

Great & Small

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Morley and Waldo

From Surviving to Thriving

Read how your support
changed Morley and
Waldo's lives.



RSPCA WA is the state's leading animal welfare charity,
dedicated to improving the lives of all animals throughout WA.

From the worst of the worst, to absolutely adored – thanks to you!

You might remember a couple of months back we shared the story of Morley and Waldo. Morley and Waldo were like walking skeletons when our inspectors first saw them. Skin and bones, with underlying health issues that had gone untreated for far too long.

Fast forward to today, and both Morley and Waldo are living happy, healthy and enriched lives with new families – an outcome that seemed hard to believe not too long ago.

For Waldo, that fresh start began with Maureen and her partner Phil.

After losing their beloved dog Mosar, they had always said that when the time felt right, they would adopt an older rescue dog. Then Maureen saw Waldo online.

"I fell straight away for him," she says.

Not long after, Waldo went home. Now, he has settled beautifully into family life.

"He is so happy and settled now and he's got the love and home he deserved all along," Maureen says.

"We adore him."

Waldo's days are filled with joy and routine. He does excited zoomies when his family wakes up and again when it's time for walks. He loves relaxing on the couch and, when Maureen works from home, he stays close by, happily curled up under her desk.

"He's got such a happy nature," she says.

For Maureen and Phil, welcoming Waldo into their lives has also brought comfort and healing after their loss, showing how powerful the bond between people and animals can be.

Morley's transformation has been just as moving.

She has also found a loving home where she is happy, healthy and thriving. Recently, Morley returned



Scan to
watch
Morley's
story.



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to RSPCA WA for a special visit, where she was reunited with Inspector Hayley, who rescued her.

For those who saw Morley when she first arrived, the change is remarkable. She is now full of life and a picture of health; thanks to the care she received and the love she now enjoys every day – a testament to the support that kind people just like you give to animals in need.

For Inspector Hayley, the reunion was a powerful and rewarding moment, and a reminder of why we do what we do.

Stories like Morley and Waldo's are why this work matters, and why your support is vital.

Because with care, compassion and a second chance, even animals who have experienced the worst can go on to live happy, fulfilling lives.

A word from Lynne

As we look ahead to the second half of 2026, I continue to be inspired by the compassion, commitment and generosity that define our RSPCA WA community. Every story in this edition of *Great & Small* is a reminder that, together, we are changing the lives of animals across Western Australia.

This year has been one of both change and progress for our organisation. I am delighted to welcome Michael Roberts as RSPCA WA's new Chief Executive Officer. Michael is a collaborative and commercially astute executive with proven experience leading organisations through periods of transition and growth, and I look forward to working alongside him as we continue to strengthen our impact for animals in need.

One of the stories featured in this edition that many of you have followed closely is Morley's and Waldo's. Thanks to the incredible support of our community, Morley and Waldo's previous owner was successfully prosecuted, and today both dogs are thriving in a loving new home. Seeing them both healthy, happy and enjoying the life every animal deserves is a powerful reminder of why this work matters and what can be achieved when people come together for animals.

I'd also like to encourage you to pencil 1 October into your calendar. One of our most important



fundraising days of the year, Give to Get Them Home, is your opportunity to have your donation doubled, but only for 24 hours. We have an ambitious goal this year to ensure we can be there for more animals than ever before, and with your support, we can make an even greater difference to animal welfare outcomes across Western Australia.

Thank you, as always. Your dedication, compassion and generosity make every rescue, recovery and rehoming possible. Together, we are creating a brighter future for animals and helping ensure every animal has the chance to live a life free from cruelty.

Warmest regards,

Lynne Bradshaw AM
Chair of the Board RSPCA WA

From abandoned to adored: Noodles and Pipeline's Journey

Some stories stay with you long after the rescue is over, and Noodles and Pipeline are two little kittens we won't forget.

Our staff arrived to find a cardboard ramen box left outside our front gate, and to our surprise, inside was a tiny, frightened kitten, curled up all alone. We named her Noodles.

Then, the very next day, our team heard faint meowing coming from a drain near the same front gate. With the help of firefighters from Malaga Fire Station, another tiny kitten was carefully rescued from inside the drain. The firefighters named her Pipeline.

At first, they were two separate rescues. But as soon as we saw them side by side, the resemblance was hard to miss. They had very similar features, were around the same age, and

had both been found in the exact same place only a day apart.

