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Yaps N Yarns

Feature Dog: Missy

325 days in the shelter!

Meet our beautiful long term girl Missy! Missy is beginning to wonder if anybody will ever love her and give her the adoring home she deserves.

Missy fell on hard times in her early years after being found fending for herself in bushland but her gentle, nurturing soul still shines through. Missy is a quiet and affectionate girl who, once she gets to know you, will show you her beautiful personality whilst snuggling up to you. She is looking for a caring and compassionate home that will help build her confidence and understand why she is a bit shy with meeting new people and new surroundings.

Missy needs a nurturing owner who can work with her to become more independent and build on her confidence. Someone who has the time to be home with her for a big chunk of the day.

A mature couple with no children would be her ideal adoptive parents to help her with her anxiety.

Missy is so gentle and sweet around her humans but isn't so good with other dogs, therefore would require lovely walks with her owner on leash and isn't suitable to off lead dog areas. Missy is currently responding extremely well to her socialisation training and has even made a new best friend!

If you think Missy is the girl for you then please contact us! She is longing to be the only pet in the home with secure six-foot fencing. If you can give her that, you can give her the miracle she so deserves!



A Short Note from our President...

It has been an eventful Summer for our K9 family....

The old kennels were dismantled to make way for the new kennel build. Despite the obvious Covid delays, work has now commenced and we are on track for a 2023 completion date!!

We have been keeping our residents cool and calm during Perth's heatwave temperatures and the threat of bushfires. On the afternoon of 2nd February, smoke was spotted by one of our volunteers. It was a very hot day and the wind was up.

We monitored the DFES website and within half an hour, with the smoke getting closer and darker, the sirens sounding and the water bombers overhead, we knew we had to action our evacuation plan.

The fire showed us just how much support there is for K9 Rescue Group within the community. We were inundated with phone calls and FB messages from people offering their homes to our dogs.

Mandurah, Murray and Rockingham Pounds, along with Halls Heads Small Animal Clinic opened their doors to offer emergency housing.

We had so many volunteers come out to our property with their personal vehicles that within an hour of putting the call out, we had safely transported all of our residents to the various pounds, HHSAC and homes.

Personally I can't thank our volunteers, staff and the community enough. It's such an amazing thing to be a part of, seeing everyone come together for these special animals that find themselves in our care.

With all the stress in the world today and extreme issues on the left and right, animal rescue is a beacon of light that brings people together for the greater good.

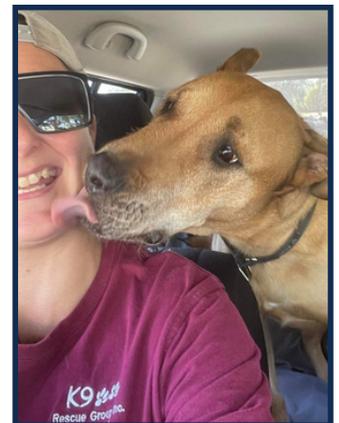
Dogs are a special animal that we are lucky to have in our lives. They build bridges and help us heal, giving us love without judgement.

We have an amazing community out there and on behalf of the K9 family I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support.

Jake King
President



**Lee Brown and
Bella evacuating K9
Rescue.**



**Adriana Russo
taking Sandi to
safety.**

Meet Our Newest Committee Members!



Jess Brydon

Meet Jess! Jess has worked in Pharmacy for the last 15 years and is now the Business Development Manager for a pharmacy group.

She has a beautiful rescue dog of her own called Marli.

Jess is currently focusing on a new sponsorship program for K9 Rescue Group!



Matt Brydon

Meet Matt! Matt is relatively new to K9 and is currently volunteering as a dog handler in our kennels. He has always cared about animal welfare and has decided to take some action helping a worthy cause

- K9 Rescue Group!



Nina Murray

Meet Nina! Nina has worked in rescue since 2015, primarily with cat rescues and fostering for vets. Her desire was to be involved in rescuing elderly cats, however fate has steered her towards emergency; kittens and those needing medical attention. Nina works full time and loves to walk our K9 residents on the weekends.

