



Yaps N Yarns

Winter 2021

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FEATURE DOG — SANDI

Meet our gorgeous boy Sandi who is an 8-year-old Stag-hound. Sandi began his time at K9 in 2018 and was adopted out in mid 2018. Unfortunately, due to the rental crisis that hit Perth in 2021 Sandi was surrendered back to K9 in May of 2021.

Once he was back with us, we noticed that he was having ongoing issues with one of his hind legs. Sandi was checked over by the staff at Halls Head Small Animal Clinic and it was determined that he had ruptured his cruciate ligament. K9 were unwavering in their support of Sandi so agreed to go through with the surgery for this gorgeous boy to ensure he had great quality of life.

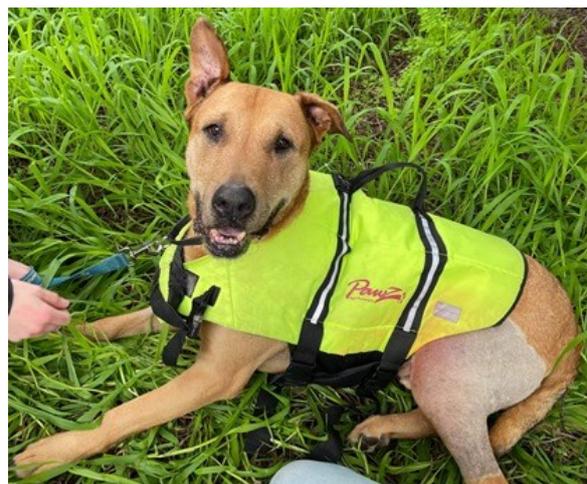
Sandi's operation was a success and then began the hard work! A kennel was specially prepared for Sandi so that his movements were limited. After cruciate ligament surgery it is standard for dogs to be restricted from too much movement for 8 to 10 weeks. As you can imagine, this is very hard in a kennel environment.

Our dedicated volunteers ensured that when he was taken from his kennel for toilet breaks, he was always taken by two people to ensure he didn't put a lot of pressure on his leg. A special support harness/brace was purchased to assist us with handling/carrying him. Once toileted the volunteers would spend time with Sandi as he lay outside on the grass lapping up the sunshine.

Sandi is now finally able to spend time in the yard unaided by the volunteers, our gorgeous boy would love to be able to play tug of war, but we are still moving slowly forward with him.

We are so proud of how far this gorgeous boy has come and can't wait for the day that he is able to run freely without any pain.

We are so very grateful to Halls Head Vet and our volunteers who fundraise tirelessly to enable us to support dogs such as Sandi!



What's Happening at K9

Past Events – Out and About

Our volunteers have been very busy out and about in the community to raise awareness and much needed funds for K9 Rescue Group!

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to these events and those of you who came out to show your support. It has been lovely chatting with members of the public about our beautiful dogs and meeting up with previous K9 rescue dogs and their new families. We have had the ability to recruit new volunteers and foster carers and raised over \$10,800 for our efforts!

- 8th May – Bark in the Park Event, Fremantle
- 8th May – Pet City Adoption Day, Rockingham
- 15th May – Pet City Adoption Day, Canning Vale
- 23rd May – Pet City BBQ & Adoption Day, Port Kennedy
- 29th May – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Mandurah
- 26th June – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Mandurah
- 17th July – Pet City BBQ & Adoption Day, Port Kennedy
- 31st July – GOSAC Book Launch, Fremantle
- 31st July – Pet City Christmas in July Event, Canning Vale
- 1st August – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Mandurah (Cancelled due to weather)
- 14th August – Pet City Sausage Sizzle & Adoption Day, Rockingham
- 14th August – Pets in the Park Event, Port Kennedy
- 21st August – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Mandurah



Special Mentions

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following K9 supporters:

Maria Donohoe – for another generous donation! Maria has been a long-time supporter of K9 Rescue and her latest donation of \$4,000 will assist us with some of the larger vet costs and ensuring we are providing our dogs with a better quality of life. Thank you Maria, we look forward to catching up with you!

