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Yaps N Yarns

Feature Dog: Gus



Meet our very handsome boy Gus!

Gus has been with us for over a year now and would love to break free from the kennel environment. He is the most loving boy once he knows you and is a huge smooch! Some of his favourite things to do are: car rides, trips to Maccas, beach adventures and exploring new walking trails in the bush.

Gus likes to stick to his routine and we imagine he would be very low energy in a home environment.

He appears to be toilet trained and absolutely loves snuggling up in his blankets.

He enjoys playing with rope toys and squeaky toys and will happily entertain himself.

Gus would love to find a home with dog savvy owners who can continue to build his confidence and work on his training.

He would like to be the only pet in the home for now.

If you would like to meet this special boy, please complete an adoption application form or give our office a call during opening hours!



If you would like this edition to be emailed out to you, please contact us at reception@k9dogrescue.org.au

President's Report

K9 Rescue Group held our AGM in October where we welcomed our new Management Committee. We also said goodbye to several committee members as they moved on to new projects. We thank them for all the work that they did for K9 and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. I am excited to work with our new Management Committee and look forward to the future of K9.

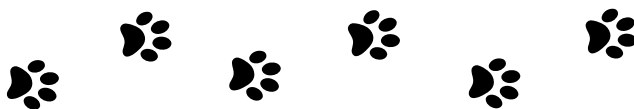
We held a busy bee on the 26th October and it was wonderful to see the turn out. Alcoa sent out a crew that spent the day painting our new kennel block and tidying up our grounds. Bunnings sent out a crew and they spent the day giving our volunteer lunchroom a makeover. On the Move Mobile Skip bins provided us with one of their mobile bins to help haul away rubbish and removed some larger rubbish items for us as well. Thank you all so much for your generosity it is very much appreciated.

We look forward to having another busy bee soon to get the work started in exercise yard 2. We have plans drawn up and are excited to see them come together to make a relaxing place for both dogs and volunteers to spend some playtime. If you know anyone who may be interested in donating their skills, products or time helping with the work please let us know.

You might have seen our fundraising team out and about in Mandurah Forum, Halls Head Shopping centre and Bunnings Greenfields over the last few months. We are also looking to have more of our Community Awareness market stalls in the coming year and hope to see you all pop in for a chat and check out our products we have for sale. The fundraising team are amazing and working hard to help increase our public presence and raise some much-needed funds for our beautiful dogs.

If you are interested in volunteering with us we have several roles available to suit... whether you are interested in walking our dogs, working in the background doing kennel cleans, washing bedding or kitchen duties or getting out and about in the public at our fundraising events we would love to have you on board. From as little as 2 hrs a month every little bit helps, we love to add new members to our K9 family. Please visit our website or drop into the office to fill out one of our volunteer applications.

We look forward to the next 12 months and the exciting changes we have planned . Thank you all for sharing our journey and supporting all the wonderful dogs that pass through our doors.



Meet Our New Committee

On the 21st of October we held our annual Annual General Meeting where our members have voted in new and existing candidates to our committee. See below our current committee of 2024!



President
Linda Dahler



Committee Member
Fiona Peters



Vice President
Lee Brown



Committee Member
Nina Murray



Secretary
Katrina Barwise



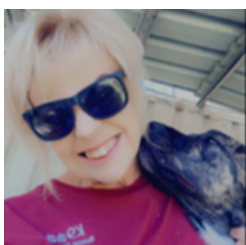
Committee Member
Leonie Meschewski



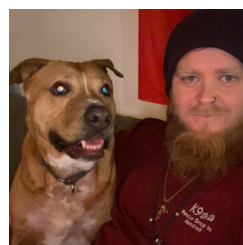
Treasurer
Graham Carter



Committee Member
Steve Lawson



Committee Member
Jenni Bestwick



Committee Member
Max Carter

Warm Weather

With the weather beginning to heat up it is important as a pet owner to have the contact details of your local vets and snake catchers on hand for emergencies.

We have seen a few snakes out and about recently and even had one relocated from our property.

We have been keeping our dogs cool during the day with lots of water activities, providing plenty of fresh water, frozen lick mats for enrichment and walking them in the morning and late afternoon to keep cool.

Frozen lick mats or flavoured ice cubes are a great way to keep your dog cool on hot days. It is a great way to provide them enrichment and keep their brain busy.

