



“When I look into the eyes of an animal,
I do not see an animal. I see a living being.”
I see a friend. I feel a soul.

- A D Williams



Lamby



Brutus



The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Western Australia (RSPCA WA) 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 CHAIR

I hope 2017/18 will be remembered as a watershed year for the live export industry. Certainly, it will never be forgotten for the shocking sight of Australian sheep, many produced in WA, suffering and dying on the *Awassi Express*, a live export voyage to the Middle East.



After the story broke in April, RSPCA WA took a major role in the subsequent national campaign. As the year ended, live sheep exports were suspended but the long-term situation remained unclear. The *Awassi* incident once again showed live sheep exports are inherently cruel and we hope it will prove to be the turning point towards the trade being replaced by meat exports.

At the start of the reporting year, the new WA Government followed through with its pre-election pledge to introduce legislation to stop puppy farming and indiscriminate dog breeding. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries established a Stop Puppy Farming Implementation Working Group with representatives from key stakeholder groups including RSPCA WA. RSPCA WA has advocated strongly for the legislation which will end much animal suffering in WA where, at the moment, dog breeding is totally unregulated. Towards the end of the year, public consultation had commenced and we put forward a detailed submission and advocated strongly for the WA community to get involved.

At the end of 2017, the Minister for Agriculture announced plans to update the *Animal Welfare Act (2002)* and, in the meantime, to amend the Act to allow the national standards for livestock to be implemented in WA. As the year ended, the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill was still being debated by the WA Parliament.

During the year, RSPCA WA launched the Pets in Crisis Program offering refuge for pets from households experiencing family violence. Demand for the program has continued to increase and we were delighted to receive a grant of \$100,000 from the State Government helping us to help families and their pets in need. During the 2017/18 year, the program assisted 40 families by providing 1,550 days of safe foster care for 40 pets, 22 dogs and 18 cats. Of those, 27 pets were reunited with their owners and 13 were surrendered to us to be re-homed.

In March, our members voted for RSPCA WA to become a Company Limited by Guarantee, a more appropriate structure for an organisation of our size and capability. As the year closed, we were preparing to operate under this new structure and because of the timing of this transition our AGM for the 2018 year will be held later than usual.

In June, our CEO David van Ooran resigned to take up a new position. I sincerely thank David for his six and a half years of hard work and dedication to RSPCA WA. Under David's leadership, RSPCA WA has seen considerable growth and development across all business units and activities and we wish him well in his new role.

As the end of the year approached, the Board commenced an Australia-wide search for a new CEO. In the meantime, RSPCA WA is in experienced hands with Ben Cave, who has been with us for two and a half years as Executive Manager of Business Services, being appointed Acting CEO.

Overall, the year has been one of great achievements combined with real challenges. Financially, we had planned for a sizeable deficit in 2018 as we continued our long-term investment in sustainable fundraising. The 20for20 campaign was successful with many new donors on board however fundraising events and sponsorship fell short of expectations. We are thankful so many people did generously support the animal welfare cause we all stand for despite the tough economic conditions. In the end, our total revenue was ahead of expectations due to continued support via bequests. But, we still ended the year with a deficit, mainly due to our inspectorate, which costs many times the amount we receive from the State Government.

Despite the challenges, it is thanks to my colleagues on the Board, the RSPCA WA staff, volunteers and supporters and everyone who is part of our wonderful RSPCA WA family that we have also achieved great things for animal welfare during the year.

Lynne Bradshaw
RSPCA WA President

RSPCA WA BOARD MEMBERS

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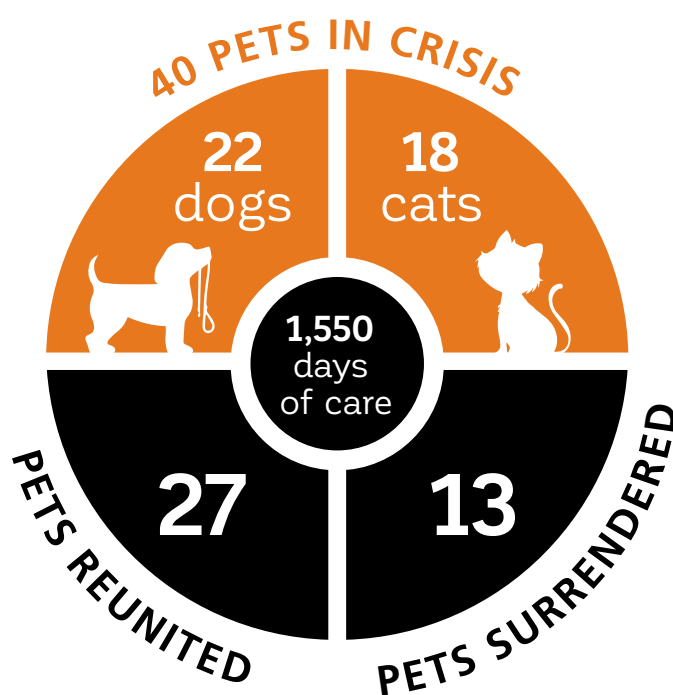
Alwyn Vorster (until 29 June 2018)

