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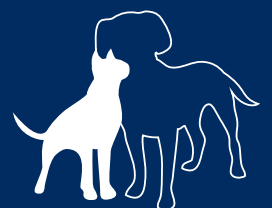


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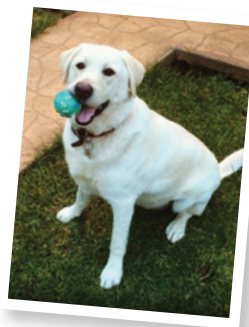
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## Message from Editor-in-Chief Ollie

Can you believe it is September already! I've just celebrated my birthday and I had the best day out with my pawrents getting spoilt (just like I deserve!). All my friends at AWL NSW have been very busy lately. They attended the Sydney Dog Lovers Show last month, and they are starting up their very own Puppy Preschool for puppies to be just as good and well behaved as me. How good is that!

Until next time pawsome suppawters,



Ollie

Did you know during our adoption drives in June and July we had 53 cats/kittens and 23 dogs/puppies adopted!

## President's Message

### DAVID HOPE, PRESIDENT

Welcome to the September edition of LoveTails for 2019. We have been busy again throughout the last three months, attending the 2019 Sydney Dog Lovers Show, our Inspectorate department tending to an array of complaints, as well as promoting our Legacy Foster Care program and Puppy Preschool Program. All this while planning our next community drive and new cattery opening - more details to be announced via our website.

We cannot wait to see what the next three months have in store; the year has already seen our organisation go from strength to strength, and as the months start to become warmer, we eagerly look forward to some exciting new events and activities to finish 2019 on a high. ●

*David Hope, President*



## About Animal Welfare League NSW

Animal Welfare League NSW is a registered charity that has been operating for over 60 years. We provide expert care to surrendered, neglected and abandoned companion animals across New South Wales. Our vision is that all companion animals have a safe and loving home. We strive for this through our work in rehoming, education and discount desexing programs. AWL NSW also has inspectors who are authorised to investigate allegations of animal cruelty under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (POCTAA). We rely heavily on the generous support of animal lovers like yourself to care for thousands of animals every year.



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For more information on the difference you can make by getting involved with Animal Welfare League NSW, visit [awlsw.com.au](http://awlsw.com.au) or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AWLNSW](https://www.facebook.com/AWLNSW)

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# Legacy Foster Caring

Who will look after your pets when you are not able to?  
Many people have friends or family to take care of their beloved pets once they're gone, but what happens if this isn't an option? Animal Welfare League NSW is proud to offer our **Legacy Foster Care Program** to care for pets of people who have passed away.

We understand how important it is for beloved pets to be placed in a caring home environment. Once an animal comes into our care, we search for a perfect permanent foster home for the animal to be placed in. Some animals may have additional needs and require specific families to care for them, but many are just looking for a warm bed and a loving home.

## Who can be a carer?

Ideally, AWL NSW prefers carers to live within a 40-kilometre radius of our Kemp's Creek shelter, as food and supplies need to be collected from our shelter, and it is home to our veterinary clinic. If we believe you're the purrfect carer for a special case, a further distance may be considered.

As all animals have different needs, a wide variety of carers are needed. Whether you're single, a family, young, old, active, or a bit of a couch potato, we will be able to match you with a legacy companion. As a legacy carer, you are welcome to specify your preferences as it is important that both humans and animals are happy in their home.

## What is the process?

If you are interested in becoming a legacy carer;

1. Contact AWL NSW via phone or email.
2. Speak to our Foster Care Coordinator and fill out an application form.
3. Our Foster Care Coordinator will visit your home to ensure it is the right fit for a legacy companion.
4. If your home is suitable, our Foster Care Coordinator will explain the next steps of getting the animal to your home.



## What support does AWL NSW provide?

As each legacy animal is considered to be under the care of AWL NSW for the remainder of its life, AWL NSW will cover all of the animal's costs. This includes bedding, food and veterinary care.