Pictured below are some of our dogs cooling down and some reptile visitors!



Quiz Night

We want to extend a huge thanks to everyone who helped contribute to the amazing Quiz Night we held recently.

A huge thanks to Ali, Gunners, Cindy and the whole team over at 91.7 The Wave for their amazing efforts organising and hosting the quiz night.

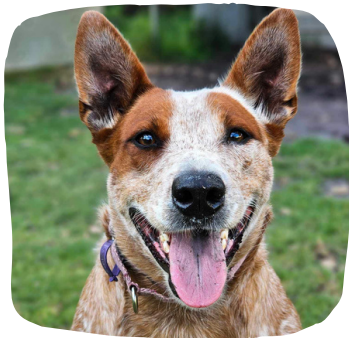
With their help we managed to raise \$10,000 which has greatly assisted us to rescue and re-home many more dogs.

Vet bills are at an all time high as many dogs receive little to no veterinarian care before coming to us. Our vet bills average between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per month, with every dog being vaccinated, sterilised, microchipped and given flea and worming treatment.

A huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts to each and every person who was involved on the night.

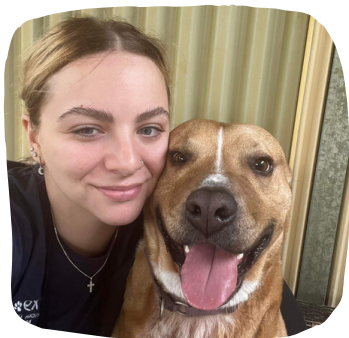


Meet Some of Our Long Term Dogs



Billie Rose

Our sweet girl Billie Rose came to us over a year ago heavily pregnant with 8 beautiful puppies. Since then all of the puppies have found their forever homes and Billie Rose has found herself back at the kennels due to no fault of her own. She is a lovely girl who is desperate to break free from the kennel environment!



Gus

Meet our big baby Gus! He is a gorgeous boy who would love to find his forever home. Gus can often be found venturing around Mandurah with one of our volunteers and often stopping off to get some lunch together on the way home. He loves the car and is such a good boy, we all adore him!



Kira

Kira is an absolute sweetheart, she has been with us for over a year now and is starting to give up hope of finding a forever home. Kira loves going on picnics, lounging around in the sunshine and playing with squeaky toys. She is such a beautiful girl and would make the perfect addition to any family.



Bruce

Bruce is our big gentle giant. He loves playing with toys and has so much fun playing at the beach. He loves splashing around as the waves crash and will go for a swim when the weather is warm enough. He is a very handsome boy and would love to find a home.



Noodle

Meet our beautiful girl Noodle! She has a heart of gold and hasn't stepped a paw wrong since arriving in our care. She is sweet as candy and has stolen the hearts of many volunteers. She is on the search to find her forever home and is over living life in the kennels. She would make the perfect companion and will stick by your side.

Arlo's Journey

At the beginning of August we received a call from a local pound requesting us to take on two emaciated dogs. Arlo came in with his sister Bonnie in shocking condition, Bonnie has since been adopted into a loving home and Arlo went into foster care with one of our amazing volunteers.

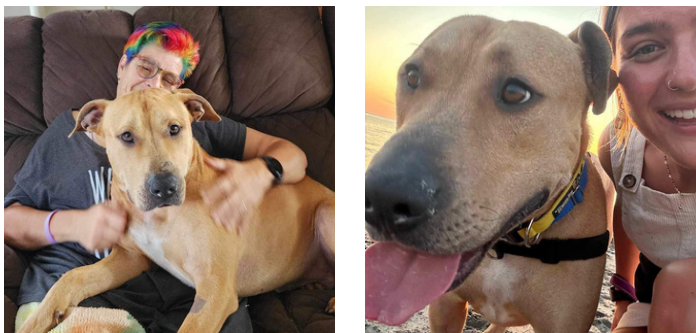
He is now unrecognisable from when he first arrived. He is happy and healthy and has been living his absolute best life, surrounded by people who love him!

His wonderful foster carers have fallen head over heels for this sweet boy and have decided to adopt him! He is no longer abused, starved or mistreated. He is only going to know love from now on!

Arlo when he first arrived...



Arlo now in his forever home...



Sponsorships

K9 Rescue Group is run purely on adoption fees, donations, sponsorships, bequests & grants. So how can you help? We have created many ways for individuals and businesses to get involved!