Mandurah Murray Mayday – for their very generous donation of \$3,000! Keep supporting these local community champions as they give so much back to others.

SavourLife – who have donated a huge amount of dog biscuits and over \$2,500 to our organisation! Thank you for all of your support!!

Beyond Bank – for their amazing donation of over \$2,500! This has helped us purchase new leads for our volunteers to walk the dogs as well as lots of new enrichment toys and puzzles to provide additional mental stimulation to those in our care.

Barry Doherty – for his fantastic reference markers for our walking track. Thank you Barry for all of your hard work.



SMYL Community College – We are so thankful to have formed a relationship with the wonderful people from SMYL Community College. The SMYL students help out around K9 every week and have made some awesome



dog beds for us. All of the dogs love them and have some extra special snuggle time in the volunteer room on our lunch breaks. This is our lovely girl Khloe testing them out!

Pharmacy 777 Mandurah – for their donation of over \$250 worth of medical supplies. Our first aid kits were in dire need of an overhaul so we are incredibly grateful for this generous donation

Mandurah Murray Sea Scouts – for taking the time to bring out some great donations for our kennel and office and raising over \$250 for the dogs

Crumb & Coat Canine Bakery – for their generous donation of dog treats and goodies



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Pet Stock Baldivis, Pet Barn Port Kennedy, Pet City Rockingham – for all their food donations

The PAWfect Bakery – for our big boy Boston's birthday cake! All of the dogs got to enjoy a slice of cake when he celebrated his 3rd birthday during the month of August.



An Update on Carl

Carl the bulldog came to us in June with some very serious medical issues. Carl had been struggling with pneumonia since the 7th May and whilst he was improving with antibiotics, as soon as he finished his medication he would relapse very rapidly. Carl was experiencing frequent bouts of regurgitation and our lovely vets at Halls Head Small Animal Clinic suspected that he may have an underlying transient / sliding hiatal hernia, or another abnormality which was triggering and exacerbating his pneumonia. It appeared that unfortunately, surgery would be Carl's only chance at living a normal and happy life. Carl was placed into foster care with an incredible vet nurse and her family gave him lots of TLC while we took to the streets!

A GoFundMe page was set up in Carl's honour and a Sausage Sizzle event was held at Bunnings Mandurah to raise the much needed funds it would take to save Carl's life. Mandurah Mail ran articles about Carl and the team at Waves FM created additional exposure to Carl's plight. Our members and the local community responded and donated an amazing \$1,960 to Carl's GoFundMe page. With a further \$2,783 raised at the sausage sizzle, Carl was able to have his surgery and has recovered well. We are still working on some minor skin issues but he is well on his way to finding his forever home! Carl is the most adorable boy who loves to play with all of his toys! He can be quite cheeky and will do anything for food and treats!! We all love you Carl and can't wait until you're making new friends with your forever family!

We would like to thank you all for the support you have shown K9 Rescue. Your Membership Fees and donations allow us to keep helping dogs like Carl to give them the lives they so truly deserve.



Volunteer Recruitment

Our recruitment drive via social media and at various events has seen many new volunteers join our K9 Team. We are actively looking for Dog Handlers, Kennel Hands, Office Administrators, Gardeners, and Fundraising Attendants along with a Fundraising Co-Ordinator. Those interested can view our website for further details or contact lara@k9dogrescue.org.au for an Application Form.

Foster Carers

Do you have room in your heart and home to be a K9 Foster Carer? We are currently looking for compassionate and patient people who are willing to foster our dogs on a short term or long term basis.

As you know, with the recent rental crisis we have been pushed to capacity and had a surge in people needing to surrender their dog. Unfortunately some of these dogs do not cope well in our kennel environment. It would be lovely if we had more foster carers on our books so that those that have just had surgery, have separation anxiety or those that have just come out of an extremely stressful living situation, can be placed in a family home as soon as possible.

Fostering is such a rewarding experience and the safety and security you can provide those needing extra TLC will warm your heart.

Please telephone our office or visit our website for further details on how to apply.