Meadow Springs Christmas House

Our volunteers have had a very busy lead up to Christmas at Alan and Mary's house in Meadow Springs. Every year Alan and Mary deck their entire home inside and out with Christmas decorations to raise funds for K9 Rescue!

We cannot extend our gratitude enough to this lovely couple who have helped raise \$14,228 this year for our not-for-profit organisation.

Over the years Alan and Mary have raised a whopping \$83,123 for K9 Rescue Group!!



Would you like to help support our yard restoration?

We currently have a GoFundMe page set up with all donations going towards our much needed yard restoration.

You'll find a link on our Facebook page or via web search:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-restore-our-yards?qid=1c5bbf8eaf42d7d8aa5301482346ac57>

See below pictures of the yards in their current state. Our goal for these yards is to ensure we have safe and secure fencing and lay down additional grass. We would love to add some agility equipment and more stimulation activities for our residents. At the moment the sand is too hot in summer for the dogs to use. We would love to add some paved and shaded areas to keep our dogs and volunteers cool and protected from the Winter weather.

All donations via our GoFundMe page are tax deductible.



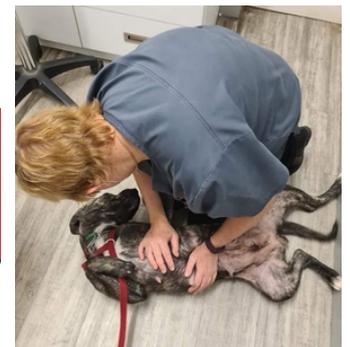
Halls Head Small Animal Clinic

We would like to thank the wonderful team at Halls Head Small Animal Clinic for their generosity! They have come on board as one of our gold level business sponsors to support K9 Rescue Group!

This will help immensely with our day to day expenses and will greatly benefit the dogs in our care.

Each Monday afternoon, one of the amazing team members from Halls Head Small Animal Clinic commutes to K9 and checks over any of our dogs that have been added to the vet list. This is usually Tanya who has been with us for around 3 years now! Tanya is truly amazing with our residents. Her calm and thoughtful nature supports our dogs and she goes above and beyond for them. Our residents require vaccination and sterilisation as well as other individual medical needs before being adopted out, so the discount that Halls Head Small Animal Clinic provides to K9 Rescue is greatly appreciated.

We cannot recommend this veterinarian practice enough!



Pictured: Tanya giving one of our residents some belly tickles during her examination.

Our Sponsorship Program

We have recently created a new sponsorship program here at K9 Rescue. There are options to sponsor one or multiple dogs, sponsor a kennel, or have a business sponsorship.

Sponsor A Dog

For under \$10 per week you would be assisting K9 Rescue Group with much needed funding that goes towards food, veterinary bills, training, grooming and bedding. As a sponsor you will receive information on one of our residents each month!

	One Dog	Two Dogs	Three Dogs
Monthly	\$40	\$70	\$100
Annually	\$400	\$700	\$1000

Sponsor A Kennel

Sponsoring a kennel for 12 months would be a mammoth contribution to K9 Rescue. This type of sponsorship includes a plaque which will be placed on each kennel and can display your family name or your pet's name.

	One Kennel	Two Kennels	Three Kennels
Annually	\$300	\$450	\$600

Business Sponsorship

We have two different options for business sponsorships including a silver and gold level. Depending on the level of your sponsorship, your business logo would be displayed on A3 or A4 size on our Business Sponsors Wall, which is in direct view of our visitors in the reception area.

Sponsorships are available for \$1500 or \$2000.

Please email jess@k9dogrescue.org.au for further information

Volunteer Awards

The volunteer of the month for August was awarded to Adriana Russo. Adriana has been volunteering at K9 since June 2021 as a dog handler in the kennels. Adriana is keen, diligent and a fast learner, so it didn't take long for her to be promoted to a Team Leader. Adriana's natural love and empathy for our dogs shines through and is contagious to all of those around her. Adriana always engages with our K9 dogs in a sensitive and thoughtful way. She is always reliable; no job is too big or small for her to carry out!