Including:

- Sponsoring a Dog
- Sponsoring a Kennel
- Two levels of Business sponsorships are available

Help us fix our exercise yards!

Put your name on one of our new kennels in our brand new kennel block!

From under \$10 per week you will be assisting K9 Rescue Group with much needed funding towards food, medical care, training, grooming and bedding. Each month our sponsors receive information about one of our beloved K9 Rescue residents.

Sponsor a Dog

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

Another way to help is to sponsor a kennel for 12 months. Sponsorship includes a plaque which will be placed on a kennel and can display your family name or your pet(s) names or other appropriate text. This will contribute towards the cost of caring for all the dogs who come to our Rescue to be re-homed.

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

Volunteer Awards

September 2023 - Christine Chinnery

Christine is such an asset to K9 and loves our dogs so much. She regularly takes a K9 dog out for an adventure, bad weather no problem, she will take them to her house while her husband takes their dog out so that our K9 dog can enjoy the comforts of home including napping on Christine's bed !!

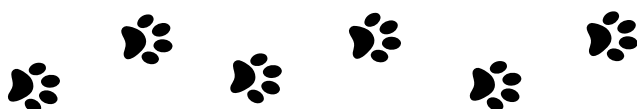
When Christine isn't taking the dogs home, she takes them on long sniffy walks out and about away from K9 so that they can enjoy the fresh air and have a much-needed reprieve from the kennel environment.

She always prioritises project dogs for outings, without her they wouldn't get anywhere near as much respite away from K9. She is committed to the ongoing training of the project dogs and always puts their needs first. Christine is such a generous soul who regularly donates to K9 whether it be through cash donations, sponsorship or the purchase of equipment such as a pressure cooker for the K9 kitchen.

Christine always puts her hand up for shifts and never fails to show up with a smile on her face, she is always happy to come in whenever we are in need to help get the dogs out. Christine is known for her great sense of humour; it is always enjoyable being on shift with her! She keeps vullie spirits high with her great attitude and funny jokes!

Not only does Christine take many dogs per shift on outings, but she has also been known to go through Maccas several times during a shift. Each time with a different dog so that everyone gets their ice cream.

Thanks for joining us at K9 Christine. The vullies and dogs are blessed to have you as a part of our organisation.



Volunteer Awards

October 2023 - Amanda Roberts

Amanda has volunteered at K9 since April of 2022 and is a weekly Sunday team leader.

Amanda's shift is meant to be Sunday afternoons, but Sunday has been the day for the lowest number of volunteers for quite some time now.

Amanda comes in early most Sundays to ensure that all of our dogs get a reprieve from their kennels, she therefore ends up working a full day shift.

Amanda is an amazing leader who is always dependably reliable, her calm demeanour ensures that no matter what is thrown at her on shift she handles it in her stride.

The dogs absolutely love Amanda, she is calm, compassionate, patient and extremely loving with them.

Amanda especially has a natural affinity with our Authorised dogs. Her gentle nature and patience allow them to feel comfortable in her presence and she will often spend extra time with these dogs allowing them to decompress.

Often on a Sunday there may only be Amanda and one other person on shift. Amanda always takes these high stress situations in her stride. She ensures that the dogs are her number one priority.

Thanks for coming and joining the K9 team Amanda, we are truly lucky to have you as a part of the K9 family!



Volunteer Awards

November 2023 - Alice Dixon

The volunteer of the month for the month of November was awarded to Alice Dixon.

Alice played a huge role in the converting of K9's old Blanket Shed into a Donation Shed.

If you haven't looked in our shed recently, please do! Alice(along with Fiona, Ray, Bev and others) has painstakingly transformed the shed from something that looked like it hadn't been overhauled since the 1800's to a fully functional blanket/storage/donation area.

Alice is our quiet achiever who works tirelessly behind the scenes managing the sorting and distribution of the donations we receive at K9.

From the donations we receive for our dogs, Alice works hard to distribute and pay forward any donations we are unable to use to other charities who gratefully accept them.

Alice works her magic and puts together beautiful gift baskets of preloved goodies to sell at our fundraising stalls and local markets.

Alice can always be found cleaning, sorting and co ordinating those things that our volunteers may not have time to do.

An example of this is that Alice sorted out all the medical supplies for our dogs. What we couldn't use, Alice distributed to a Charity who could make use of them.

