



ANNUAL REPORT
2016/17



“Clearly, animals know more than we think,
and think a great deal more than we know.”

- Irene M. Pepperberg



RSPCA WA (Inc.) is the state's oldest, largest and leading animal welfare charity, dedicated to improving the lives of all animals throughout the state.

OUR VISION

Creating communities free of animal cruelty.

OUR MISSION

To improve the welfare of animals and ensure they are treated with dignity, compassion and respect by providing leadership and quality services in collaboration with our stakeholders.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The WA state election in March, the lead up to it and the change of government post-election were significant events during the year. For RSPCA WA, it was pleasing to see both major political parties recognising the importance the WA community places on animal welfare.



For our organisation this meant significant pre-election pledges of support from both the WA Liberal Party and WA Labor. The WA Liberal Party promised \$1.5 million in new funding for RSPCA WA to upgrade and create new animal care facilities at Malaga and land for a new centre south of Perth was included.

WA Labor pledged land and \$2 million towards a new RSPCA Animal Care Centre in Perth's southern corridor. Labor also promised to legislate to end puppy farms and indiscriminate dog breeding. RSPCA WA also received written support from the Greens, Animal Justice Party and Daylight Savings Party. The election produced a win for the WA Labor Party and we are looking forward to seeing its promises become reality.

Promising developments occurred early in the life of the new government. As the year drew to a close, we welcomed the plan to update the Animal Welfare Act (2002) and also the announcement that the government will be bringing WA into line with the rest of the country in terms of the national standards and guidelines for livestock.

The year also saw RSPCA WA launch our largest ever fundraising campaign. The considerable investment in the 20for20 Appeal was the first step to extending the reach of RSPCA WA across the state, to put more Inspectors on the roads and to build the support needed to ensure the growth of the organisation is sustainable in the long term. This investment is critical to support the role played by our Inspectors, which underpins the value and confidence placed in RSPCA WA by the community, and will enable us in the future to deploy Inspectors to the regions where they are needed most.

We thought carefully about whether graphic images of the suffering endured by some animals would be too confronting for the WA public. I was extremely encouraged by the initial response as it was evident the public understood why the campaign was needed and the reality of what our Inspectors deal with on a regular basis. Many thousands of people pledged their financial support, further establishing that animal welfare is important to West Australians, wherever they live across our huge state.

As a direct result of the campaign, the Kalgoorlie-based Inspector role has become full time covering an expanded area stretching from the Goldfields to Esperance. I look forward to providing an update next year on further progress.

With respect to finances, our investment in expanding the capacity and reach of the organisation was forecast to incur a deficit and we finished the year as expected and close to budget. This was largely due to the significant investment in new fundraising initiatives, including the massive state-wide campaign, and a new retail network of recycled designer clothing stores. These exciting developments, together with our other successful revenue generating activities, will enable RSPCA WA to expand our education and Inspectorate services, and protect thousands more animals from cruelty and neglect in future.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members who volunteer their time and expertise to support the work of RSPCA WA. Also thanks to the staff, led by Chief Executive David van Ooran, and our many dedicated volunteers across a range of areas within the organisation. By working together we are achieving great improvements for animal welfare in WA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Lynne Bradshaw'.

Lynne Bradshaw
RSPCA WA President

RSPCA WA BOARD MEMBERS

Lynne Bradshaw (President)
Ian Cowie PSM (Vice President)
Megan Dare
Michelle Mackenzie
Giselle di San Marzano
Graeme Boden
Pamela Hass
Alwyn Vorster
Renata Paliskis
Chris Mayberry
Robert Egerton-Warburton

LETTER FROM THE CEO



2016/17 has been one of good progress for animals in Western Australia, with many exciting things happening across RSPCA WA.

As part of our growth strategy, in addition to our major fundraising appeal we invested in a new network of recycled clothing stores to help generate additional income needed to fund our frontline animal protection work across the state.