PETS IN CRISIS TRIAL PROGRAM A SUCCESS

RSPCA WA received a grant of \$100,000 from the Western Australian Government in July 2017 to establish a trial of the Pets in Crisis Program. Pets in Crisis offers a temporary home for pets from households experiencing family and domestic violence while their owner seeks refuge or safe, temporary accommodation of their own.

Pets are often used as a manipulation tool in family and domestic violence situations, and many women will delay seeking help for fear of what may happen to their pets. The Pets in Crisis program helps to alleviate some of the logistical stress of escaping a dangerous home environment.

Throughout the year, RSPCA WA has worked with women's shelters, WA Police and other support network partners to promote the program. As well as placing at-risk pets in foster care, a number of shelters around Perth now provide short-term emergency accommodation for pets while foster care arrangements can be made as part of the Pets in Crisis program.



Pets in Crisis Educational video
viewed over
270,000 times



300 info packs distributed to shelters, police stations and other support networks



70+ veterinary procedures performed by Vetwest, relieving pressure on families and helping traumatised animals



300+ parasite treatments provided to animals in care



More women's refuges in Perth now have short-term emergency accommodation for pets



Approx. \$65,000

Additional in-kind support from eight corporate partners

ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT 2017/18

1,095 ANIMALS ADOPTED



384 puppies & dogs



562 kittens & cats



6 horses



52 livestock



91 other*

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



3,150 puppies & dogs
attended dog training



6,567 vet consultations
789 animals desexed

SHELTER NUMBERS

1,804 animals admitted

2,017 animals cared for

827 dogs • 823 cats • 33 horses
23 livestock • 311 other

470 animals fostered



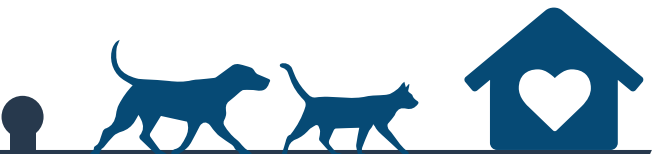
9,860 new Facebook
followers (59,855 total)



2,435 new Instagram
followers (7,351 total)



710,442 website
page views



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

61 bequests received

23 gifts from trusts & foundations

182 corporate supporters

53 businesses provided in-kind support
51 pro bono barristers & lawyers
111 workplace giving partners
21 matched giving partners



GOVERNMENT GRANTS

\$619,000

Just 5% of total costs



INSPECTORS ON THE ROAD



263,316km travelled by
RSPCA WA Inspectors
That's approx. 7½ times around the world!