Alice is known to load her car up with donations that may need cleaning and returns them beautifully laundered.

Alice has a heart of gold and everything she does is all for the love of our dogs.

We can't thank you enough Alice and are blessed to have you on as an amazing part of the K9 team.



2024 K9 Rescue Group Calendar

We have some exciting news! The 2024 K9 Rescue Group Calendar is officially ready for purchase! Each calendar is being sold for \$10.00.

We will soon be releasing a list on our social media of all the locations where you can purchase our calendar so keep your eyes peeled!

This year we have a combination of adopted and available dogs in the calendar. The dogs were on their best behaviour on the day of the photo shoot and made sure to pose for the camera!

A huge thanks to everyone involved in this process and to all of the amazing dog owners and sponsors who are involved in next years calendar!



Our Adoption Process

If you have adopted a dog from us recently you will know our adoption process. Although circumstances can change from dog to dog, our standard process is as follows.

Firstly, we will ask you to complete our adoption application questionnaire. Once completed our trained staff will review the application and will let you know which of our dogs are suitable. We no longer offer walk arounds as it began to stress the dogs too much and potential adopters weren't able to get a true indication of the dog's personalities.

Once we have selected a group of suitable dogs, we will arrange an appointment for yourself and everyone in your family (including your dog if you have one) to come down and meet some of our dogs.

We will give you all of the information we have gathered on that dog and will assess if you are the right fit for that dog and if that dog is the right fit for you.

If it is a successful match, we can then proceed with finalising the adoption up in the office. This process is in place to ensure our dogs are being set up the best they possibly can to go to the right home.

If you are interested in adopting one of our dogs, please complete the adoption application form off our website!

www.k9dogrescue.org.au

Stormy's Story

A beautiful memorium from a K9 Rescue Group adopter.....

K9 granted me the greatest privilege of bringing this beautiful girl home in 2011.

From the minute I saw her on your website, Stormy pulled at my heartstrings. I kept looking at her for weeks before I finally came to meet her in person. She was jumping at her fence and barking, antagonising 2 dogs opposite. When they settled she would start all over. I took her into the walking area and let her off-chain, true Stormy she totally ignored me. I walked out an hour later with my dearest friend who decided the car central console was her domain, and stood there all the way from Mandurah to Rockingham, alert to the scenery, barking at the traffic, thoroughly enjoying herself.

We never looked back, and I never once regretted bringing her into my life. I wouldn't go places if Stormy couldn't come with me, or she was going to be on her own for too long. When I arrived home she'd be dozing, ears pricked and alert, and would jump up, tail furiously wagging, huge smile on her face, barking her welcome. At "go round" she'd spin on a sixpence and race to the back door, jumping on the glass til she could get in. I'd like to think it was all for me, but suspect treats may have played a part.

Why no one had taken Stormy before I met her will always be in my mind, but am so grateful and believe it's because we were meant to be a family.

Stormy was full of life, with never-ending love and kisses, and never missed an opportunity to sneak in a kiss if you were remotely near her height level.

Her hair was long and soft as velvet, and sparkled in any light like diamonds. When I groomed her she'd initially resist but became resigned and would lie down with a "thud", a heavy "sigh", and a "I'll get you for this" look in her eyes. But when we'd finished I told her she was the most beautiful Princess Stormy Girl and patted her bum, she'd bounce up, shake, fly over for a kiss, run around like a lunatic for a minute doing nose-dives in the lawn, then strut and pose around the garden she owned.

Stormy Girl was a friend to all - except other dogs. Our friends loved her and always asked how she was. Our vets loved seeing her and were always so caring and ready with a treat. Anyone who met my girl lost their heart to her. She knew who didn't care for dogs and would target them, just to be annoying.

She was always here for me whenever and whatever. We shared a wonderful amazing life for 12 years. She was protective, defended her home, warned strangers off with a ferocious bark and teeth. I think if they got into the house she'd have pulled out a chair and offered a cup of tea.

With ageing Stormy developed arthritis and aches requiring medication, she soldiered on though it got harder for her. Many days she struggled to get up and lie down again, and had to be helped, but somehow she did it through all the pain.