One particular recent case that demonstrates the scope of this work is the Sykes and Lawson prosecution; which concluded in April this year, with some of the most significant penalties for animal cruelty that WA has ever seen. Two people, (M. Sykes and P. Lawson) were each ordered to pay a fine of \$40,000 and prohibited from owning or coming into contact with any animal for a period of ten years, in response to fourteen animal cruelty offences relating to horses and dogs at a property in South Trayning, 236km east of Perth.

When our Inspectors first arrived on the scene, they were confronted by numerous decomposing animal carcasses scattered around the property. They located emaciated dogs, some chained to trees, and horses with no access to food. While we were too late to rescue some of the animals, we did manage to save ten horses and five dogs in total, and bring their owners to justice for their suffering.

Those animals have now been rehabilitated and rehomed through our Animal Care Centre, which has shown strong outcomes across a number of areas this financial year; specifically a tripling in the number of foster carers helping with animal care and rehabilitation and a 35% increase in animal adoptions. This increase in adoptions can be attributed to more streamlined processes behind

the scenes to help animals progress through their rehabilitation and find new homes more quickly, aptly supported by a very hard-working team of staff and volunteers.

At the core of what we do, the prevention work, our education programs reached more schools this year and our targeted Community Action Days (held in areas of need) attracted close to 1,600 pet owners and provided health checks for hundreds of animals that potentially may not have received them if this service was not available. Over the last 12 months we also trained more dogs (and their owners) than ever before through RSPCA dog training classes.

Such achievements must be credited to the tireless support of our wonderful volunteers, foster carers, donors, other supporters, and staff; whose value to the organisation is impossible to quantify. I'd also like to thank our Board, led by President Lynne Bradshaw, for another year of amazing dedication and leadership to the organisation and your commitment to the welfare of all animals in our state.

David van Ooran
Chief Executive Officer

ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT 2016/17

1,177 ANIMALS ADOPTED



379 puppies & dogs



626 kittens & cats



18 horses



90 livestock



64 other*

Includes animals rehomed in Albany

**Other animals refers to guinea pigs, rabbits, birds and rats*



1,659 animals admitted

1,863 animals cared for

782 DOGS / 824 CATS / 54 HORSES

116 LIVESTOCK/ 87 OTHER

596 animals fostered



6,526 vet consultations

735 animals desexed



2,530 puppies & dogs
attended dog training

FUNDRAISING

\$4,779,512 raised
through donations

29,470 donations received

27 gifts in wills

182 corporate supporters

48 CORPORATE SPONSORS

82 PRO BONO BARRISTERS & LAWYERS

124 WORKPLACE GIVING PARTNERS

1,140 volunteers

262 foster carers

140 regional volunteers

84
employees



9,585 new Facebook
followers (43,300 total)



1,782 new Instagram
followers (4,958 total)



670,983 website
page views

INSPECTORS ON THE ROAD



309,504km travelled by
RSPCA WA Inspectors
That's approx. 9 times around the world!

5,879

cases investigated



16,052 cruelty
reports received

13 successful prosecutions
and forfeitures



COMMUNITY ACTION DAYS

1,600 attendees
over 8 events

520 pets
health
checked

130 pets
referred
for further
treatment



3,125 children reached
through education programs



**GOVERNMENT
GRANTS
\$559,199**

Just **4.9%** of
total costs

MILLION PAWS WALK

5,964 dogs
Over **6,000** people
Over **\$303,000** raised

CUPCAKE DAY

662 events hosted
Copious cupcakes
consumed



QUIZ NIGHTS

625 brains engaged
Infinite fun



HOW THE COMMUNITY GOT INVOLVED

DOGGIES DAY OUT

Over **2,000** dogs
chased **1,000** balls
around the bush!



MUDDY PAWS CHALLENGE

110 teams competed
Laundry for days!