Adriana, you are a joy to work with because you bring positive energy wherever you go! We are blessed to have you as a part of our team!



The K9 Rescue Group volunteer of the month for September went to Steve Lawson. Steve has volunteered at K9 since June 2021 in several capacities, such as fostering/dog handling and fundraising. Steve is always one of the first volunteers to put his hand up to take home and foster our dogs that can't cope in the kennel environment and always keeps us updated with beautiful photos of the dogs being loved in his home.

So far, he has fostered three dogs and had a wonderful foster fail with the beautiful Mishka. Steve is the first person to put his hand up for extra shifts when we are short and is always keen to have new volunteers shadow him to assist team leaders throughout daily shifts. When he isn't helping in the kennels, Steve can be found supporting K9 at fundraising events and chatting to the public about our great cause. Thanks for everything you do for us Steve, we are lucky to have you!



The October volunteer of the month was awarded to Peter Jethon. Pete is a long-standing volunteer for K9 and we would be lost without him! Pete is our Saturday morning Team Leader who often starts his shift at around 5am after driving in from his FIFO week of work down South! During Pete's shift he not only cares for our fur babies, but he also mows, whipper snips and takes care of our yards as well to assist caretaker Mike with his duties. Pete is like the Energizer Bunny, he never stops!

He raises money for K9 Rescue by selling items in his down time and is always one of the first people to put his hand up to assist with the BBQ fundraisers. Pete is such a genuine, compassionate, and empathetic man who has taken some of our beautiful fur babies home so that they can enjoy some down away time from the kennels.

Thank you for everything you do for K9 Pete, we would honestly be lost without you.



Volunteer Awards

Our volunteer of the month for November 2021 was awarded to Chloe Steele. Chloe has been volunteering as a dog walker with K9 since July 2020. Chloe has a quiet, calm, patient demeanour that allows the dogs in her care to feel relaxed in her presence. She may be slight in stature, however she can handle even the strongest of our dogs. Chloe enjoys taking the dogs on long road walks and provides extra training to help with their mental stimulation. Chloe is extremely dependable and works well both independently and in a team environment. Chloe was also recently promoted to Team Leader due to her amazing work ethic and natural affinity with our dogs.

Chloe takes our long termers home for sleep overs and gives them a welcome reprieve from the kennel environment. Chloe, you are an absolute pleasure to work with, a quiet achiever and a wonderful addition to our team, we are so blessed to have you!



The K9 volunteer of the month for December 2021 was awarded to Mirabai Nuttall. Mirabai works a full day shift as a dog walker in the kennels where she is an integral part of the dog walking team. We can rely on her maturity, professionalism and great use of initiative with minimal supervision throughout busy weekend shifts. Mirabai is always one of the first people to put her hand up when we are short on volunteers and is a bundle of energy - she just doesn't stop! She walks the dogs, does laundry, dishes, cleaning, mopping and makes up fresh bedding to ensure the dogs are suitably comfortable for the weather of the night. Mirabai's natural empathy with the K9 dogs truly shines through. She is often found one on one in the kennels with dogs that aren't coping, enabling them to become more settled. She also displays maturity beyond her years and has recently been promoted to Team Leader. Thanks for joining our amazing team at K9 Mirabai!

It was with great pleasure that we awarded Bev Petersen the volunteer of the month award for January 2022! From Bev's very first shift she was keen to learn as much as she could. Bev is an absolute team player and has no problem jumping between kennel hand and dog walker as required, depending on our volunteer numbers for the day. When new kennel hands begin at K9, we know that we can leave them in Bev's trusted hands to show them the ropes. Once the dogs are back in their kennels after their last walks Bev always makes sure that they have the fresh new bedding that they deserve for the night ahead. Bev continuously raises the morale of her fellow volunteers with her great sense of humour throughout the busy K9 shifts. Thanks for becoming a part of the K9 family Bev, we are so fortunate to have you!