Last year (2022) her hearing became bad, though I suspect some of that was selective. The worst thing for Stormy was she lost most of her sight in both eyes due to age. In daylight she saw shadow and light and navigated her way reasonably well. She memorised a track to and from the garden for personal business. When it became dark she had to be walked on a leash to stop banging into things and hurting herself. Lots of rubs for the bumps. We'd be up and out 2-hourly 12 times a night. It wasn't a task, it was just what we did.

In 2020 Stormy was diagnosed with liver disease and went onto medication, regular checks, and a special diet. Her bravery and courage got her through that, and we continued on as before. She had her last regular check-up this May and was perfect for her age. Just one month ago October, her bloods and scans were good, liver enzymes were as they should be, she was fine. We came home walking on air.

The past two weeks Stormy just wasn't herself and was obviously ill. Our vet did a huge amount of tests, and Stormy was diagnosed with a 12cm tumour on her spleen and a 4cm lump on her liver. Dr Hayley couldn't tell if the tumour had spread to her chest or lungs without more tests, but Stormy's intestine had intertwined with the tumour. Because of the fast growth and her experience, Dr Hayley was sure Stormy had an irreversible, untreatable cancer. I can't remember the name but it is the most nasty, cruel, vicious evil one. Stormy also had fluid in her stomach that could have been blood seeping from the tumour. This could have haemorrhaged at any time and killed her in agony and indescribable pain. "A ticking time bomb" Dr Hayley said.

I wasn't going to put Stormy through a lengthy dangerous intrusive operation that - if she had survived - would have meant 24-hour intensive care for however long, blood transfusions, indescribable pain and being in a drug-induced existence, just so I could have another 2-3 months with her. It wasn't the cost. It was Stormy.

Stormy made one more visit to the vet two days ago for one more specialist ultrasound that confirmed what I didn't want to hear. I had to make the hardest decision of my life that it was time to let Stormy go, for her sake. Like everyone in this position I wanted to pretend it was a nightmare and I'd wake up.

Stormy and I spent Wednesday night she in her bed and me lying on the floor, awake every minute cuddling, kissing, holding, talking to her, getting as much time with her as I could.

Last night my best friend Sarah helped me take Stormy back to Dr Hayley. When Sarah arrived Stormy jumped up, ran around welcoming her, and ate her first thing in 24 hours, a slice of cheese. I told the vet she'd made a huge mistake and there was nothing wrong, but that was my selfishness denying the truth.

Sarah, Dr Hayley and I were with Stormy when it was time to let her sleep. Dr Hayley kept reassuring Stormy everything was okay, and was so beautifully gentle. Sarah was by Stormy's back and hind legs, giving her the long back strokes she loved so much, talking to her. Both in tears. I lay next to Stormy's head, stroking, rubbing her ears, telling her how much I loved her, how brave and wonderful she was, thanked her for being in my life, for always being there, buried my face in her neck, trying to be brave for her. After Stormy went to sleep I broke down. They let me stay with her for as long as I wanted before I was ready to leave that precious bundle and come home to an empty house.

During the last few weeks Stormy would go out every 2 hours on the dot, to relieve herself. At 3am this morning I heard her scratching at the back door to be let out. Up I got and opened the door. 5 minutes later scratching to be let back in. I got up again, both times not remembering until I was standing at an empty open door. But I know she was there.

Stormy was the light of my life. She filled my days with her presence, she gave me unending unconditional love, she woke me up with her snoring, she was always up for any and everything.

Stormy was a person, not a dog, and I would give everything I have if only for more time with my amazing beautiful wondrous girl, even if just to escort her to the toilet.

I'm not religious in the traditional sense. I don't believe in packaged God. I don't know how any God could make these wonderful creatures for us to love and care for, then snatch them away in so short a time, leaving us broken. I want to believe the Higher Being who blessed us with animals, was waiting for Stormy to come home and welcomed her with the biggest smile, open arms, and so much love.

I know my Stormy Girl is free of all pain, is her usual boisterous self causing havoc as she runs around doing what she does. She will always be in my heart, but right now it hurts so much and the tears won't stop.

Thank you for everything K9 does to find homes for these lovely beings that find themselves cast out for whatever reason. You're all angels sent to earth for this very purpose, and I'm so thankful you're there.

*I'm sorry for waffling and taking up your time The flood gates opened and I couldn't stop.
Much love and bless you all.*

Thank You Bunnings!

We recently teamed up with an amazing group from Bunnings to work on our volunteer room!

