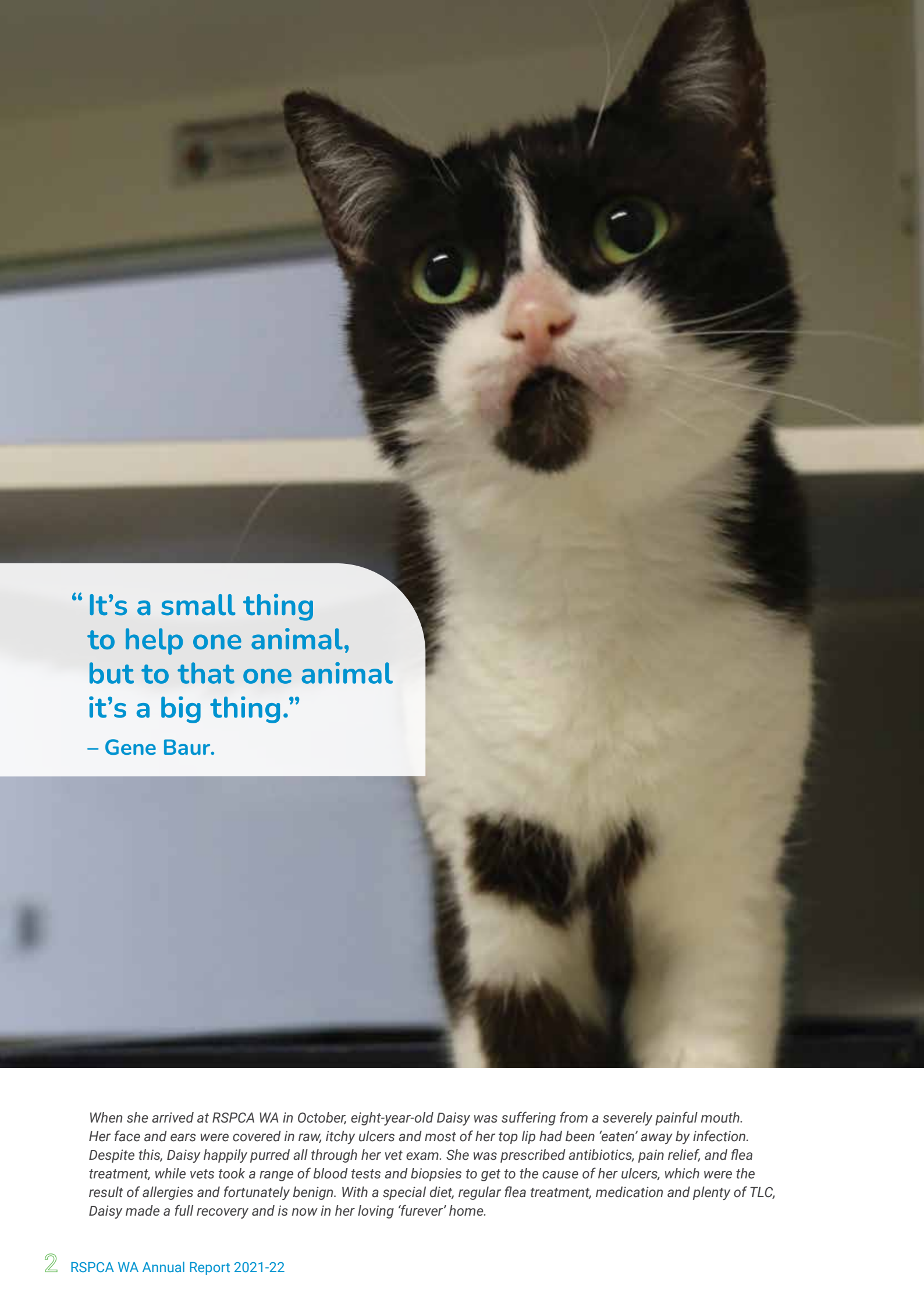


ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



A black and white cat with green eyes is looking up. The cat has a white face with a black patch around its eyes and a black patch on its chest. It has a pink nose and whiskers. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

**“It’s a small thing
to help one animal,
but to that one animal
it’s a big thing.”**

– Gene Baur.

When she arrived at RSPCA WA in October, eight-year-old Daisy was suffering from a severely painful mouth. Her face and ears were covered in raw, itchy ulcers and most of her top lip had been ‘eaten’ away by infection. Despite this, Daisy happily purred all through her vet exam. She was prescribed antibiotics, pain relief, and flea treatment, while vets took a range of blood tests and biopsies to get to the cause of her ulcers, which were the result of allergies and fortunately benign. With a special diet, regular flea treatment, medication and plenty of TLC, Daisy made a full recovery and is now in her loving ‘forever’ home.

VISION

A Western Australian community free of animal cruelty where the welfare of all animals is respected and maintained at all times.

MISSION

Prevent animal cruelty and improve the welfare of all animals by providing leadership and quality service to WA in collaboration with our partners and stakeholders.

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 Western Australia.

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ANIMAL CARE

2380 injured, neglected, abandoned or stray animals cared for.



INSPECTORATE

6444 cases of animal cruelty investigated by inspectors.



COMPLIANCE

26 cases prosecuted and 2 civil forfeitures conducted.