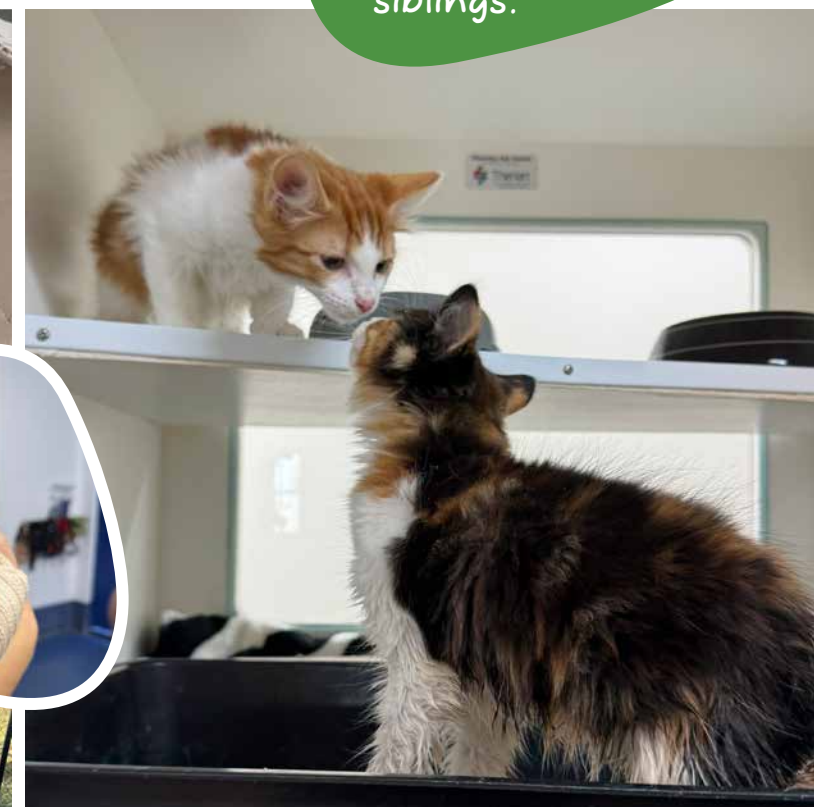
We believe these two adorable kittens may actually be siblings.

Because of your support, we were able to give them the care they needed and time to recover safely with us. After such a frightening start to life, they were finally safe, warm, and no longer alone.

We're so happy to share that both Noodles and Pipeline have since found loving homes of their own - a happy ending for two kittens who deserved a second chance from the very beginning.



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It didn't take long for her true personality to shine through.

Little Katy's big adventure

Little Katy travelled more than 550km from Kalgoorlie to our Malaga Animal Care Centre after finding herself homeless and needing care for a broken leg. Thanks to the incredible team at AeroPets Animal Transport, she was flown safely to us so she could receive the urgent treatment she needed.

At only one month old, Katy needed a little extra support before she could begin her journey. The wonderful team at Kalgoorlie Animal Hospital made sure she was comfortable, pain-free, and ready to take to the skies.

When she arrived at RSPCA WA, Katy spent her first few days resting and recovering after her whirlwind adventure. But it didn't take long for her true personality to shine through. Despite undergoing surgery to amputate her injured leg, Katy proved just how resilient she was - growing into a sweet, playful and curious pup.

It wasn't long before she was ready to find a home of her own.

Today, Katy has found her forever family, where she's embraced every moment of her second chance. Her journey is a reminder that even the smallest animals can show the greatest resilience - and with the right care and compassion, a brighter future is always possible.



Mini and Nunu finally get justice

When RSPCA WA inspectors arrived at the Girrawheen property, they found two dogs left in conditions no animal should endure - panting, dehydrated, and exposed to extreme heat on a 30°C day.

Mini, a tan Staffy, was tethered to a Hills Hoist. Her chain had wrapped tightly around the base, leaving her with barely 40 centimetres of movement. She barked and panted in distress, unable to reach two empty water containers nearby. Across the yard, Nunu - a pregnant Kelpie - sat confined inside a wire crate placed directly on hot pavers in the full sun. Frightened, she cowered and urinated when approached.

When RSPCA WA inspectors arrived, both dogs were already suffering from dehydration and heat stress. At the emergency vet, they drank rapidly for over a minute, desperate for relief. It was clear that without intervention, their condition would have worsened significantly.

Nunu's story took a hopeful turn. In care, she gave birth to six puppies. After months of recovery, Nunu and her pups all found loving homes. Mini, too, was rehomed, though sadly had to be humanely euthanised just a year after being seized.

The owner was fined \$4,000 and given a spent conviction.

RSPCA WA Inspector Manager Kylie Green said the case was deeply alarming.

"It really concerns me that the offender made that conscious decision and put her dogs' lives at risk," she said.

Animals whose owners are subject to prosecution can spend significant time in our care, thank you for ensuring they receive safety, love and treatment for as long as they need.



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Why horses need you most

Horses are intelligent, sensitive animals capable of forming deep and lasting bonds with people. Yet many horses in our care spend far too long waiting for a second chance. Over the past three years, the average length of stay for a horse at RSPCA WA has been 406 days - more than a year spent waiting for a place to call home.

Providing this level of care comes at a significant cost. Over a 12-month period, caring for 26 horses cost more than \$172,000, covering veterinary treatment, feed, accommodation, hoof care and all other essential expenses. Many horses arrive in poor condition as a result of neglect, abandonment or abuse, often requiring extensive medical treatment, rehabilitation and ongoing support before they can recover and be successfully rehomed.