Yard 5 Update

The Yard 5 renovation is now complete and looks fantastic! This yard can now be proudly used as our main viewing area for the public. It is now a place we can show families our beautiful dogs in any weather conditions, thanks to a new patio, shade sails, garden beds, paving and synthetic turf. We would like to thank Jock Cameron of Paving World Port Kennedy and Jeff of Falcon Shades Mandurah for all of their hard work in transforming this space. And a very very special Thank You is reserved for our lovely volunteer, Renuka Ranasinghe, who financed the entire renovation and project managed the volunteers from start to finish. We at K9 Rescue will be forever grateful for this extremely generous gift and our dogs will be able to use this space for many years to come.





LASER

2020 was not a good year for us. Covid hit and then tragedy struck twice in quick succession.

Firstly, my partner had a motorcycle accident, causing serious injuries, closely followed by the sudden passing of his beautiful daughter Kiara.

We were devastated and heartbroken.

After months of healing both physically and emotionally we decided we needed something to fill our hearts with love and joy!

We tossed with the idea of adopting a dog for quite a few months before waking up one Sunday morning in November and deciding to call K9 to book our appointment to meet all the doggos that needed new homes.

We were shown down to the kennels, and as we walked along the dogs were all going crazy with excitement, barking and jumping up at the fence until we reached Laser, our beautiful boy!

He was just lying on his bed, chilling out, looking all cute and cuddly.

It was this reason that I asked if we could meet him.

We were shown to a room, and in he came, bum wiggling, he walked straight up to me and rested his head on my leg, with his trademark grin and I just knew, it was love at first sight.

After 15 minutes of licks and cuddles we chose him and he chose us!

Murray and I both have adult children to previous marriages and having Laser in our lives has really brought us together as a family. He is our baby and ever so loved by us both.

Laser has been with us for 10 months now, and it's like he has been here forever!

He comes with us wherever we go, he's gentle, kind and the most loving dog.

We feel blessed to have the opportunity of letting him live his best life and waking up in the morning with him snuggled between us is the best feeling in the world.

2020 ended on a happy note, and we are looking forward to many years of loving Laser.....He has helped heal our hearts.

He's the best!♥ *Kelly and Muz*



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE FUNDRAISING

Containers for Change commenced in Western Australia in October 2020 to encourage people to recycle the 1.3 billion drink containers we use in WA each year. This a fantastic scheme that creates jobs in the community, is a huge win for the environment with over 318,224,580 eligible containers recycled so far and it puts money in peoples' pockets or donated to the charities they nominate.

K9 Rescue Group has received over **\$4,410.38** thanks to the wonderful support of the community!

Not all containers are eligible, for example containers greater than 3L, wine and spirit bottles are not eligible.

Eligible containers all state 10c refund on them and you can check out container eligibility on their webpage:

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/>.

Eligible containers can be dropped off at the kennels or at any of over 200 refund points across the state. So you don't need to be a local to help the K9 dogs!

Note: please do not crush any cans as the code cannot be read and remove all lids.

At the refund depot near you just give K9's scheme number - **C10290086** - and the money from your recycling will be deposited into K9's bank account. It's that easy!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has supported K9 Rescue by quoting our scheme number, we really do appreciate you supporting not only K9 Rescue Group but also our environment wins too!



Volunteer Profile—Ray & Lee Brown

Ray (65 years old) Lee (64 years old) Brown. We live in beautiful North Yunderup, just love where we live and have been here for three and a half years.

We love caravanning when we can; we also love going to Bali but “COVID” has put the kybosh on that for now anyway .

Our beautiful girl “ Pixie “ is a 6 years old, Shihtzu/Maltese cross and she just loves it when we go caravanning - she loves meeting all the other dogs along the way .