ADVOCACY

Continued to fight for better welfare for all animals in WA.



EDUCATION

3751 students and young people reached through programs in schools and RSPCA WA's School Holiday Program.

Cover: In March, our inspectors responded to a cruelty report about a severely emaciated dog and her worm-riddled puppies in a filthy suburban backyard. Hazelnut was just skin and bone yet still trying to feed her seven hungry babies. Mum and pups were rescued and after months of love and care, Hazelnut and her pups have all been adopted.



CHAIR'S REPORT

Each year as I pen this message for the RSPCA WA annual report, I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on all the previous year has contained.

Time goes so quickly and it's all too easy to get caught up in day-to-day activities and planning for the future. Often, we forget the importance of taking the time to look back and recognise achievements and celebrate successes. Many of our animal welfare achievements have been years in the making, especially if they require changes to government legislation.

As RSPCA WA enters its 130th year of operation, the one thing that remains the same is that there are still too many animals suffering due to cruelty, neglect, and poor government policy. Together with our dedicated supporters and like-minded organisations, we continue to see positive change, albeit slowly in some areas.

2021-22 marked a major milestone for dog welfare with the passing of the *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021*. It includes important checks and balances to end irresponsible and indiscriminate dog breeding.

In June, thanks to an increase in State Government funding, RSPCA WA appointed its first-ever inspector in the Kimberley. Based in Broome, the inspector is working with local rangers, communities, rescue groups and WA Police to protect animals from cruelty, rescue animals from dangerous situations and work with owners and the community to teach people ways to better care for their animals. Our aim is to have an inspector footprint across the state with regional equity being a vital component. After all, animal cruelty has no boundaries.

In another positive for the year, RSPCA WA welcomed a \$1 million expansion of the Pets in Crisis program into the Great Southern and South West. Pets in Crisis provides a temporary home for pets whose owners are experiencing family and domestic violence. Pets are placed in a loving foster home for up to three months while their owner seeks refuge or temporary accommodation of their own.

This year saw continued requests for surrender by pet owners unable to find a pet-friendly rental property.

The issue was influenced by low rent stock, rising rents and increased cost of living pressures. RSPCA WA continued to work with the State Government to amend the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987*, so landlords have to provide a good reason to refuse a renter's request to keep a pet. I hope to bring you good news on this front in next year's report.

Thank you to my fellow directors for their strategic leadership throughout 2021-22. Thank you also to CEO Ben Cave, for steering the organisation and senior managers, staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to our generous donors and supporters without whom we simply would not be able to exist. Without them the world would be a bleaker place for Western Australia's animals.

Lynne Bradshaw AM
Chair, RSPCA WA



CEO REPORT

2021-22 was a year marked by growth and change at RSPCA WA. Demand for our services continued to increase as cost of living rises and rental shortages impacted people and pets across the state.

Our Community Action Days—held in areas that generate high numbers of welfare reports—were heavily attended during the year. More than 1160 pet owners accessed free health checks, pet food, microchipping and flea and worm treatments at these days as we continued to work to keep pets and owners together.

Despite this, our animal numbers increased by 23 per cent over the year, including a 189 per cent increase in the number of animals seized by our inspectors. This correlated with a 116 per cent increase in cases prosecuted for the year from 12 in 2020-21 to 26. While we always try to resolve cruelty complaints through education and assistance, sometimes prosecuting owners is the only option. In cases of deliberate violence, extreme neglect, or when owners simply won't accept help, inspectors have no choice but to seize animals to prevent further suffering.

Our inspectorate capability was enhanced during the year with two new vehicles, purchased thanks to a Lotterywest grant. Our inspectors, along with our wider animal services team, also moved into new office and administration space on-site at the Animal Care Centre in Malaga.

Educating children about how to interact with animals responsibly and safely, and to build empathy and compassion in our community, continued to be a focus of RSPCA WA in 2021-22 with 232 schools signing up to deliver our AWARE (Animal Wellbeing: Awareness, Responsibility and Education) program. Along with the 370 students who attended our school holiday program, we were able to reach over 3750 young people with positive animal welfare messaging.

A difficult decision we made during the year was to close our last three remaining op shops. There had been increasing challenges to their sustainability resulting from unreliable sales, broader challenges in the economy and increasing operating costs. With the shops no longer providing meaningful income to support our mission, we made the decision to close

each of them as their leases drew toward an end. It was an especially difficult decision as some of our op shop volunteers were among our longest standing supporters and I extend my heartfelt thanks to them, and the staff members who ran these shops over many years.

Looking forward, our challenges lie in building and maintaining capacity to carry out our vital work in enforcement, rehabilitation, advocacy and education. Broader economic pressures, a tough labour market and an increasingly crowded not-for-profit arena all need to be navigated as we continue to improve the lives of animals throughout Western Australia.

Finally, I would like to thank Chair Lynne Bradshaw and the Board of Directors for their support, as well as my executive team and all staff, volunteers, donors and supporters. It is an honour to hold this role and see every day the talent and dedication people bring to animal welfare in Western Australia.

Ben Cave
CEO, RSPCA WA

RSPCA WA DIRECTORS

All of RSPCA WA's Directors are among the leading animal welfare advocates in WA.