Rehabilitation takes time, patience and trust. Horses have remarkable memories and can recognise familiar faces and voices years later, especially those associated with kindness and consistency. Building that trust is incredibly

rewarding, but it also highlights how important it is to find them stable, lifelong homes.

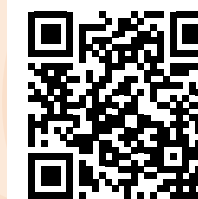
It's also worth remembering that horse ownership isn't solely about riding. Many horses thrive through groundwork, liberty training, companionship or simply spending time with their people. The relationship you build can be just as meaningful from the ground as it is in the saddle.

Horses like Barry and Parker are currently searching for homes where they can finally put down roots and continue their journey with someone committed to their care and wellbeing. Finding the right home is about more than having space for a horse. While every horse is an individual, adopters should have a good understanding of horse care and behaviour, or access to experienced support, to help their new companion thrive.

By opening your heart and home to a horse in need, you're giving them the chance to belong. See Barry and Parkers adoption profile here: <https://www.adoptapet.com.au/search>



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Every day at RSPCA WA, vulnerable animals arrive needing safety, care and a second chance. Some have been neglected, some have been abandoned, and others have nowhere else to turn. While each animal's story is different, many share something in common: their journey to recovery is made possible by the kindness of people they will never meet.



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Today, one in every three animals that comes into our care is supported thanks to a gift left to RSPCA WA in a Will. These extraordinary gifts help provide shelter, veterinary treatment, rehabilitation and loving care for animals when they need it most.

Every act of generosity helps animals in need, and including a gift in your Will plays a vital role in securing the future of our work. These special gifts help ensure that no matter what challenges lie ahead, RSPCA WA can continue rescuing animals from cruelty, investigating reports of neglect, and finding loving homes for animals who need it most.

For many animal lovers, leaving a gift in their Will is a powerful way to continue helping animals beyond their lifetime. It is a final act of compassion that helps create a better future for generations to come.

Because of these wonderful gifts, hundreds of animals each year receive the care, protection and second chances they deserve. It is a legacy of kindness that lives on with every animal that we care for.

Interested in learning more about leaving a gift in your Will? Please call Kay on (08) 9209 9365 or email bequests@rspcawa.org.au, or simply scan the QR code to visit our webpage and discover how your legacy could help animals for generations to come.

Give to Get Them Home Save the date

Thursday 1 October 2026

Give to Get Them Home is RSPCA WA's biggest fundraising day of the year, and it happens for **one day only**.

On 1 October, every donation made to RSPCA WA will be matched dollar for dollar, meaning your gift will have double the impact for animals in need. As we head into one of the busiest times of the year, we're seeing more animals arrive every day, many with complex medical and behavioural needs.

Funds raised through Give to Get Them Home help provide veterinary care, behavioural support

and compassionate care as animals heal and wait to find their forever homes.

Save the date and be part of a powerful day that helps more animals get home, faster.

If you would like to join our matching pool of funds by pledging \$1,000 or more, please contact our team on (08) 9209 9311 or fundraising@rspcawa.org.au



The Life Every Greyhound Deserves



When Rose arrived at RSPCA WA, she was in desperate need of a second chance. After her owner vacated their property, Rose was left behind to fend for herself. Alone and abandoned, she faced an uncertain future until she was brought into our care.

Like many greyhounds, Rose deserved the opportunity to experience life beyond racing – to feel safe, loved and valued simply for being a dog. Today, Rose is living proof that greyhounds can make wonderful companions. In fact, she has found a loving home through RSPCA WA. Her journey highlights both the resilience of these remarkable dogs and the importance of ensuring every greyhound has a positive future after racing.

Rose's story is one of the reasons RSPCA WA recently participated in the Western Australian Parliament's Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry.

The inquiry is examining whether the welfare of greyhounds is adequately protected from breeding and training through to racing, retirement and rehoming. In evidence to the Committee, RSPCA WA raised concerns about injuries and deaths on WA racetracks, dogs bred but never raced, and the lack of transparency around what happens to greyhounds once their racing careers end.

While many people involved in greyhound racing care for their dogs, RSPCA WA believes there are significant welfare issues inherent to the industry that require closer scrutiny. We believe stronger independent oversight and greater transparency are the minimum needed to ensure welfare outcomes are properly monitored and reported.

RSPCA WA also advocated for measures to reduce the risk of serious and catastrophic injuries, including independent monitoring and public reporting of injuries and deaths, comprehensive whole-of-life tracking of

greyhounds, improved rehoming pathways, and stronger welfare oversight.

While these reforms would improve transparency and accountability, **RSPCA WA believes significant animal welfare concerns remain within the industry. Until these issues are recognised and effectively resolved, RSPCA WA does not support greyhound racing.**

For dogs like Rose, these reforms are about more than policies and statistics. They are about ensuring that every greyhound bred into the industry has the best possible chance of a safe, healthy and fulfilling life.

As the inquiry continues, RSPCA WA will keep advocating for evidence-based reforms that put greyhound welfare first; because every dog deserves the opportunity to enjoy their own second chance.





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