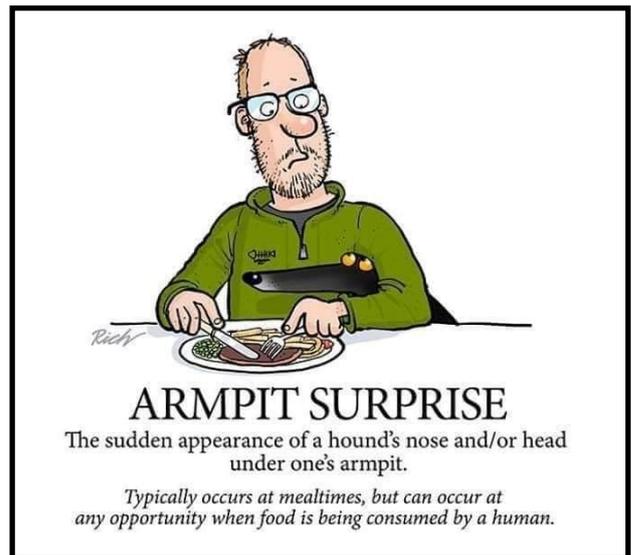
Why do we volunteer at K9?

Well, where do I start - we were walking along the Mandurah foreshore one Saturday morning and there were stalls everywhere, a woman was handing out pamphlets about K9, how they desperately needed volunteers. We love dogs, well, all animals actually, but dogs are THE most loving, THE most loyal, THE most trusting and they don't ask for much.

We have been volunteers at K9 for eight months.

Lee commits to two days a week but is always willing to come in if the kennels are short of volunteers – always with Ray’s support. Because of her energy and commitment to K9 she has quickly been promoted to Kennel Supervisor, also a Team Leader. She is the go to person re any concerns from the volunteers and is a great asset to K9.

She also liaises with Elayne the Office Administrator re the roster and the shifts. Thank you, Lee & Ray.



Volunteers of the Month (May to July 2021)

Our volunteers at K9 are absolutely amazing! They continually go above and beyond for the dogs in our care and are an absolute asset to the organisation. Although choosing only one a month is a challenge, we would like to let you know of the most recent recipients. The following volunteers have been nominated for their hard work and dedication throughout the year so far and have been awarded a \$50 voucher as a show of our appreciation.

Margaret Inglis-May

Once again it has been very hard to choose a Volunteer of the Month for May 2021!

Many of you have stepped up where and when it's been needed, and we hope you all know just how much you are appreciated.

Your hard work and dedication to the dogs shows just how passionate you are about their happiness, enrichment and rehabilitation.

Please join us in congratulating Margaret Inglis who was nominated by a number of other peers.

Margaret continually comes in to do the undesirable tasks at undesirable hours! Her early morning starts have been a huge help to Caretaker Mike and allowed him to enjoy more of his 'day off' on Sundays.

Margaret has been helping Graeme paint the office, which has made it so much more inviting to the public.

Margaret has also been a great contributor to the kennels, replacing our faulty microwave and laying the non-slip strips which have ensured the safety of all of our kennel staff and dogs.

From all of us at K9, we thank you Margaret for all that you do. 😊

Peta Nutt—June

Peta has been awarded Volunteer of the Month for June 2021 after being nominated by her peers for the fantastic job she does in the office!

Although Peta started out a little unsure, she has grown in confidence and shows professionalism at all times in her dealings with the public.

Peta has done a fantastic job with the uniform ordering and sorts all of the stock for the shop, pricing and reorganising the display areas so they are presentable to the public.

Peta shows great initiative and is willing to take on anything that needs to be done. She continually puts in 100% to all that she does and is a cheery face around the office.

Thank you Peta, we really appreciate everything you do for K9 Rescue Group.

Adrian Radford-July

Adrian has been awarded the Volunteer of the month at K9 Rescue Group for the month of July.

Adrian has volunteered at K9 Rescue tirelessly over the past 3 years as a dog handler in the kennels.

Adrian always enthusiastically shows up, displaying a positive attitude on the days that we are very short staffed and takes the lead, often in terrible weather conditions. It means so much that we can always depend on him.

Adrian's love, compassion, dedication and empathy towards our dogs is absolutely beautiful. Adrian is often found in the kennels soothing the dogs with his kindness and tenderness, whether it be the long termers or the dogs that are new and not coping.

In his spare time Adrian also takes home our beautiful Layla to give her some much needed respite from the kennels and the opportunity to feel loved and live life as a normal dog.

Thanks for being such an amazing member of the K9 team Adrian, we are lucky to have you!



Thank You!