Lynne Bradshaw AM (Chair)

- Leadership
- Business Development
- Government Relations



Darren Smith (Deputy Chair)

- Strategic Growth
- Management
- Business Innovation



Ian Cowie PSM

- Governance
- Strategy
- Policy



Michelle Mackenzie

- Community Relations
- Public Policy
- Local Government



Michelle De Ronchi

- Business Acumen
- Leadership



Alice Manners

- Marketing & Communications
- Partnerships
- Business Innovation



Jamie Hamilton

- Corporate Finance
- Project Management



Gregory Paust

- Agriculture
- Corporate Services
- Government Relations

RSPCA WA EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

In addition to Ben, our CEO, there are four Executive Managers dedicated to ensuring RSPCA WA delivers on its mission and strategic goals.



Ben Cave

Chief
Executive
Officer



Hannah Dreaver

Animal &
Enforcement
Operations



Ken Doran

Fundraising
& Programs



Louise Rowe

Media,
Marketing & PR



Sara Broadhurst

Finance &
Shared Services

INSPECTORATE REPORT

RSPCA WA is the state's only animal welfare charity with inspectors empowered to investigate and prosecute offences under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*. In 2021-22, our 11 inspectors covered 312,926kms investigating 6444 reports of cruelty.

Inspectors operate in the Perth metro area and out of Kalgoorlie, Albany, Bunbury and Geraldton. A Kimberley inspector was appointed on 30 June and will start work in 2022-23 once his training is complete. Not every animal we work with ends up in our care. RSPCA inspectors work with people to try and educate them and give them a better understanding of how to care for their animals. This helps break the cycle of neglect; not only does the animal in question benefit, so do any future animals the person may own. If the owner has a family, family members also get to see responsible pet ownership in action.



Toffee's sweet rescue

In late May we received a call about an abandoned dog on a large property in Henley Brook. When Inspector Hayley arrived on the scene, she couldn't get within 40 metres of poor frightened Toffee. The five-year-old bulldog was sprinting back and forth along the fence line barking.

Hayley left food and water, coming back every day and spending around an hour each time, inching closer and closer. Toffee was trembling and cowering with her tail tucked so tight.

It was slow and very patient work, but by the seventh day Hayley could feed Toffee roast chicken by hand through the fence. She was cautiously wagging her tail and even allowing Hayley to pat her.

Hayley said she felt as it Toffee had decided, 'I need to trust this person.'

On day 11, when Toffee ran up to Hayley's inspector vehicle and jumped inside, Hayley said she was 'crying happy tears'.

Toffee received health care and behaviour training at the RSPCA in Malaga before being adopted by her forever family.

Record-breaking guinea pigs

RSPCA WA inspectors rescued a whopping 56 guinea pigs from a single home in April, many of them pregnant.

The breeding frenzy started with two pregnant females at a Wanneroo house six years ago, and ballooned unchecked, before the RSPCA intervened and worked with the overwhelmed owner to have the animals surrendered.

The mass intake set a record for RSPCA WA, with guinea pig numbers up 250 per cent compared to last year.



16196
number of calls
to the Cruelty Hotline



312,926km
distance travelled



6444
cases investigated



11
inspectors
on the road

Prosecutions

RSPCA WA inspectors work with owners every day to educate them on ways to better care for their pets. Their aim is always to keep pets and owners together where possible. Sometimes they may issue directions notices to instruct an owner on what to do, and many cases involve follow up visits to check on the welfare and safety of vulnerable animals.

However, there are times when prosecution is warranted. In 2021-22, 38 people were prosecuted for cruelty relating to 67 animals. Penalties handed down by the courts ranged from imprisonment to community-based orders, fines, and bans on owning animals.



26 cases

38 offenders

67 animals involved
(41 dogs, 1 horse, 24 cats and 1 pigeon)

\$2000–\$20,000
Range of fines

12 months
Prison sentence

1 year–lifetime
Pet ownership bans

An example of 2021-22 prosecutions

In October, a mother and daughter from Perth's southern suburbs were banned from owning pets for the rest of their lives after pleading guilty to a total of 14 charges of animal cruelty. The charges related to 10 cats, seized by the RSPCA after they were found living in appalling conditions. The pair was fined a total of \$28,000.

In November, a 72-year-old woman was convicted of animal cruelty and failing to comply with an order that prohibited her from owning animals. She received a \$20,000 fine, suspended for 12 months, and was banned from owning animals for 15 years after inspectors went to her property and found a deceased horse and a horse who appeared in very poor condition, both in a paddock without food or water.

In May, a 28-year-old man became the first person prosecuted by RSPCA WA under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002* to receive an immediate jail term after being convicted of animal cruelty. He was found guilty of being cruel to an animal after viciously beating a cat to death in what the Magistrate described as a severe and malicious attack. The man was sentenced to 12 months in prison. A 27-year-old man, who filmed the incident, was sentenced to a 10-month community-based order and 40 hours of community work.

Also in May, a 20-year-old man, whose dog was found deceased and chained to a clothesline with no water or adequate shade in 32-degree heat, was fined \$4500.



A 72-year-old woman was fined \$20,000 for horse cruelty.



10 cats were seized by the RSPCA after being found living in appalling conditions.

