracked it, and she is now on a single protein diet. It's naturally more expensive but it's the price you pay for the amount of love we receive back from her. We both love her to death - Cara

Reef D0814

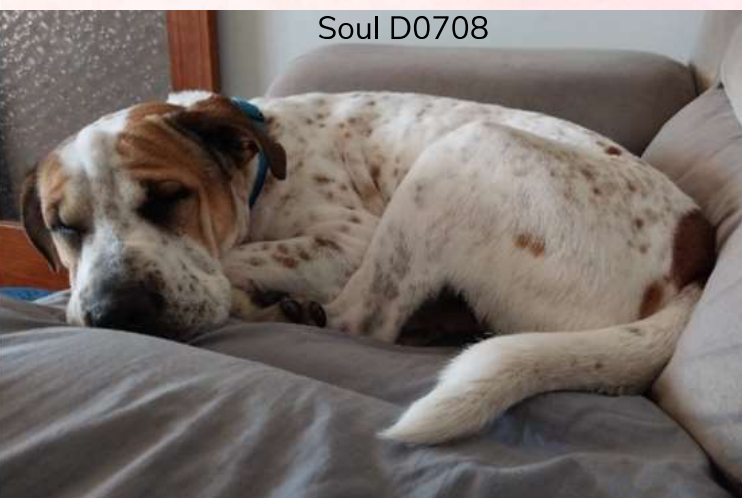


We lost our old girl Becky not long before we adopted Reef. Our other dog Nala was lost without a companion, and Reef and Nala soon became the best of friends. Reef has become a crucial part of our family, with his funny attitude and loving nature. We have lots of snuggles and even some nightly chats where he barks about his day - Nadia





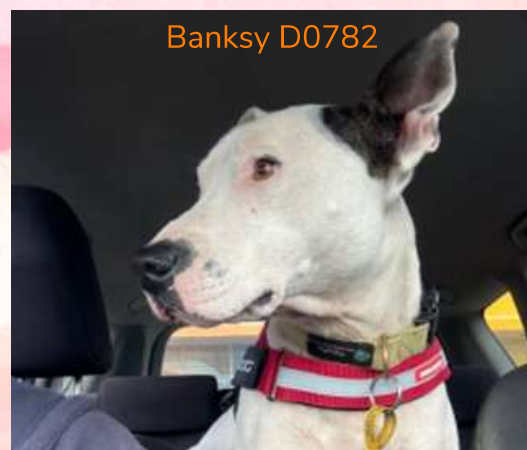
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Soul D0708

We are so grateful to BARRC for the excellent work they do! I have had Lexie (Soul) for a year now and couldn't imagine life without her. She loves fetch, walks, car rides, meeting people and dogs and did I mention fetch! She is my shadow at home following me wherever I go. I love my Lexie girl and the companionship she has added to my life! Thankyou BARRC! - Alicia

It's been a joy to have such a loving devoted friend in Banksy. He is 18 months old and for a rescue, he has manipulated everyone to adore him. The vet said he is the best rescue she has seen. - Lester



Banksy D0782



Selkie D0792

When we first welcomed Selkie into our home, she was hesitant and reserved, unsure of affection. We were even told she might never be the super affectionate dog we were hoping for. Now? We can't get her off the bed! She's become the ultimate cuddle bug. Selkie hadn't been on many lead walks before and at first, she struggled on the leash and around other dogs. With patience, ongoing training, and plenty of positive experiences with family dogs and energetic kids, she is learning to trust.

She is realising that she's safe, loved, and that not everything on wheels is a threat (though we're still working on that one!). She's even embraced some classic puppy behaviour like developing a taste for shoes. As her confidence continues to build, we're excited to introduce her to even more enriching activities. No matter what the future holds, one thing is certain—we are endlessly grateful for our beautiful girl.