## What are the benefits of being a carer?

You get a pet just like you would if you bought or adopted one, but without the cost. You help give an animal that has gone through the trauma of losing their family a new loving home for the rest of their life.

## Like to find out more?

To enquire and/or apply, please email [fostercare@awlsw.com.au](mailto:fostercare@awlsw.com.au)



# AWL NSW AT THE 2019 Sydney Dog Lovers Show!



Referred to as ‘The Greatest Festival in the World Dedicated to Dog Lovers’, the **2019 Sydney Dog Lovers Show** was held on the 3rd and 4th August at Sydney Showground Homebush.



The two-day event is a remarkable tribute to the unconditional love that we share with our canine companions, and gets bigger and better each year. This year, the Sydney Dog Lovers Show was held in a new location at Sydney Showground which accommodated even more shows, demonstrations and new attractions which saw a crowd of thousands attend over the two days.

Enjoying all things pawfectly canine, the Sydney Dog Lovers Show brought together celebrity vets, Insta-famous pooches, pet retailers, breed enthusiasts, rescue groups and more to celebrate everything about dog ownership.

Showgoers converged to gain a greater respect and understanding for their special furry family members with information stalls offering advice on new legislation, and assisting owners to give their pet the best life possible.

An enthusiastic team of AWL NSW staff and volunteers manned the stall throughout the event, handing out show bags, magazines, flyers, magnets and more. AWL NSW merchandise was also sold at the event to help fundraise for our shelter pets. A kid's activity table at the stall was a great success, featuring free colouring-in and activity sheets, and free kids tattoos and stickers.

AWL NSW Inspectors attended the event and were happy to chat to members of the public about the vital work AWL NSW does in responding to cruelty and animal welfare concerns.

Overall, the event was a great success and the AWL NSW stand was well received with members of the public frequently stopping by to give kind words of support, donating money and congratulating us for being present at the event. Others were also keen to learn about the activities and programs that our organisation assists with and the event provided AWL NSW great exposure to those who may not be familiar with our charity.

AWL NSW hopes to attend similar events in the future to help spread the word on how we assist in the community. To keep up with upcoming events please follow us on Facebook. ●

## Did you know?

By law, from 1 July 2019, anyone in NSW selling or giving away a dog (or cat) needs to use an identification number in any advertisement. This number will be either: a microchip number, a breeder identification number OR a rehoming organisation number.

This number will help potential pet owners find out more information about the pet that is advertised. If you see an advertisement that does not include an identification number, or you suspect an advertisement includes a false number, be sure to contact Animal Welfare League NSW.





# Meet the Shelter Managers

## 1. What inspired you to work with animals?

**Naomi:** Ever since a young age I have wanted to work with animals in some shape or form. It wasn't until I adopted my dog from AWL NSW in 2015 that I understood what I finally needed to do which was to play a part in saving, rehoming and rehabilitating animals who need a second chance at life.

**Nathan:** When I was younger my first real interaction with an animal was being attacked by a GSD. For whatever reason that interaction gave me a profound love and respect for all animals and prompted my parents to socialize me with animals in a way that didn't involve me harassing them into biting me. After researching online I came across the AWL NSW volunteer program and signed up immediately. Two months later I was offered a full time position and the rest is history.

**Sam:** I have always loved animals from as young as I can remember. I have grown up with dogs and cats and they have always given so much love that it inspired me to help those animals in need whether that be domestic or wildlife, and show them that not all humans are bad.



(Left to Right): Nathan, Naomi and Sam

## 2. What makes your job worthwhile?

**Naomi:** The best and most worthwhile thing about my job is seeing the outcome of when animals get adopted. We often have animals who sit at the shelter for a really long time and there is no better feeling than seeing the animals who you put a lot of work into training and looking after on a daily basis find a loving home.

**Nathan:** Everything, what other job allows you to effect change in such a worthwhile manner? Getting to see dogs come into care, grow, learn and find a new home. Nothing compares. Getting to be surrounded by like minded people who all come from different backgrounds but find common ground in the shared love of animals.

