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A word from Lynne

Having been involved with RSPCA WA for over 20 years, I have learned a lot about what the key ingredients are when it comes to effective and sustainable animal welfare.

While I have encountered many dedicated, hardworking, passionate people, the thought I return to time and time again is that none of what we do would be possible without you, our generous donors, benefactors, and supporters.

With such a small contribution from the State Government towards enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act on its behalf, and zero funding to house, behaviourally rehabilitate, medically treat, generally care for or re-home the animals that come to us through that enforcement activity, we must fill the gap.

You pay for that. Your love for animals, your appreciation for what they've brought to your life, your inability to sit by and watch them suffer, your belief they all deserve a second chance – that's what drives RSPCA WA.

Your sense of justice, fuelling your donations and bequests, also helps us give a voice to the voiceless, like the more than 16,000 sheep and cattle at the centre of the recent live export debacle that played out in Fremantle.

These animals had endured 39 days at sea, been off-loaded in a Perth heatwave and transported to holding yards where, they stayed for more than two weeks. Eleven cattle and 70 sheep had died. Now they are enduring another long journey, headed for Israel again.

Thank you for believing that animals should not be seen purely as a commodity. Any farmed animal deserves to live their best life possible before humane slaughter.

We have been out there in the media, pleading with politicians and others to end this cruel and unfixable trade. This advocacy is only possible because of you.

It costs us around \$12 million dollars a year to rescue, rehabilitate, rehome and advocate for animals, while also helping pet owners who are doing it tough to better feed and care for their beloved companions. You contribute around 80 per cent of that. Eighty per cent of the love, care, happy endings and brighter futures for WA animals.

With heartfelt thanks,



Lynne Bradshaw AM

Chair of the Board RSPCA WA

2022/23 Impact Report

Thanks to your generosity



7,126

Animal cruelty cases investigated



29

Cases successfully prosecuted



2,385

Animals cared for



11

Inspectors on the road



8

Civil forfeitures conducted



1,402

Students and young people reached out to RSPCA and holiday programs for education

How you helped heal Crumpet...



You might remember Crumpet, whose story we shared at Christmas time...

Crumpet made a big impact last year as RSPCA WA's poster pup for our Guardian Angel campaign. She was in very rough shape when she was first brought to RSPCA WA, and it was touch and go as to whether this little pup would survive. Thankfully she is a fighter, and our vets and shelter staff would not give up on her. Nor did you. Your funds helped us to keep watch over Crumpet as she fought to survive with all her might. After her initial treatment, along came Sylvie who gladly volunteered to foster Crumpet. Sylvie spent months nursing her back to health and after a few more checkups, Crumpet was doing better than ever!



She's happily living with Sylvie and her family, including another foster-turned-forever dog, Bobbi – another loved 'foster fail', just like little Crumpet.

As she continued to grow, it was hard to tell what mix of breeds Crumpet was so Sylvie decided to have her newest family member DNA tested. Turns out Crumpet is a Shar Pei, Shetland Sheepdog, American Bulldog, Dogue de Bordeaux and Havanese mix! Phew! That's some mix!

Week after week, Sylvie proudly shares Crumpet's remarkable journey with fellow dog park enthusiasts. From trembling with fear to radiating confidence and joy, Crumpet's transformation is extraordinary. Crumpet embodies the spirit of resilience that defines rescue animals. As Sylvie recounts Crumpet's story, hearts are touched, and eyes are opened to the profound difference your support makes. With each wag of her tail and every glance of gratitude, Crumpet reminds us that rescue animals are eternally grateful for the second chance at life you provide. Your commitment to compassionate care is the backbone of Crumpet's journey, and countless others like her.

Crumpet's amazing recovery was possible thanks to the generous support from kind people like you who do not turn away when innocent animals like little Crumpet need your help.



You could give animals in need the greatest gift of all - just like Dr. Frederick Frost did!

Dr. Frederick Frost's love for animals knew no bounds. From his formative years in South Africa to his settled life in Western Australia, animals were always close to his heart. Dr. Frost started supporting RSPCA WA 40 years ago, when in 1982 he was particularly moved by our tireless advocacy against live sheep export. Becoming a lifetime member in 1992, Dr Frost championed the cause of animal welfare - last year even donating so our inspectors could have new cameras.

Frederick Frost received a PHD from MIT and was an associate professor at the Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia. Dina, his wife said "Fred supported RSPCA WA because he considered it a trusted and well-run charity. With his business background, that was important to him."

When Dr. Frost and his beloved wife Dina crossed paths, their household became a sanctuary, blending Dina's fondness for Westies with Dr. Frost's love of miniature schnauzers, resulting in a harmonious mix of canine companionship.