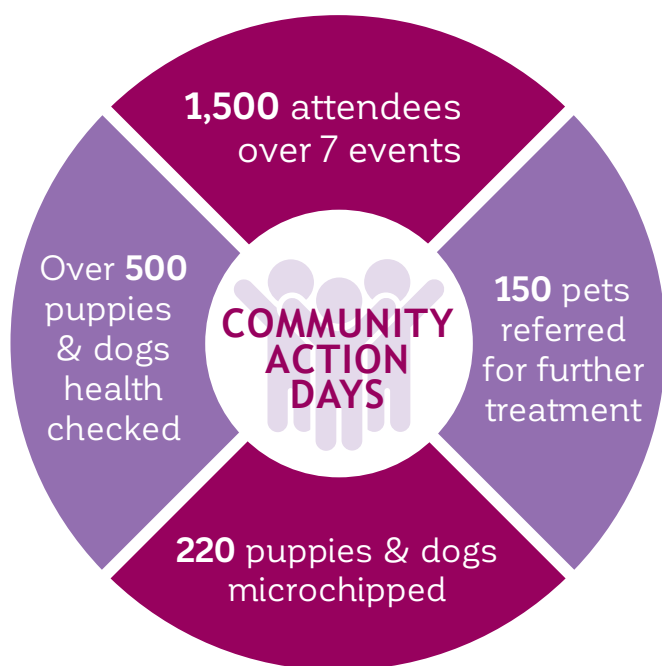
19,061
cruelty reports
received



6,057
cases
investigated

11 prosecutions and **6** forfeitures
involving **60** animals

13 puppies • 20 dogs • 7 cats • 8 sheep
4 birds • 7 rabbits • 1 pig



OUR PEOPLE

1,656 volunteers providing
an average of **3,000**
hours per month

265 foster carers

100 employees

HOW THE COMMUNITY GOT INVOLVED

MILLION PAWS WALK

3000+ dogs
Over **6000** people

CUPCAKE DAY

631 events hosted
Copious amounts
of cupcakes baked

QUIZ NIGHTS

900 brains engaged
for **infinite fun & prizes**

REHABILITATING AND REHOMING WA'S ANIMALS IN NEED

An important aspect of the work RSPCA WA does is rehabilitating and rehoming the large percentage of the animals in our care who are surrendered by their owners. This is in addition to investigating cruelty reports, rescuing animals and prosecuting offenders for animal cruelty.

In the 2017-18 financial year, there were 1804 incoming animals to RSPCA WA - of these, more than 40% were surrendered to Inspectors.

Animals who require rehabilitation can spend anywhere from eight weeks to several months or much longer in our care. The cost of each animal's treatment ranges from several hundred dollars to upwards of \$6000, depending on their medical needs and behavioural rehabilitation.

No matter how long it takes, RSPCA WA will explore all medical and behavioural avenues to ensure animals in our care have the best chance of finding loving new homes.

Maxwell, Ernie, Moosh and Rubble are four animals who were surrendered to RSPCA WA Inspectors during the past financial year.

Each animal had their own challenges to overcome and drew on the expertise of our Inspectors, veterinary team and behaviour team. Without the generous support of donors and supporters, animals like these, and many thousands of others, could suffer indefinitely.

Maxwell

Maxwell, a 10-month-old American Staffy cross, was surrendered to Inspector Fiona in Kalgoorlie in May 2018.

Maxwell's owner told us he'd been hit by a car and sustained a fracture to his hind leg - it had been left untreated because he couldn't afford the surgery. Maxwell had been in pain for a number of weeks.



Maxwell's broken leg xray and Maxwell with his new "pawrents" following adoption

Once safely in Inspector Fiona's care, Maxwell was taken to Kalgoorlie Veterinary Clinic, where he got the all-clear to fly to Perth, thanks to our valued partnership with AeroPets.

At RSPCA WA's Animal Care Centre in Malaga, Maxwell was examined by the vet team, who found, aside from his fracture, that he was a healthy pup.

Maxwell underwent surgery to stabilise his leg using four metal pins. His recovery required weeks of strict cage rest, which posed a challenge for the behaviour team, given he was still in the early stages of development.

Energetic Maxwell soon became frustrated with being confined to a cage, despite a variety of enrichment tools to keep his mind busy. The work of RSPCA WA's behaviour specialists was crucial in making sure Maxwell blossomed into a well-behaved dog, giving him the best chance to find a new home.

They worked with Maxwell daily to reinforce his calm behaviour, but this was challenging given Maxwell was overstimulated by touch - a sign he had lacked appropriate handling in his previous home.

After four months in care, and an estimated \$6000 spent on his rescue and rehabilitation, he developed into a healthy young dog - both mentally and physically - and he went home with a loving family in September.

Ernie



Ernie on arrival at RSPCA WA's Animal Care Centre, followed by Ernie's adoption profile photo

Ernie, a two-year-old American Staffy cross, was surrendered in February 2018 to a RSPCA WA Inspector, because his owner could not afford to treat his severe dermatitis.

At RSPCA WA's Animal Care Centre, vets examined his patchy, sore skin and developed a treatment plan. Ernie's treatment plan included 10 different medications, a special diet and more than 54 medicated baths. He also had surgery on his right ear to treat a haematoma.

It took time, but with the right care, Ernie's skin condition calmed down and his shiny coat started to grow back.

After all he'd been through, Ernie was struggling with some behavioural issues. He was an anxious boy, who was easily startled when approached by anyone unfamiliar.

RSPCA WA behaviour specialists worked extensively with Ernie during his six months in care. The team reinforced Ernie's calm behaviour around new people by rewarding him with food and praise, which helped him overcome his fears.

The many hours and estimated \$5500 spent on Ernie's rehabilitation ensured he went home with the perfect new family in September.

Moosh

Five-year-old Moosh came to the RSPCA Animal Care Centre in March 2018 with a painful-looking lesion on her nose. Moosh's owners had not sought vet treatment for the lesion and surrendered her into RSPCA WA's care. Moosh was taken straight to our Animal Care Centre for treatment.



Vets were initially concerned Moosh's lesion was cancerous, but a punch biopsy revealed it was instead the result of a severe form of dermatitis, which was successfully treated with a course of steroids.