It can take a long time for a rescue dog to settle into your home...

The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

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In the first 3 days,

- Feeling overwhelmed
- May be scared and unsure of what is going on
- Not comfortable enough to be "himself"
- May not want to eat or drink
- Shut down and want to curl up in his crate or hide under a table
- Testing the boundaries

3W



After 3 weeks,

- Starting to settle in
- Feeling more comfortable
- Realizing this could possibly be his forever home
- Figured out his environment
- Getting into a routine
- Lets his guard down and may start showing his true personality
- Behavior issues may start showing up

3M



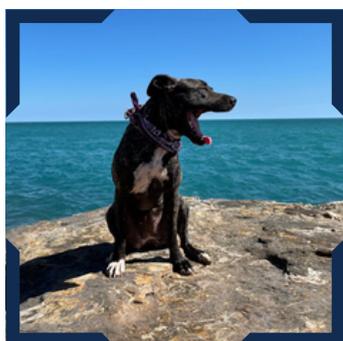
After 3 months,

- Finally completely comfortable in his home.
- Building trust and a true bond
- Gained a complete sense of security with his new family
- Set in a routine

Adoption Update: Bella

Our beautiful ex-K9 girl Bella has truly found herself another chance at life with her new 'pawrents'. She was surrendered to K9 in poor condition and had a large lump underneath her neck which the vet believes was caused by trauma.

She is now living her best life and is very well travelled, exploring Western Australia and making lots of new human and four legged friends along the way.



Adoption Update: Jellybean

Our wonderful ex-K9 girl 'Jellybean' who was adopted back in 2019 has recently had an amazing reunion with one of her owners.

Due to the global pandemic, Jellybean's mum was unfortunately stuck overseas and unable to return home until February 11th.

It was a beautiful sight to see, lots of kisses and cuddles. I think it's safe to say Jellybean will be keeping a close eye on her owners and making sure that they do not stray far.



Adoption Update: Lucy

A message from Lucy's owners:

"Lucy will be 6 years old this year, celebrating 5 years since her gotcha day!! We got her in a very bad way at 7 months old.

Lead aggressive, dog aggressive, human aggressive (mainly males), she was so scared of everything so would lash out in fear.

Fast forward to today, she is the BIGGEST cuddle bunny with anyone who will give her belly rubs, has a few selected doggy friends (still not 100% with stranger dogs as we were attacked in 2018) and is the BEST big sister to her not so little brother (Denzel age 1).

Lucy wasn't easy, but damn she was worth it".



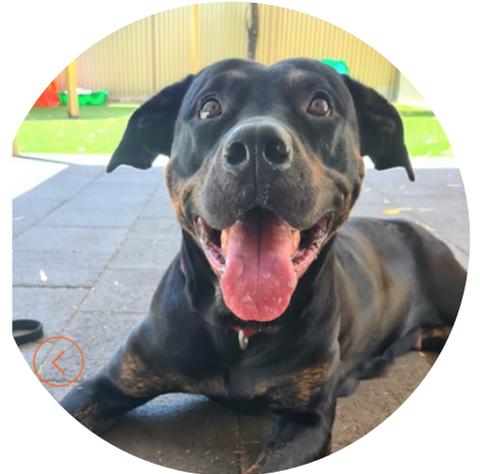
Meet Our Long Term Dogs

Meet our beautiful girl Bella! Although she is 13, she by no means acts her age! She loves water and always has to have a toy nearby for fetch and tug of war. She can be a bit shy at first, but once you get to know her, she is very affectionate.



Meet our lovely girl Kira. Kira can be a bit nervous at first but is still learning as she is only young. Once you get to know her she is the biggest sweetheart and loves to think that she is a lapdog.

Introducing Dora, our gentle giant. Dora absolutely loves her humans and would thrive in a home with somebody who is home more often than not. She loves to snuggle up on the couch and enjoys trips to the beach with some of our volunteers.