The impressive team came down and dedicated most of the day to help clean, paint and re-decorate our lunch room.

The finished product looks absolutely amazing and we can't thank them enough for their efforts!

Our volunteer resource room now has a complete new look and feels much more inviting and fresh.

The volunteer room is used by volunteer's to enjoy thier breaks throughout the day, often with a dog accompanying them to decompress and experience a well enjoyed reprieve from the kennels.

We want to thank the amazing team from Bunnings for their ongoing support!



Thank You Alcoa!

In October we had a large team from Alcoa volunteer their time to come down to the kennels, meet some of our dogs and do some extremely helpful work around the property!

They were outstanding helpers and because of their hard work we were able to finish water proofing the second half of our new kennel block, meaning that we can now house up to 20 more dogs.

The amazing team helped with gardening, maintenance and so much more all around the property.

We want to extend a huge thanks to the amazing team at ALCOA for donating their time and skills to us!



Recent Adoptions



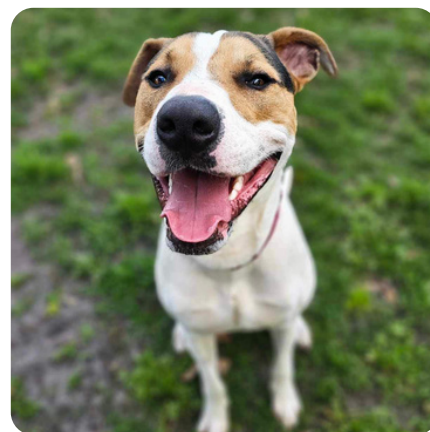
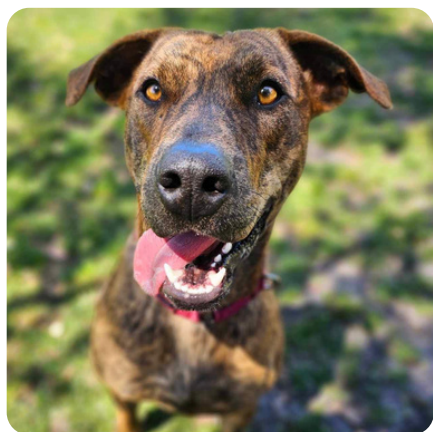
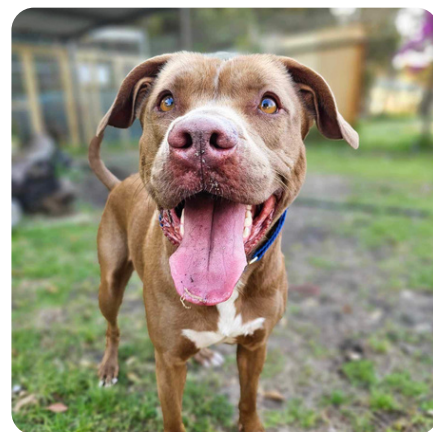
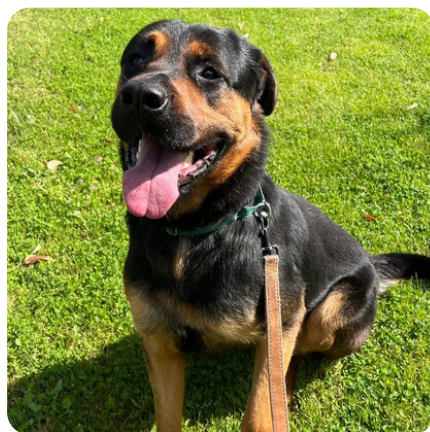
Current Surrender Crisis

Rescue in Australia is currently struggling with the surrender crisis. Our office are receiving a minimum of 10 calls every day from people wanting to surrender their dog. Although some are being surrendered for genuine reasons, we are taking in plenty of young dogs who have been bred to make money. Never in our history have we experienced such an outcry for surrenders, nor have we ever been sent so many surrender applications for puppies and other young dogs.

Thankfully we have been able to complete the opening of our new kennel block, meaning we can now house an extra 20 dogs. The kennels were filled extremely quickly and we still have an extensive waitlist of dogs waiting to be surrendered.

If you have been considering adopting, the time is now! We have so many different dogs to choose from, all of which have different temperaments and personalities. There is one for to suit everyone!