The RSPCA relies on the community to report incidents of suspected cruelty and neglect.
Report cruelty 24/7 on **1300 CRUELTY** (1300 278 358) or online at rspcawa.org.au



Inspector Paul with Pal

Regional Roundup

This year marked a massive milestone for RSPCA WA. For the first time in our 130-year history, we appointed a Broome-based inspector. Kimberley locals have been crying out for an inspector for many years, and it was incredible to make this happen thanks to a boost in government funding.

Inspector Wayne joined the team in June 2022 and will be up and running following his initial training. He brings a diverse skillset to the role, having worked in the military for 10 years and with WA Police for five. He is excited make the region a better place for animals.

RSPCA WA also welcomed a fresh face in the Mid West, with **Inspector Paul** filling a vacancy in the region. A local of 15 years and former ranger, he is familiar with common animal welfare issues in the Mid West, such as parvo and dogs being dangerously confined on tethers or in small cages. Inspector Paul has hit the ground running, driven by a passion for animals, who he says are the 'victims without a voice'.

The pair joins RSPCA WA's team of five regional inspectors. Below are some regional highlights from the Goldfields, South West and the Great Southern in 2021-22.



Great Southern: Clever Cheeky beats the odds

Cheeky was surrendered to Inspector Georgina in May from a property in Albany. He'd been a guard dog previously, but you'd never know it because he had the sweetest personality. The poor boy had been sick for over a week with vomiting and couldn't keep his meals down.

Inspector Georgina took him to a local vet for emergency care—then he travelled to Perth for further treatment. Cheeky had a string of tests to investigate his illness. It was such a relief when these all came back clear. TLC from the vet team was working wonders, and day-by-day Cheeky was getting his strength back. Today, he is the happy, healthy, loving boy he was always meant to be. He has even learned some impressive tricks to boot, like shake paws!

Inspector Wayne with Darla



Goldfields: Busy births litter of 15

In March 2022, Busy, a one-year-old rottweiler-cross, was surrendered to Inspector Fiona in Kalgoorlie. She was heavily pregnant, and within a few hours, had given birth to 15 pups with help from local vets. Inspector Fiona said it was the largest litter she'd seen in her seven years in the job!

Busy and her brood went into care with a local foster carer, before travelling to RSPCA WA in Malaga for rehoming. Puppies are always quick to get adopted, but it took Busy a little longer to get her second chance—86 days to be exact. She says her new family was definitely worth the wait!



South West: From hunting dog to couch potato

A dog who claimed a soft spot in Inspector Genna's heart this year was Dusty—a pointer-style pup who had been injured while pig hunting in the South West. His owner had callously stapled the wounds closed without anaesthetic, something that would have caused Dusty a lot of pain.

Dusty travelled to Perth, and quickly won hearts—this dog was meant to be snuggling on the couch, not hunting! In November 2021, RSPCA WA secured justice for Dusty in court. As part of the sentence, the sweet boy was forfeited to us, which meant he could finally find the forever home he deserved.

ADOPTION PROGRAM

1079 animals, from dogs and cats to rabbits and guinea pigs, sheep, horses, chooks and ducks, all found permanent loving homes in the last year. That's all thanks to members of the public who chose to adopt instead of shop.

These animals came to us from various situations—some were rescued from cruelty and neglect, some were surrendered because their owners couldn't look after them, some were injured and rescued by inspectors, and others were strays brought in by rangers.



Adoption *furry-tail* for rescued kitten

At just 12 days old, tiny Wall-e had already had a lifetime's worth of adventure.

In October, his desperate cries for help were heard by homeowners in Kensington. It was a mystery because they didn't own a cat and nor did their neighbours. Despite a thorough search, the kitten couldn't be found so the RSPCA was called in.

Inspector Alison arrived at the house and quickly got to work to narrow down Wall-e's location. It was difficult—he appeared to be trapped in a wall cavity. Inspector Alison was going to need more help.

Luckily the Kensington Fire Brigade wasn't far away. Justin, Adam, Matt and Damien got to work immediately removing bricks, and with Inspector Alison's help, tiny Wall-e was freed from his ordeal. But at under two weeks old, he'd been through a lot and was weak from crying out for help. Nobody knew how long he'd been trapped without food or water.

Wall-e was rushed to the RSPCA Animal Care Centre, where with vet treatment, proper care and plenty of love in a foster home, he made a full recovery.

Fireman Damien had been keeping an eye on Wall-e's progress and when the tiny kitten was ready for adoption in December, he surprised his children, aged six and four, with a trip to the RSPCA.

They thought they were just going to meet the kitten Daddy had helped save but—surprise—they got to adopt him and take him home.



1079 ANIMALS ADOPTED

261
Puppies & dogs

519
Kittens & cats

10
Livestock

289
Other



ADVOCACY

RSPCA WA works with the State Government and other stakeholders on issues relating to animal welfare, ensuring a voice for animals is heard when policy and legislation is being developed or reviewed.

These were some of the issues we focused on in 2021-22.

Stop Puppy Farming

In December, RSPCA WA welcomed the passing of legislation to stop puppy farming in Western Australia.