-Darcia and Jordan



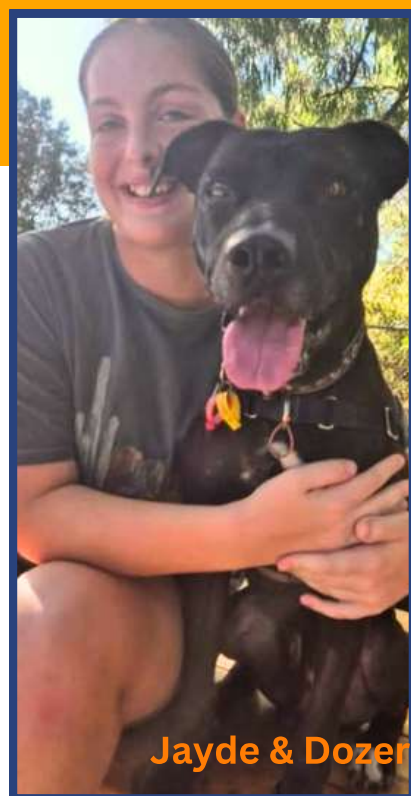


# Stories from our Vellies

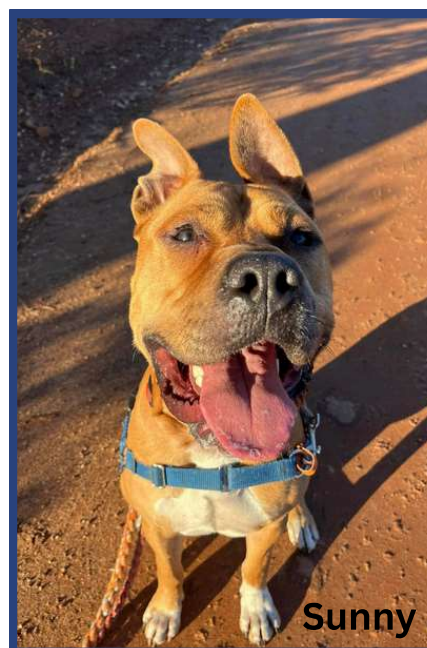
Jayde is one of our kennel volunteers and has made a significant impact at BARRC. At just 18 years old she has a Certificate II in Animal Studies and a genuine love for animals. Jayde's journey into rescue began with her deep love for all dogs. "I specifically chose to volunteer with BARRC because I adore all types of dogs," she says. One of the most rewarding parts of her experience is seeing the dogs find their forever homes. "Seeing the dogs get adopted and finally receive the love they deserve is incredibly fulfilling," she shares. Knowing that she's helped transform their lives is what motivates her to return week after week.

Among the many dogs she's cared for, one dog, Sunny, stands out. "Sunny had a funny personality, and we formed an amazing bond," Jayde recalls. Sunny, a large mastiff cross, spent four months at BARRC. Through the work of our volunteers, Sunny received the training and care he needed to find his forever home. Volunteers like Jayde play a crucial role in rebuilding trust with these dogs, who have often been let down by humans. "I didn't realise how many animals need care or how many are mistreated," she admits. This realisation has fuelled her passion for advocacy, and she is determined to raise awareness about the importance of responsible pet ownership and rescue work.

For anyone considering volunteering in animal rescue, Jayde has some simple advice: "I would highly recommend it because it gives you great satisfaction and is very rewarding. The joy of helping animals and being part of their journey to a better life is truly fulfilling". Jayde's story is a powerful reminder of how passionate individuals can make a lasting impact in the world of animal rescue.



Jayde & Dozer



Sunny





# Fix-it Friday

Our dogs come in all shapes, sizes, colours, and personalities. Some are fit and healthy, while others have health issues that need assessing. We often quietly care for these dogs, and they are adopted just like any other member of the BARRC family.

However, we decided to share with you some of the stories, challenges, and unique personalities that make these amazingly resilient dogs so special, and created “Fix-It Friday” where we share some of their stories on our Facebook page. Here are just a few



This is Louie.

He struggles to breathe.

Decades of selective breeding have led to this. Louie suffers from Brachycephalic Airway Syndrome (BAS), a disorder common in flat-faced breeds. His shortened snout has left him with an elongated soft palate that obstructs his windpipe, along with narrowed nostrils that severely limit his ability to breathe through his nose.

You can see his stitches—evidence of the surgery he underwent to widen his nostrils. Thanks to this procedure, Louie can now breathe more easily.

Gigi was taken to a rural vet clinic to be euthanised as her owner was very unwell—unfortunately, so was Gigi. However, the vet felt she was too young and too beautiful to be euthanised and instead reached out to BARRC. We quickly organized a group of volunteers to transport her from one location to another until she safely arrived in Bunbury, a 300km trip.



Gigi was diagnosed with immune-mediated thrombocytopenia (ITP), a condition in which the dog's own immune system attacks and destroys its platelets, leading to thrombocytopenia—a dangerously low platelet count. Almost any infection can overstimulate the immune system and trigger ITP. She is now receiving the medical treatment she desperately needed, and every day, her bloodwork continues to improve.

We also have Jamie with his dicky hip, and Marceline, who deserves a story all on her own as it is a long one. Let's save them for our next newsletter and hopefully they will be fighting fit and ready for adoption!



## 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

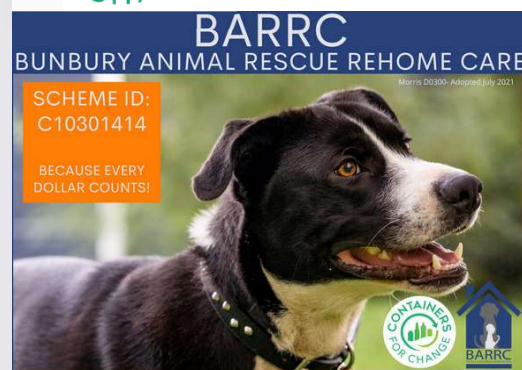
## Your Time

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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