Our handsome pocket rocket Kaos is still searching for his forever home. Although he sometimes lives up to his name, he is a very loving boy who just wants to spend time with his people. He adores chasing toys and loves to snuggle up on the couch with our volunteers.

Some Of Our Available Dogs

Our quirky boy Bruce is always ready for snuggles! He likes holding the lead in his mouth during his walks and is quite a character! He is a gentle boy who craves affection and love.



Meet Frankie! Frankie is a very sweet and energetic boy. Frankie absolutely loves his walks and has been extremely friendly with everyone he has met! Frankie enjoyed a sleepover recently with some of our volunteers and had the best night!

Koda is a handsome older gentleman who came to us due to some very unfortunate circumstances. He is such a cruisy dog who loves chasing his toys and playing with the hose. He is a gem to walk on the lead and has stolen the hearts of many volunteers.



This is Leroy! He is very new to our kennels so we are still getting to know him. He is a very loving boy around many people but is still extremely shy. He seems to be more comfortable around women at this stage. Leroy has so much fun 'talking' to his humans and loves throwing his toys around in the air.

Puppy Farming Update

We were delighted to hear the news that the 'Stop Puppy Farming' changes to the Dog Act 1976 were recently passed in Parliament.

Member for Maylands Lisa Baker has provided us with a comprehensive update that can be found on our Facebook page. Below is a summary of the new changes that are beginning to be implemented.

The changes aim to:

- Increase the transparency of, and information on, where a dog or puppy comes from (the breeder),
- Improved traceability means that authorities can identify and detect puppy farms and poor breeding practices (e.g. over breeding, irresponsible breeders, genetic conditions etc),
- Decrease the number of puppies and dogs that are bred indiscriminately or in conditions that do not meet mandated standards,
- Improve community understanding about responsible purchase and care of dogs, and
- Transition pet shops into adoptions centres for homeless dogs.

The new laws will require:

- Dogs to be de-sexed by the age of 2 years, unless they are exempt, to prevent unplanned breeding or overbreeding.
- Information on dogs (and cats) to be held in a centralised registration system to allow information to be shared across the State.
- People who wish to breed from their dog will need to apply for an approval to breed, enabling breeders to be traced.
- Pet shops will no longer be allowed to sell dogs and puppies unless they work in partnership with approved rescue organisations to provide more adoption opportunities for homeless dogs.
- Muzzling requirements for pet or retired racing greyhounds when in public places to be removed, making greyhounds more desirable as pets. Greyhounds will still be required to be kept on a lead in public areas. Registered racing greyhounds will continue to be required to wear muzzles in all public places.

Lisa Baker's comprehensive article can be found on K9 Rescue's Facebook page



**STOP
PUPPY FARMING
ADOPT
DON'T SHOP**



Dog Easter Cookies Recipe

Cookie Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup natural peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour



Icing Ingredients:

- Cream cheese
- Fresh raspberries & blackberries
- Turmeric powder

Method - Cookies:

1. Place the pumpkin puree, peanut butter and eggs into a bowl and mix until well combined. After 1-2 minutes, add the flour and beat until combined. If the mixture is dry, add a little water.
2. Transfer the dough onto a flat surface and begin to knead it. Sprinkle flour onto bench if it is sticking.
3. Roll the dough to 1/4 inch thick and cut using an Easter cookie cutter.
4. Place the cookies on a baking sheet and place into the oven at 180 degrees Celsius for 20-25 minutes.

Method - Icing:

1. Melt the cream cheese in the microwave until it forms a yoghurt like consistency.
 2. Microwave the raspberries in the microwave until they begin to bubble. Strain out any seeds.
- Add a couple of drops to the cream cheese to make a pink icing and repeat the process to make purple icing. Add a pinch of turmeric powder to the cream cheese to make yellow icing.



Dogs And Chocolate!

As many of us already know, chocolate can be extremely toxic for dogs if ingested.

Chocolate contains caffeine and a chemical compound called "theobromine".