The *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021* includes important checks and balances to end irresponsible and indiscriminate dog breeding. RSPCA WA worked with government to get the new laws introduced. The four key pillars to this legislation will have a big impact on the number of unwanted dogs and puppies in WA each year:

- mandatory sterilisation
- registration of anyone wanting to breed from their dog
- a centralised registration system
- pet shops that sell dogs to become adoption centres.

Regulations to support the legislation are being drafted and once finalised, the new laws can be enforced.



Greyhound Racing

In 2021-22, RSPCA WA supported an e-petition launched by Free the Hounds, seeking an end to greyhound racing in Western Australia.

RSPCA does not support greyhound racing due to numerous animal welfare concerns with the industry. These include overbreeding, injuries to dogs, live baiting, poor housing, and high euthanasia rates of spent greyhounds. A Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds report suggests that the Cannington track in WA ranked second worst in the country for injuries and equal fifth for deaths in 2021. The e-petition closed on 12 September 2022. At the time of writing, it had over 12,000 signatures.



Live Export

In June, RSPCA WA welcomed the reaffirmation by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese that his government was committed to ending live sheep exports.

Earlier, the RSPCA had expressed grave concerns with the Australian Government's decision to reduce the prohibited northern summer period for live sheep export, which would see thousands more sheep placed at unacceptable risk of heat stress on long voyages to the Middle East. Polling shows most Australians don't support live export, with more than two out of three wanting to see the practice end. Importantly, this includes 70 per cent of Western Australians. In the lead up to the federal election, we called for a five-year phase-out period. We'll continue to push Government to see an end date put in place as soon as possible.

Responsible Breeding

In February, as Norway banned the breeding of bulldogs and cavalier King Charles spaniels, RSPCA WA urged puppy purchasers here to be cautious of these breeds too.

The court-ordered ban spurred the RSPCA to remind people that breeds like pugs, bulldogs and cavaliers can be fundamentally unhealthy. Dogs with exaggerated features endure pain and suffering because of them with the associated health issues well-documented. Pugs, British bulldogs, and French bulldogs struggle to breathe due to multiple airway deformities; dachshunds frequently suffer spinal problems which can lead to paralysis; and cavaliers are prone to heart defects and headaches, due to their unnaturally small skulls. These dogs don't need to suffer, and consumers have incredible power to encourage responsible breeding by choosing to buy puppies bred for good lifelong health and welfare, rather than looks.

CARING FOR ANIMALS

RSPCA WA cared for 2380 animals in 2021-22, an increase of 23 per cent on the previous year. While we can't isolate a single reason for the escalation, we do know that cost of living pressures and WA's rental shortage impacted on many peoples' ability to properly care for their animals. Our inspectors also seized more animals this year—(200)—a 189 per cent jump. Overall, we received 193 fewer cruelty reports in 2021-22, however the nature of cases revealed a concerning trend toward animal neglect, with failure to seek vet treatment being a dominant theme in cruelty prosecutions.

We're reporting a new statistic this year—average number of care days. This represents a more accurate picture of our workload than animal numbers alone. This is because a single animal can be in our care anywhere from just a few days to the entire year. Take Pal for example, a six-year-old American Staffy-cross who came to us on 23 November. He was surrendered in Kalgoorlie when his owners could no longer afford to care for him. Pal stayed with us until he was adopted on 30 June—that's 220 days in care. Seized animals who are part of a prosecution can also spend a long time with us, sometimes years, as they are unable to be adopted until the case is finalised and the court forfeits their ownership. In 2021-22 we had 278 seized animals in care which equated to 47,567 care days.

There are many reasons animals find themselves at the RSPCA. They can be rescued by our inspectors, surrendered to us by owners who can no longer care for them, or they may have been lost or abandoned.

Of the 2380 animals cared for in 2021-22, 367 were still with us into the new financial year, 1079 were adopted, 371 were transferred to other shelters, 94 were reclaimed by their owners, 78 were returned to their owners (or, in the case of wildlife, released), 80 died in care and 311 were humanely euthanised due to injuries, serious terminal medical conditions, (often left untreated by their owners which is how they ended up at the RSPCA), severe behavioural issues that were unable to be corrected and posed a serious threat to people or other animals, destruction orders from local government authorities, or owner requested euthanasia.

RSPCA WA employees and volunteers love animals and are passionate about animal welfare. They do everything possible to rehabilitate and rehome every animal that comes through the door. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, that isn't always possible. RSPCA WA is sadly forced to make euthanasia decisions the same way thousands of loving pet owners do every day in our community. Sometimes it's the kindest option and an act of true animal welfare but it can still be heartbreaking—especially after long periods of time caring for an animal.



Pal, a 6-year-old American Staffy-cross, was surrendered to the RSPCA when his owners could no longer afford to care for him. He spent 220 days in care before being adopted.

ANIMALS IN CARE



A day in the life: Behaviour Supervisor Giulia

Being part of the behaviour team can be heartbreaking and extremely rewarding—often both in the same day! You might think working with abused animals would be the hardest part, but it's usually those pets who have had no socialisation—cats from a hoarding environment or dogs who have never left the backyard—who have the most to overcome. We just take it one day at a time, step by step.