Dina reminisces, "We both absolutely adored animals, surrounding ourselves with dogs, cats, and birds. He even had a special bond with a little bird he taught to speak. Once on holiday in Malta, I even caught him deep in a conversation with a cart horse. He was always seeking out animals to connect with, displaying boundless affection and care for them."



Dr. Frost's profound love for animals transcended his lifetime, as he etched his passion into a lasting legacy by including a generous gift to RSPCA WA in his Will.

Leave a legacy

You too can make a difference for animals in need by considering a similar act of kindness. To learn more about leaving a legacy for RSPCA WA, please reach out to Michelle at bequests@rspcawa.org.au or call 08 9209 9365.

Join us in honouring Dr. Frederick Frost's legacy and continue his legacy of compassion towards animals.

Jacko's aww-inspiring update

Who's got three legs and a big heart?

You may remember this gorgeous pup you helped rescue last year. Well, he's come a long way since being in the shelter at RSPCA WA and he's been doing better than ever with his new owners. He even has a new name – Chacko!



Handsome Chacko came into our care way back in January 2022 after being struck by a kangaroo. He was left with deep lacerations across his chest, shoulder and right front leg. Devastatingly, his previous owner did not take the time to give him the proper care he needed and instead he stapled his wound shut – with no pain relief.

Sadly, the resulting infection meant Chacko's leg couldn't be saved and the difficult decision to amputate was made to give him the best chance at survival.

Your generous support has meant that Chacko was able to recover from this horrific injury and he has improved so much since then!

His new owners say he's loving his new home life and it's been a rewarding journey to build communication between them and Chacko. "Chacko has been amazing," they say.

"It is very cute to see him be careful and a gentleman around our relative's Labrador."

One-eyed Nick Fury finds forever family thanks to you!



Meet Nick Fury, a dog with a big heart who's overcome some serious hardships. Last year, he was attacked by another dog and his eye was severely damaged. He was rushed to Pet Vet Emergency where vets determined his eye couldn't be saved.

Unfortunately, his owners couldn't afford the treatment so made the difficult decision to surrender him to RSPCA WA. Under our care, Nick Fury received all the medical treatment he needed, including having his injured eye removed. Following his surgery, Nick was placed into foster care with one of our dedicated shelter staff, Sophie. She provided him a quiet, comfortable, and warm space to heal. "It only took about 30 seconds of having him in our home to know we wanted him to stay forever."

After falling in love with his gorgeous puppy face and sweet, curious personality, she made the life-changing decision to adopt. "Nick now has two older brothers, a 13-year-old Dalmatian named Turtle, and a 13-year-old Labrador cross named Chip. "His little brother - and partner in crime - is Raiden, our 6-month-old Staghound cross." His heartwarming story, initially marked by pain, ended on a beautiful note of adoption and unconditional love, all made possible by your generous donations.

Purr-fectly generous: Play-Doh's tail of gratitude

Take a moment to meet Play-Doh. This gorgeous ginger cat arrived at RSPCA WA in late August 2023.

When she was first surrendered to RSPCA WA, her injuries were severe and heartbreaking. Vet staff suspected they'd been caused by a dog attack. After examining her closely, the veterinarians and the shelter staff concluded that it was more likely her injuries were caused from being hit by a car.

At first, poor Play-Doh didn't eat a lot and her back left leg was so severely broken it needed to be amputated. She spent weeks healing under the attentive care of RSPCA WA staff and thanks to generous help from animal lovers like you, she was able to get the support she needed.

But despite these hardships, Play-Doh showed amazing resilience. After her surgery and once she had been given enough time to rest, she was looking so much better. She began to reveal her real personality and became a smoochy and a very lovable cat who has now been adopted into her loving forever home.



It's thanks to your kind and compassionate support that these feel good stories can be shared.

RSPCA WA Million Paws Walk

After much consideration and evaluation of our annual events, we regret to announce that RSPCA WA won't be hosting a traditional Million Paws Walk this year.

Million Paws Walk is an iconic event and a strong brand for the RSPCA with many staff, volunteers, supporters and donors having enjoyed it over the last 25 years in WA. However, the simple fact is that although it is RSPCA WA's biggest annual fundraising event, ever increasing costs mean it is now prohibitive to stage such a large-scale activity.

As a charity that relies on its supporters and donors for 80 per cent of its funding, we can't in good conscience commit to running an event that ends up costing us more than it raises.

Additionally, the reality is that interest in Million Paws Walk, and therefore the amount of funds raised, has been declining for several years. Last year's RSPCA WA Million Paws Walk was a great day out and was well attended, but it still ran at a significant loss.

In lieu of the traditional Million Paws Walk, we are excited to introduce Walk This May— a virtual fundraising event for you, your pooch and your community. We encourage all of our supporters to register for this event and explore creative ways to participate while supporting our cause. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported the Million Paws Walk recently, and we hope you will join us in embracing this new initiative as we continue our mission with fiscal responsibility at its core.

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