Unlike humans, dogs (and many other animals) have digestive systems that are unable to break this compound down.

This causes the chemicals to build up and can result in organ disease or failure if not treated properly and promptly.

Symptoms Include:

- Vomiting and diarrhoea
- Rapid breathing
- Muscle tension
- Coordination loss
- Increased heart rate

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Please be careful not to let your dogs consume chocolate over the Easter break!



Recent Events...

The last few months have seen our fundraising and events team grow in numbers and our presence within the community gather momentum. K9 Rescue have attended numerous events in order to raise awareness along with much needed funds for the organisation.

We would like to extend our gratitude to those that have hosted us and everyone who came along and supported these events - your support is very much appreciated!

We love to chat with members of the public about our current residents and it's so nice to hear updates from people who have previously adopted from K9 Rescue.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles & Night Market

11 Sep / 2 Oct / 7 Nov / 27 Nov / 9 Dec / 22 Jan / 19 Feb
Greenfields / Rockingham / Halls Head

Rockingham Arts Centre

25-27 September
Information Stall

GOSAC Adoption Day

9 October
Information Stall, Forrest Lakes Shopping Ctr

All Animal Adoption Day

10 October
Dixon Road Reserve, Rockingham

Trinity's Pawfect Day with GOSAC

12 November
Trinity Residential College, Crawley

Petstock Adoption Day

4 December
Belmont

Gift Wrapping & Calendar Sales

6-24 December
Warnbro Centre / Halls Head Central

Bunnings Information Stall

20-24 December
Greenfields

Upcoming Events...

Sleeping Ruff Fundraiser

Dates to be advised

Lakelands Volunteer & Community Expo

Friday 20th May
Lakelands Shopping Centre

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 10th April
Greenfields Mandurah

Pooch-A-Palooza

Sunday 1st May
Northbridge

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 15th May
Greenfields Mandurah

Pets in the Park

Sunday 15th May
Port Kennedy



Pictured: Jake King (President) and Mark McGowan at a recent Sausage Sizzle Fundraising event.

Special Thanks!

We would like to whole heartedly thank these amazing businesses for providing our volunteers with new T-Shirts:

- **T-Bizz Printing & Embroidery**
- **Magic Auto Victoria Park**
- **The Car Shop WA Victoria Park**

Our volunteers wear these shirts with pride when representing K9 Rescue Group.



Our Recent Training Session

We recently had an amazing training session with Sharon from 'Wolfie's Dog Training & Rehabilitation'. This included lots of positive socialisation with our residents which resulted in many fur friends being made!

We all learnt so much about dog behaviour. It was heart-warming to give these dogs a sense of normality, being able to interact in a safe and professional environment. We are looking forward to many more sessions and are excited to implement everything that we have learnt!





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Thank You!

Alive Juice at the Fremantle Markets has generously donated an amazing trailer for K9 Rescue to use when attending sausage sizzles and other fundraising events. Alive Juice's owner, Adrian Radford, also volunteers as a Dog Handler with us at K9 Rescue and is such a valued member of our Team. Adrian regularly takes our long termer Layla home to give her some much needed respite from the kennels and his support of K9 Rescue is unwavering. Thank you Adrian, this trailer has made transportation to these events so much easier. **@alivejuicewa**



We would love to say a huge thank-you to Pet City for our new signage on our K9 van! The van signage was very outdated and they now look outstanding!

We want to extend our gratitude to the Rockingham Crusaders Scooter Club for their recent visit and donations. They also share our 'Dog Of The Month' posts on their social media pages for all of their followers! We look forward to your next visit.



We would like to show our gratitude to the amazing team at 91.7 The Wave! The Wave continue to support our organisation, sharing our fundraising events with the public and inviting us in to chat on air about our organisation. They also share our 'Dog Of The Week' on their social media platforms.

The amazing team at Halls Head Small Animal Clinic are now a gold level business sponsor! This will help us immensely and we are very proud to have such an amazing organisation be our sponsor.