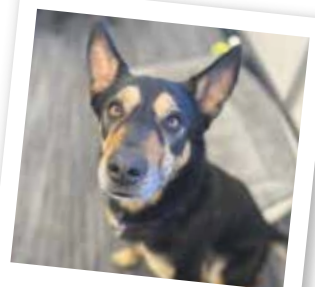
8am	First up, we meet to make a plan for the day. As a small team of four, we want to make every hour count for the animals who need us.
8.30am	Some of the dogs get worried during daily kennel cleaning. Lassie is a sensitive soul, so I take him out for a quick walk. On the way we meet one of our lovely volunteers. Every positive encounter helps get the pups used to new people!
9.15am	A puppy was surrendered to one of the inspectors and she's now ready for her behaviour assessment. This is a <i>must</i> for all dogs so we can match them with the very best homes. I see how she responds to a variety of situations, how she interacts in new environments, to handling and meeting other dogs. She's a super confident girl and could go to a home with small children.
10am	The adoption shop calls me on the radio. They've just met with an owner who wants to surrender their dog. It's my job to do an initial meet to check their temperament—are they friendly? Frightened? Will they be able to cope with the shelter environment? Or should we contact a breed-specific rescue to help?
10.30am	It's time for cat cuddles! Stray cats can be absolutely terrified. It's our job to show them we're here to help. That means slow, predictable movements and yummy treats. Emiliana is super unsure, so I use a wand tool to help her get used to touch. Slow and steady!
11.15am	It's time to get all the social dogs together for a big puppy play date on the oval. There are zoomies to do, and lots of interesting smells to sniff!
12.30pm	I haven't stopped all day. Time for a lunch break.
1.30pm	A family is interested in adopting lovely kelpie Kaos. He is a working breed who needs an understanding owner. I chat them through his time and energy requirements. They're super committed, I think it's a great fit!
2pm	Dog reactivity is one of the most common issues we see. Tuna has been attacked in the past so we work from a distance with a very calm dog—lots of treats, calm words and reassurance.
2.30pm	One of the dogs is having trouble getting adopted, so we work on mat training, loose lead walking and some fun tricks. I film the session and make a cute little video for social media. Fingers crossed someone sees it and falls in love.
3.30pm	It's time to write up my notes. This helps the team stay across where each animal is at. I respond to some emails and give advice to a foster carer who is caring for a very shy cat.
4.30pm	Phew! It's been a full-on day, but we've made some great progress. Time to recharge and do it all again tomorrow.



Lassie



Emiliana



Kaos the kelpie



Giulia with Tuna



VOLUNTEERS

Put simply, we couldn't do what we do without our treasured volunteers. In 2021-22, 1077 people contributed a whopping 26,333 volunteering hours for RSPCA WA. Countless additional hours were kindly given by our network of foster carers too.

According to the Volunteering WA Volunteer Benefits Calculator, RSPCA WA volunteers delivered \$1,264,247 in value to the WA community last year. That's a tremendous achievement!

RSPCA volunteers are part of the fabric of our organisation and are behind everything we do. Volunteers help to care for the animals in the shelter, they wash and dry mountains of laundry, they foster animals in their own homes, they run our school holiday program, they carry out admin functions, and they help with fundraising. We could not operate without our army of dedicated volunteers and we are in the fortunate situation to witness WA's love for animals every day.

Just some of RSPCA WA's volunteering opportunities:

- Our network of **529 foster carers** allows us to help many more animals than we could fit into our Animal Care Centre, and it means they get to recuperate in a proper home.
- **Administration:** many people serve as skilled volunteers in HR, event organising, data capture and all things admin.
- **Education:** operating the RSPCA WA School Holiday Program and going into schools to teach children how to interact with animals and be responsible pet owners.
- Our **directors** who bring to us their considerable skills and knowledge in a wide range of business and administration areas.
- **Animal enrichment** volunteers whose one-on-one activities add enormously to an animal's health, well-being and recovery.
- **Laundry!** Caring for so many animals creates a lot of never-ending washing.



1077 volunteers

26,333 hours total

2200 hours (avg. per month)

\$1,264,247 value added



Jennie Appleford

Jennie started as an RSPCA volunteer in 2018. She says it's something she's always wanted to do and signed up after encouragement from a friend who was already a volunteer. Starting out in the cat enrichment program, Jennie now volunteers in many different roles including admin functions and the school holiday program. Jennie says she gets a great deal of satisfaction that in some small way she is making a difference for animals. She says she enjoys working with like-minded people and feeling useful and appreciated. Her favourite part? Kitten cuddles!

Recorded volunteer hours to date: 352

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

In 2021-22, our foster carers gave a safe home to animals recovering from cruelty, neglect or medical treatment, and those fleeing with their humans from family violence. Every animal does so much better in a home environment instead of the shelter and we try and find a foster home for as many as we can. Of the 2380 animals that came into our care during the year, 669 spent time with one of our 529 foster carers.

Protective custody foster carers

As the only charity with the power to enforce animal cruelty laws in WA, RSPCA WA has the added challenge of finding temporary homes for animals seized in relation to alleged cruelty offences.

These are animals who have experienced the worst of the worst. They usually must be held in care until court proceedings are finalised, which can take months or even years!

RSPCA WA calls the special people who take in these animals 'protective custody foster carers'.



Meet Kate

For the past seven years, Kate has been opening her heart and home to some of RSPCA WA's saddest cases.