WOMBATS & PAWS TINS

Over **\$9,000** donated
in small change

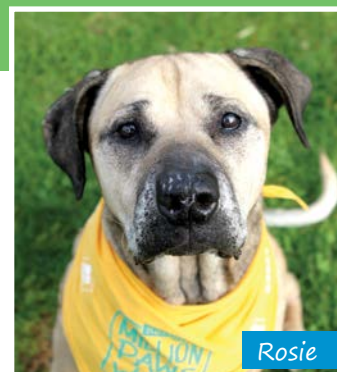


ALICE & ROSIE

Some animals pass through our care with minimal requirements for behavioural or medical intervention. Others however, require complex and long-term support, drawing on the expertise of our veterinary team, behaviour specialists, Inspectors and legal counsel. Alice and Rosie's story is one such case.



Alice



Rosie

In January 2016, RSPCA WA Inspectors attended a property in Mira Mar, Albany, following a report of two abandoned dogs in poor condition.

Alice, a then 10-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross, and Rosie, a 12-year-old Mastiff cross - were found in the back yard of the home, extremely emaciated; with their ribs, hips and spine clearly visible. Both dogs were suffering from severe flea infestations; which for Alice, had developed into a large, infected skin wound resembling a burn across her entire rump.



Alice & Rosie when found

RSPCA WA Inspectors seized the dogs and transported them to a local vet clinic for immediate treatment. Painfully underweight, they were rated at a body condition score of just one out of nine; and their initial assessment detailed a number of other health concerns including multiple skin sores, eye infections, extensive hair loss and broken teeth. Both dogs received treatment for infection and flea infestation, and were started on nutritional support of small, regular meals that were easy to chew and digest. Blood samples were also taken to investigate any underlying health concerns and support the investigation.

When they were strong enough to travel, Alice and Rosie were transported to our Animal Care Centre in Malaga for ongoing care and treatment while their case was investigated.

Under the care of the RSPCA WA veterinary team, they received extensive medical treatment to heal their injuries and repair the damage to their bodies. Both dogs also required ongoing treatment for their ageing joints, including joint support medication and pain management to relieve discomfort.

In addition to the large wound on her rump, the tip of Alice's tail had essentially died and needed to be amputated; and her teeth were in such poor condition that she required extensive extraction surgery to remove a number of broken teeth.

Rosie's treatment involved multiple surgeries to remove a number of masses from her body, some of which were found to be cancerous, and ongoing treatment to clear up her infected eyes.

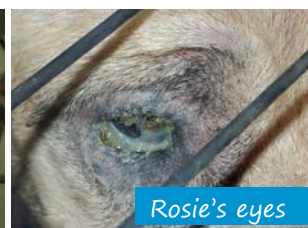
MEDICAL TREATMENT SUMMARY

ALICE ROSIE

Vet consultations (surgeries, x-rays, check-ups etc.)	50+	50+
Prescriptions of medication	36	48
Preventative treatments administered (parasite prevention and vaccinations)	24	18



Alice's teeth



Rosie's eyes

Despite spending a lot of time in the vet clinic, Alice and Rosie also got to enjoy the comforts of foster care, and experience life in a 'normal' home where they were well cared for, as all pets should be. Their foster carers were committed to their rehabilitation - both medically and behaviourally - and this not only aided their recovery but allowed Alice and Rosie to thrive.

In February, following a year-long investigation, Alice and Rosie's owner was convicted of animal cruelty in the Albany Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty to two charges of neglect. He received a two year prohibition from owning any animal and was ordered to pay a \$2,300 fine per dog to the State Government and \$1,697.24 in vet bills.



Alice on adoption day!

THANK YOU

With their case finally over, it was time for them to find their forever homes. Rosie's foster carer had formed a deep bond with her and decided that they would like to

adopt her, but soon after it was sadly discovered that Rosie's cancer had returned. This time it was serious; the cancer had progressed quickly and spread to her lymph nodes. After all she had been through in her life, and more recently her recovery, Rosie's fight had come to an end. The cancer was advanced, and Rosie's prognosis was poor, so the same



Alice's rump now

veterinary team that had poured so much effort into Rosie's recovery for the last 18 months had to make the difficult decision to do what was needed to end her suffering.