RSPCA veterinary surgeons were also concerned about Moosh's teeth. They performed two dental surgeries to remove seven teeth, which had been damaged by infection. Moosh was also found to be significantly overweight at 7kg. Thanks to her special Hills Science Diet, Moosh lost just over 15% of her body weight while in RSPCA WA's care.

After three months, and \$2300 spent on her rehabilitation, Moosh went home with her forever family, who have continued working towards her ideal weight of about 4.5kg.

Rubble

Rubble, a one-year-old Bull Arab cross, was surrendered to a RSPCA WA Inspector in May.

Initial assessments by RSPCA veterinary surgeons found a number of health concerns, including ear and eye issues, extensive hair loss and severe dermatitis associated with mites.

Rubble's coat was patchy and his skin was thickened and dry. He was given a specific treatment to kill the mites, along with antibiotics and steroids to treat the secondary inflammation and skin infection. Rubble was also suffering with entropion - a condition in which the eyelid rolls inwards against the eyeball, causing scratchy irritation of the eye by the lashes.

RSPCA vets treated Rubble's entropion with two surgeries, after the condition was re-triggered by a bout of conjunctivitis. During the course of his treatment, Rubble was also found to have a grade one heart murmur. A specialist cardiac ultrasound was conducted and, despite the murmur, Rubble's heart was found to be functioning normally, which meant he was ready to find his forever home.

In October, after five months in RSPCA WA's care and an estimated \$4500 spent on his rehabilitation, Rubble found a new home, where he's enjoying life as a much-loved family pet.



Rubble on arrival at RSPCA WA's Animal Care Centre compared to Rubble today, looking healthy

These four stories are just a snapshot of the love and care that was invested into the animals who were surrendered to RSPCA WA Inspectors in the 2017-18 financial year.

Working with owners to prevent welfare issues early is a key aspect of RSPCA WA's work towards communities free from cruelty.

In cases like these, where Inspectors determine that the care of their pets is beyond the owner's capacity, RSPCA WA's limited resources are best focussed on rescuing the animals, getting them the care they need and beginning their rehabilitation as quickly as possible.

If an Inspector has evidence to show that someone has intentionally harmed an animal, or an owner has wilfully neglected their pet, a prosecution will be sought.

We would like to sincerely thank all our supporters who enable us to take in animals like Maxwell, Ernie, Moosh and Rubble and give them the second chance they so deserve.

We'd also like to thank the range of external, specialist organisations who assist with the care of animals: Hill's Pet Nutrition for feeding the dogs and cats in RSPCA WA's care, AeroPets for transporting animals from regional WA to Perth for treatment, and Advantage Petcare for keeping the animals at our shelter in Malaga free from ticks, worms and fleas.



Transforming Lives™

We'd like to thank Hill's for supporting the RSPCA for over 10 years. As well as sponsoring the annual Million Paws Walk event, the company provides Hill's Science Diet to feed animals in every RSPCA shelter across Australia throughout the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Western Australia), Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2018.

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

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 27 September 2018.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue	2	10,125,561	8,031,197
Profit on sale of asset	8	-	2,282,910
Total Revenue		10,125,561	10,314,107
EXPENSES			
Employee expense		(6,433,432)	(6,247,323)
Depreciation expense		(306,723)	(344,037)
Operating lease expense		(388,583)	(326,876)
Other operating costs	3	(4,333,060)	(4,409,823)
Finance and investment costs	12	(56,359)	(62,593)
Deficit before income tax expense		(1,392,596)	(1,076,545)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	1 (a)	-	-
Deficit after income tax expense		(1,392,596)	(1,076,545)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Changes in the fair value of financial assets	13	(74,837)	195,718
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(1,467,433)	(880,827)



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	2018 \$	2017 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,515,036	2,880,726
Trade and other receivables	5	394,801	501,623
Inventory	6	65,286	56,265
Financial assets	7	185,244	138,870
Total current assets		2,160,367	3,577,484
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	7	4,761,716	4,794,024
Property plant and equipment	8	3,153,561	3,349,738
Intangible assets	9	11,425	14,505
Total non current assets		7,926,702	8,158,267
TOTAL ASSETS		10,087,069	11,735,751
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	591,526	798,221
Employee provisions	11	357,207	353,204
Total current liabilities		948,733	1,151,425
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	11	48,681	27,238
Non current liabilities		48,681	27,238
TOTAL LIABILITIES		997,414	1,178,663
NET ASSETS		9,089,655	10,557,088
EQUITY			
Retained surplus	13	8,584,868	9,977,464
Financial assets reserve	13	504,787	579,624
TOTAL EQUITY		9,089,655	10,557,088

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