If you are interested in adopting a dog or even becoming a foster carer for us, please send an email through to: reception@k9dogrescue.org.au



How To Help

Want to help but are unsure how? There are plenty of ways you can help including (but not limited to) becoming a volunteer, fostering, adopting, donating or even dropping off some towels and blankets for the dogs.

Most dogs that are being surrendered to us are coming in with poor body conditions. Some of them have fleas or ticks, are extremely emaciated and have skin or medical conditions. Most of the dogs we have accepted lately have not been microchipped, vaccinated, sterilised, are not up to date with their flea and worming treatment and have received next to no veterinarian care.

Vet bills are at an all time high and are our biggest expense to date. Before each dog is adopted we make sure they are microchipped, vaccinated and are sterilised. This cost alone is close to a thousand dollars per dog and our adoption fee barely covers this.

If you are able to help by donating to us, we would be eternally grateful. You can call us up and pay over the phone, use our website or scan the QR code below to donate to us through our website.

If you would like to put us into your will, swing by the office or give us a call for more information and we can definitely help. Our rescue dogs are so very special to us and being a Not for Profit organisation we are often looking at new fundraising idea's to raise money for vet bills and food for the dogs.

If you are able to donate or help out in any way please contact us and we will be more than happy to help.



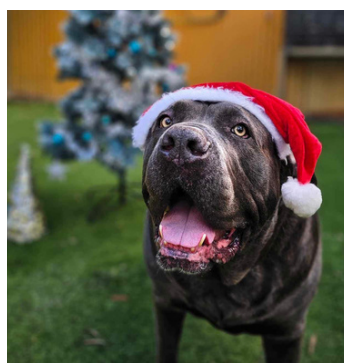
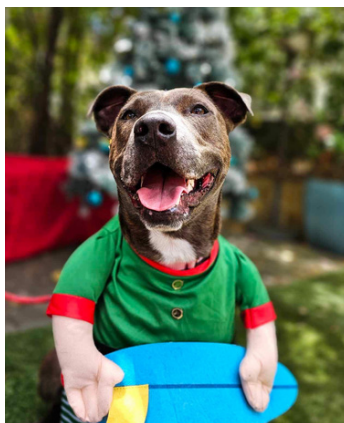
**Scan the link with your
phone to donate!**



Our Wishlist

- Flea & worming treatment
- Cheese
- Adaptil products
- Peanut butter
- Towels
- Toys
- Treats(excluding rawhide and Baxters sorry)

Enjoy some photo's of our dogs getting into the Christmas spirit!!



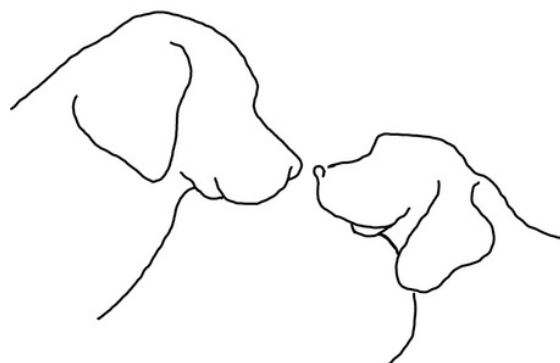
Marley & Bear's Doggy Daycare

A few months ago one of our lovely foster carer's told us about a place called Marley & Bear's Doggy Daycare. The wonderful owners have now opened up a huge yard with tall fencing that you can hire out for a really cheap price.

This is a great way to allow your dog some freedom if they are reactive, without the stress of other dogs that are nearby. All you need to do is book with them online and choose a day and time that suits you to take your dog. During your scheduled time, no other dog will have access to the large enclosed yard.

We have been booking appointments for some of our dogs to have large pack plays together as well as booking it for our dogs that aren't dog social. It is a great way for them to exercise, be given mental enrichment and to have fun exploring a new place in total freedom!

We would definitely recommend booking with Marley & Bear's Doggy Daycare!





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Thank You!

John Tonkin College Mandurah

Recently we received a call from a lovely John Tonkin College staff member inviting one of our committee members to accept a cheque from some year 9 students. They have raised money as part of their school project and have very generously donated this to our dogs.

They have also worked very hard to collect some valuable donations of blankets and towels for our dogs to use each day. Our President Linda visited the school to accept the cheque and was delighted with their efforts.



K9 Rescue Group is proudly sponsored by

Halls Head Small Animal Clinic
and Coffee Cove Mandurah.

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