Thankfully Alice (now named Allie) got her happy-ever-after, and was adopted by a lady named Melanie who had seen her story on our Facebook page and wanted to give her the loving home that she so desperately deserved. Allie has settled well into her new home, and is enjoying life as a much loved family pet.

We would like to sincerely thank Bruce Hocking from Bradley Bayly Legal for his pro bono representation of RSPCA WA on Alice and Rosie's case, and all our supporters who enable us to rescue animals like Alice and Rosie, each and every day.

RSPCA WA would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of these animal lovers whose legacies live on through gifts they left in their Wills to support animals in need.

- Heidrun (Heidi) Erika Chall
- Helen Adelina Dorothy Campbell
- Evelyn I Wilkinson
- Ingo Krug
- Stephen Orner
- Peter Davy
- Charlotte Mary Barrett
- Alice Roberts
- Patricia Farrell
- Frederick Stephen Hale
- Elisabeth Bonaventura Macknow
- Gerritje Visser
- John Ter Beek
- Joan M Street
- Pamela Mary Carter
- Else (Lu) Hobbs
- Joseph John Thomas
- Norma F Bourne
- Iris Chapman
- Florence Eleanor Howell
- Kathleen Grant
- Gladys M Gulson
- Ausma Jones
- Irene Thelma Ferguson
- Lieselotte Katharina Orlowski
- Gary Edward Leuba
- Patricia Evelyn Gallaher
- Minerva Dobelstein
- Henrietta Parkes
- Graeme Ross Lay
- Kathleen Marian Roberts
- Pauline Ann Cowan

We would also like to thank the following Trusts and Foundations for their ongoing support:

- The Elizabeth Stamos Charitable Trust
- Agnes Margaret Jones
- The Margaret Harper Charitable Trust
- Estate Late Jean Marion Isobel Balston
- Doris Janet Frith Charitable Trust
- The Girls Trust
- Jean Bladen Foundation

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia, Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The financial statements cover RSPCA WA Inc. as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is RSPCA WA Inc.'s functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 28 September 2017.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTE	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	2	8,031,197	8,681,532
Profit on sale of asset	8	2,282,910	-
Total revenue		10,314,107	8,681,532
EXPENSES			
Employee expense		(6,247,323)	(5,503,271)
Depreciation expense		(344,037)	(381,099)
Operating lease expense		(326,876)	(210,359)
Other operating costs	3	(4,409,823)	(2,941,633)
Finance and investment costs	13	(62,593)	(58,776)
Deficit before income tax expense		(1,076,545)	(413,606)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	1 (a)	-	-
Deficit after income tax expense		(1,076,545)	(413,606)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Changes in the fair value of financial assets	14	195,718	(178,279)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		(880,827)	(591,885)



A full copy of the financial statements including the statement by the Board of Directors, the Independent Auditor's Report and Statement of Significant Accounting Procedures, can be found on the RSPCA WA website at: www.rspcawa.asn.au/about/publications

BALANCE SHEET

	NOTE	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,880,726	2,699,353
Trade and other receivables	5	501,623	906,017
Inventory	6	56,265	58,382
Financial assets	7	138,870	98,541
Assets classified as held for sale	8	-	168,403
Total current assets		3,577,484	3,930,696
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	7	4,794,024	5,026,206
Property plant and equipment	9	3,349,738	3,373,278
Intangible assets	10	14,505	14,030
Total non current assets		8,158,267	8,413,514
TOTAL ASSETS		11,735,751	12,344,210
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	798,221	641,939
Employee provisions	12	353,204	250,408
Total current liabilities		1,151,425	892,347
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	12	27,238	13,948
Total non current liabilities		27,238	13,948
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,178,663	906,295
NET ASSETS		10,557,088	11,437,915
EQUITY			
Retained surplus	14	9,977,464	1,054,009
Financial assets reserve	14	579,624	383,906
TOTAL EQUITY		10,557,088	11,437,915



RSPCA WA relies on donations and community support to generate more than 90% of the funds required to sustain its animal protection work.

To donate, please visit www.rspcawa.asn.au



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