Kate has fostered 12 dogs and counting for RSPCA WA. Many of these required a high level of attention, including behavioural rehabilitation, ongoing medication and post-surgery care.

One of Kate's recent foster babies was Angel—a sweet Staffy girl who was starved by her previous owner. When Angel first came to Kate she weighed a measly 16kg.

Over 11 months, Kate nursed Angel back to health, helping her gain a healthy 10kg before it was time to say goodbye. Kate says it was a tough farewell after so long together, but she was thrilled Angel had found such a wonderful forever home. And of course there was another dog in need ready and waiting!

Kate says, 'it's really rewarding looking after the dogs who've had a not-so-great start in life, seeing them settle into family life and become more confident.'



Angel ready for adoption

PETS IN CRISIS

In 2021-22, we assisted 42 pets and their families through the Pets in Crisis program which offers a temporary home for pets from households experiencing family and domestic violence, while their owners seek refuge or temporary accommodation of their own.

Individuals and families will often put off fleeing a violent situation due to concerns regarding the safety of their companion animal, with one study reporting that 35 per cent of women delayed seeking refuge for this reason.

In December, the State Government announced a \$1 million expansion of the Pets in Crisis program into the Great Southern and South West regions.



539
animals fostered

529
foster carers



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Community Action Days

The end of lockdowns and gathering restrictions saw RSPCA WA ramp up the number of Community Action Days held in 2021-22. These free events are for people who are struggling financially to look after their pets. RSPCA WA offers free health checks, pet food, parasite control, microchipping and more. They are traditionally held in areas that generate a high number of welfare reports.

Twelve Community Action Days were held over the year. We are very grateful to our partners who make Community Action Days possible; South Metropolitan TAFE; Elanco; Time Pet; and Vetwest as well as local government authorities across Western Australia.



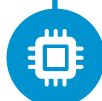
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Animals health checked



581

Parasite control collars handed out



167

Animals microchipped



1787kg

of food distributed



Education Program

At the RSPCA, we believe education is the key to lasting change. Our main aim is to help young people develop responsible and caring behaviours towards animals which will prevent animal cruelty and neglect in the long term.

RSPCA AWARE (*Animal Wellbeing: Awareness, Responsibility and Education*) provides resources for educators, students and parents that help young people develop knowledge, skills and understandings around improving the welfare of all animals, be they companions, farmed or wild animals.

In 2021-22, 232 schools signed up to be part of AWARE, with hundreds more home schoolers, parents, individual teachers, and others involved in education accessing the material.

RSPCA WA also launched an online version of the Junior Rescue Officer program for primary school-aged children this year which will be expanded in 2022-23.



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Students and young people reached



The RSPCA WA Animal Welfare Awards were bigger and better than ever this year, moving off-site for the first time to Beaumonde on the Point in East Perth.

A rescue pooch who became a rescuer herself during a devastating house fire, a clever leak-detecting dog who has saved WA 880 million litres of water, and a brave bird lover who battled dangerous surf to rescue a dying swan were among those recognised.

The annual awards showcase the compassion and dedication of WA's animal welfare warriors and the heroic and loving actions of WA's animal heroes. The ceremony saw 42 gold, silver and bronze awards presented to deserving two and four-legged recipients, including 11 inspiring canine companions, four exceptional equines, and a courageous goat named Tofu.

School Holiday Program

The RSPCA WA School Holiday Program, for children aged 7 to 10, continued to grow in popularity throughout the year. 370 kids experienced the program in 2021-22, joining in a fun, activity-packed one day workshop offering a behind-the-scenes look at the RSPCA Animal Care Centre, including safe interaction with animals in our care.

The day includes an educational presentation about the work of the RSPCA and how we rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals, basic skills demonstration of animal training and safety around animals, arts and craft activities making toys or treats for shelter animals, interaction with animals such as reading to dogs or cats, and feeding pocket pets, basic animal first aid training, and an animal scavenger hunt around our site.

The program is designed to enforce kindness, empathy and caring for animals and teach children how to care for pets.



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Ambassadors

2021-22 saw two WA sporting legends join the fight against animal cruelty.

West Coast Eagles star midfielder, premiership player and All-Australian Elliot Yeo, along with his dogs Winston and Pippa, are now spreading animal welfare messages and helping us raise much needed funds.

Also coming on board as an RSPCA WA ambassador was West Coast Fever's Rudi Ellis. The premiership player and talented netball defender reached out to the RSPCA soon after moving to WA in 2021 and has been raising awareness with rescue cat Milo since.



Elliot Yeo and Winston



Rudi Ellis and Milo

Fundraising legends

2021-22 was another year of our generous supporters raising money for animal welfare.

Our virtual Walk This May event, Give to Get Them Home dollar-matching day and Cupcake Day events raised more than \$235,000.



Frank the School Dog and his young owner Elizabeth were fabulous supporters of Walk this May, pounding the pavement to raise \$300!

 Frank - The School Dog

Anzac Day

In April we held our second Anzac Day ceremony which honoured those who have fought in conflicts, as well as the many furry and feathered friends who risked their lives in wars to support humans.

We were honoured to welcome many special guests including the RSL, the WA Police Mounted Section, government representatives, and other rescue groups. Guests of honour were retired servicewoman Karney and her assistance dog Ivy who showed us how animals play a vital role in supporting our veterans.