CHESTER

MANDURAH RACEWAY



Mandurah Raceway Slot Car Club, established in 2018 donated \$680 raised from an event day they held for K9. They meet every Friday in Meadow Springs
photo is of the tram



As you can see Chester has a busy social life , he potters around the park , enjoys a good tea party with his friends and had another fur friend sleep over. He's an excellent little chap and super social. Thanks for sending him home with me. If you get another elderly small dog I would be more than happy to welcome them into our family xx

Carol Beckingham



A Gift in Your Will



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One source of income that has made a big difference at K9 Dog Rescue over the last few years is bequests. This can be a sensitive subject as K9's financial benefit has meant that someone has passed away and family and friends have lost a loved one. For K9 these bequests have meant so much by way of improving the life for so many of our dogs. One generous bequest got us "across the line" with funding for our new kennel block, others have gone towards a very much needed new van. They also cover expensive operations for those dogs in need so as to provide a better quality of life for them and also goes towards the everyday running of K9 so that the staff and volunteers can ensure every dog has a chance to feel special.

If you are making or renewing your will please consider including K9 Rescue as your legacy, large or small, will make a big difference to K9 and the dogs we care for. K9 has been rescuing dogs for over 25 years and with your help we can continue for another 25 years or until we are no longer needed because every dog has a loving home.

There are many ways you can include K9 in your will and your legal advisor will be able to help you with this very easy process that means so much to the dogs. K9 Rescue cannot continue to rescue dogs without your support. Your legacy, no matter what size, means so much to our dogs and how we can help them. With your approval we would like to thank you for your legacy by displaying a plaque with your name in our Memorial Garden.

K9 Rescue can also care for your beloved dog when you can no longer do so. K9 has a pro-life policy and will provide love and care until re-homed in a loving family.
For more information please email bookkeeper@k9dogrescue.org.au.

Thank you ! Your gift will mean so much to the dogs we save and care for.

Can cats and dogs be friends?

The rivalry between cats and dogs is world renowned and many believe that the two species can't get along because they're just too different.

It's depicted time after time in cartoons and films and you've probably heard of the saying 'they fight like cats and dogs.' Many believe that the two species can't get along and that it's just a simple case of them being too different from one another, as dogs are exuberant and full of energy, while cats are solitary creatures that prefer peace and quiet.



Mixed messages

Where it's sometimes the case of opposites attract, this doesn't seem to be the case with cats and dogs. The main thing getting in the way of a harmonious friendship is that cat and dog body language often mean different things.

With a dog a high tail and head means that they're challenging the other individual, while in cats this is often a signal that they want to be friends. A wagging tail also means the opposite thing in the two species, as the swishing back and forth of a tail can indicate a happy and excitable dog, but a very angry cat.

As their body language is so different, they often misinterpret each other which results in plenty of scratched noses and frightened and confused cats and dogs. However, this doesn't mean that they're incompatible by nature, they just need careful introductions in an environment where they can get used to each other's differences. So, how do we help make your cat and dog become friends with each other?

First impressions are vital

The trick to making your cat and dog friends is to start with the right introductions. Cats are quite unforgiving in their nature and are less likely to be open to the situation if it goes badly, so it's very important that the first encounter goes well. Take your time with the introductions and let them sniff each other before meeting face-to-face by using their bedding or something else that they frequently use. This will allow them to familiarise themselves and get used to each other a little at a time, and will make the first meeting less stressful for both of them.

It's easier when they're young

Cats and dogs are much more likely to become lifelong friends if they meet each other from the very start, as they'll be able to grow up together and learn how the other wants them to behave as they're still discovering the world around them. When they're young they're more likely to be open to a friendship as territorial behaviours and the traditional fear instincts have not yet been given time to manifest.

Introducing older cats and dog

If you're introducing older cats and dogs there are a few things you can do to try and make the situation less stressful for them both. Firstly, make sure you give your cat a safe area to escape to like a box or igloo high up where your dog can't reach.

This will give them the option of a quiet space and the opportunity to navigate without the possibility of being intercepted by the dog. Dogs are known for their exuberant personalities and sometimes this can be a little too much for your cat, so these quiet areas will help to make your cat much more open to becoming friends.