The RSPCA acknowledges that animals have been incredibly valuable during wartime. However, it is important the welfare of military animals is also monitored, evaluated, and prioritised.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

Estates

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| - Albert David Poole | - Florence Eleanor Howell | - Kenneth and Alwyn Hall |
| - Alison Patricia Steele | - Frances Isobel Slater | - Kerry Girlene Ralland |
| - Ann Claire Bunting | - Franklin Clive Shepherd | - Lois Fraser |
| - Audrey Florence Mitchell | - George Mottram | - Margaret Marion MacLennan |
| - Bernadette Timmins | - Gerda Stokman | - Marjorie Alexandra Charleson |
| - Bertha Grace Critchlow | - Gillian McGimpsey-Evans | - Marjorie Elsie Feast |
| - Brigitte Jakstins Von Faber | - Glenn Freeborn | - Maureen Norma Wilson |
| - Bryn Hitchin | - Grahame Dugdale Smith | - Michael Ashworth-Gibson |
| - Charles Myles | - Greta Wishart Eurell | - Patricia Bennett |
| - Cheryl Joy Marshall | - Ingrid Rossbach | - Patricia Valerie Krenz |
| - Christina Betty White | - James Harry Bird | - Peter Leslie Hawkins |
| - Diana Mary Burnell | - James Thomas Grey | - Queenie E Bell-Williamson |
| - Doreen Rae Cloud | - Janice Gail Adams | - Stanley Petchell |
| - Edith Blanche Ferralora | - Jennifer Dickerson | - Susan Janet Tough |
| - Eileen Brown | - Jessie Charlotte Cane | - Thelma Joyce Gale |
| - Fay Agnes Waters | - John Duncan Muir | - James and Joyce Avraamides |
| - Fay Janet O'Dwyer | - John Mahony | |

Trusts and Foundations

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| - Doris Janet Frith Charitable Trust | - The Elizabeth Stamos Charitable Trust |
| - Estate of the Late Jean Marion Isobel Balston | - The Girls Trust |
| - Estate of the Late Agnes Margaret Jones | - The Margaret Chalmers Charitable Fund |
| - Jean Bladen Foundation | - The Margaret Harper Charitable Trust |
| - SSG Endowment Fund | |

RSPCA WA would like to acknowledge the following firms for providing pro bono support of RSPCA WA throughout the year:

- K&L Gates: Adam Levine, Jordan Hurley, Ellen Richmond, Cassandra Ferrier, and Cathryn Joyce (now of King & Wood Mallesons) and Sarah Herford (now of Circle Green CLC).
- ZG Criminal Law: Zoe Gilders.
- Herbert Smith Freehills.



Transforming Lives™

RSPCA WA acknowledges and thanks our National Partners, Royal Canin, Elanco and Hill's for their support of animals in our care.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Western Australia (RSPCA WA) for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The financial statements cover RSPCA WA 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 22 September 2022.

The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Western Australia Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 30 June 2022

	Note*	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	3	10,962,358	13,409,956
		10,962,358	13,409,956
Less: expenses			
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(552,459)	(588,773)
Employee benefits expense		(6,279,644)	(5,623,471)
Occupancy expense		(20,938)	(43,490)
Lease expense		(5,848)	(28,153)
Finance costs		(34,060)	(17,092)
Gain / (Loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		18,988	(56,459)
Other operating costs	4	(3,274,087)	(2,790,284)
		(10,148,048)	(9,147,722)
Surplus for the year		814,310	4,262,234
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss</i>			
Net change in fair value of financial assets designated at fair value through other comprehensive income		(1,052,735)	617,301
Other comprehensive (loss) / income for the year		(1,052,735)	617,301
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year		(238,425)	4,879,535

*refers to notes in the 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, which can be found on the RSPCA WA website at www.rspcawa.org.au

The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Western Australia
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

	Note*	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,560,030	5,956,793
Receivables	6	262,851	185,013
Inventories	7	90,994	64,148
Other financial assets	8	42,343	213,045
Other assets		209,483	237,920
Total current assets		3,165,701	6,656,919
Non-current assets			
Other financial assets	8	9,243,662	5,957,194
Intangible assets	10	11,095	15,520
Lease assets	11	22,620	191,822
Property, plant and equipment	9	3,455,944	3,288,576
Total non-current assets		12,733,321	9,453,112
Total assets		15,899,022	16,110,031
Current liabilities			
Payables	12	311,179	508,430
Lease liabilities	11	22,797	156,847
Provisions	13	410,589	307,560
Contract liabilities	14	404,418	123,980
Total current liabilities		1,148,983	1,096,817
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	11	-	52,540
Provisions	13	106,188	78,398
Total non-current liabilities		106,188	130,938
Total liabilities		1,255,171	1,227,755
Net assets		14,643,851	14,882,276
Equity			
Financial assets revaluation reserve	15	(255,028)	797,707
Retained earnings		14,898,879	14,084,569
Total equity		14,643,851	14,882,276

RSPCA WA relies on **donations** and **community support** to generate **around 80 per cent of the funds** required to sustain its animal protection work.

To donate, please visit www.rspcawa.org.au/donate

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