It's also essential to ensure that your dog gets enough exercise as an excitable dog that's full of energy is more likely to chase and bother a cat than if they're tired out from a walk. Make sure you exercise them frequently and be sure to schedule in plenty of play time with your dog, especially during the initiation process.

Are there any specific dog breeds that are good with cats?



It's often not a good idea to rely on a certain dog breed to be good with cats as it isn't a guarantee that your pets will get along, as it depends heavily on the personalities and natures of them both. A nervous, timid cat won't be a good match for an excitable dog, whatever the breed. Sometimes they might just be too different and if that's the case and they're finding it difficult to coexist, don't force it.

Allow them both enough space to live their own separate lives and ensure that they both have their own places they can go to escape each other.

Remember that it takes time and a cat and dog friendship won't just happen overnight. It's all about making the right first impressions and giving them plenty of time to adjust.

Lisa Baker — Member for Maylands

After being interrupted by Covid 19 then the state election, I'm anticipating that the Stop Puppy Farming Bill will enter the lower house once again during the next few weeks. I expect that the Bill will pass and move to the upper house before the end of this year. Depending on other government urgent bills that might take precedence, let's hope we can finally see an end to mandatory greyhound muzzling of retired, non-racing greys and I can start to work with the Minister and department to put the regulations in place for stopping sale of dogs and puppies in pet shops, accrediting rescue groups, rolling out the central registration arrangements and a public education campaign.

For those of us interested in broad animal welfare issues, the independent review of the efficacy of the WA Animal Welfare Act 2002 was completed and the WA Government has released its response to the recommendations. Please have a read here: https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/sites/gateway/files/AWA%20Review%20Government%20Response%20-%20final%20version_0.pdf. I'm delighted that among other major improvements, we will recognise animal sentience in the new Act. While it will take months to arrange the amendments to the Act, there are some things that are moving quickly. We are establishing the new Animal Welfare advisory body reporting to Minister MacTiernan. Terms of reference for this body are being developed now.

We are aiming to commence the new WA Animal Welfare Small grants program before the end of this year. This program will accept applications for small grants from incorporated associations to support their work in saving and rehoming animals.

Finally, WA government's Saving Lives celebration will be held in November at WA's Parliament House. This event is the only one of its kind in Australia and aims to recognise the amazing volunteer work that thousands of Western Australian commit to rescue and rehome animals.....and yes! K9 gets invited!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to help dogs and puppies live better lives.

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A message from
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Member for Maylands



Watch for our 2022 Calendar soon!





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Because every dog deserves a place to call home

K9 Dog Rescue is a not-for-profit charitable organisation established in 1990 to rescue, treat and re-home dogs and to educate the community about responsible dog ownership.

- ◆ K9 Dog Rescue provides a regional service to the Peel, Rockingham, Kwinana and Cockburn areas as well as Busselton area with our South West branch
- ◆ At K9 we strive to create an environment where a dog is treated as a rightful and respected member of the community
- ◆ We have over a hundred volunteers who work tirelessly to successfully re-home around 500 dogs each year
- ◆ We all love dogs and know the significant benefits that pet ownership brings to a community
- ◆ The demand for our service is continuing to grow

Operating Hours

OPEN: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10am—3pm,
Weekends 1– 5pm

OPEN: Boxing Day 1-4pm
New Years Day 10—3pm

CLOSED: Thursdays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
and Good Friday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd October

Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Mandurah 8am—4pm
Vegetarian options available

9th October

Adoption & Info Day in collaboration with GOSAC
Forrest Lakes Shopping Centre
Times TBC

10th October

All Animal Rescue & Adoption Day
Dixon Road Reserve, Rockingham
Times TBC

11th December

Harcourts Open Day
Rockingham Green
Times TBC

Please follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with our latest events as times etc are subject to change...

Seniors Card

K9 Rescue Group provides WA Seniors Card members with a discount when adopting an abandoned companion animal. Please visit www.k9dogrescue.org.au to view the dogs that are available for adoption or call 9581 9005 to enquire and make an appointments