**Sam:** What makes my job worthwhile is when an animal comes into our care who is shut down, been abused, neglected, deprived of love and terrified and you work with those animals and they come out of their shell and start trusting you and their personalities start coming out and you become bonded with that animal. You witness the progress they make from the first day until they get adopted and as much as it hurts seeing them in a bad way at the start it's worth it when they are comfortable and get adopted and trust humans again.

## 3. Is there any animal you have fallen in love with during your time at AWL NSW?

**Naomi:** It's hard to pick one animal in particular although I must say, a part of me falls in love with every animal that comes through our doors.

**Nathan:** Too many! The one that will always stick out is Sarah, a little brindle staffy with a list of issues. She spent over a year in care, most of it ruling over the reception office, anyone who came to the shelter between January 2014 and August 2015 would have been greeted by an incredibly vocal dog. She was my assistant during volunteer inductions, a constant source of laughter as she waddled her way around the office chasing the sun so she would have a warm spot to snooze and the reason most people thought I was crazy as they would enter reception to find me actively arguing with the little lady. She eventually found the perfect home for her where she is still going strong and comes in for odd visits, she's not as vocal but still as cheeky.

**Sam:** I have fallen in love with every animal from a little puppy to a big horse. Every single animal has their own little personalities and they are all so innocent and just want to be loved. Although there are a few animals who have come through and been a little more special. There is one boy named Deckard who I fell in love with and wish I had the place to have adopted him. ●

# Five minutes

## FIVE MINUTES WITH ANIMAL ATTENDANT TEGAN

### What motivated you to work at AWL NSW?

I was already working in an animal-related role however I was looking for something different, somewhere I could have a more hands-on interaction with animals directly as well as have a positive impact on their wellbeing.



### Do you have any pets at home? If so, what do you have?

I do! I have a 6-year-old Kelpie "Piper" and a 9-year-old cat "Marble". Both are rescue pets.

### Why do you believe AWL NSW is so important?

Both animals and pets alike are prevalent in every day life. I think it is extremely important that all animals have access to all they need for a long and happy life. That is why I believe AWL NSW is as important as it is. AWL NSW does so much to educate people, as well as provide the animals in our care (and in the community) with the support they need and deserve.

### What does the average day on the job look like for you?

While most days have a general routine, no one day is the same as the next! Depending on where I am assigned within the shelter, I am either working with the dogs who are looking for homes, or with the cats in our cattery.

Being with the dogs involves interacting; playing, walking, training and feeding them, as well as taking them out to meet potential adopters. This is really important in allowing us to match people and dogs to ensure their lifestyles match. Working in our cattery is very similar. My day consists of interacting with cats, ensuring they are healthy and happy, while talking with customers who are looking to add a feline friend to ensure that the lifestyle for both the feline and potential adopter are purrfect for each other.

### Do you have a favourite animal in which you have met during your time here?

There was a cat called Sable who I really fell in love with last year. She was the sweetest little girl with such a smoochy personality. She was diagnosed with FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) these cats are often overlooked due to the stigma of the disease, but luckily pretty Sable was adopted last year to her furever family.

### What is your favourite part of your job and why?

My favourite part of my job is assisting and watching animals find their new homes, especially if they have been with us at the shelter for a while, it is so rewarding when their 'people' come. ●



# My Foster Care



Hello, it's nice to meet you all. Allow me to introduce myself and tell you a story about how I began foster caring with AWL NSW. My name is Bec Johnstone. I'm a single mum and foster mum in my forties. I have 3 beautiful boxers, and am pretty well known around town as the 'dog lady'.

On the 15th January, a local woman found a tiny helpless pup near her home and it was clear that it needed immediate care. The woman spent most of the day trying to find the owner of this poor puppy - I remember this day vividly. I had just arrived home from work and it was 3.30pm on a scorching 42-degree day when I got a message about the pup. I informed her to bring the pup straight to me. The poor puppy's eyes and ears were still closed, and the umbilical cord was still attached. I knew I had to act fast. I rushed the pup to a local vet where I got formula, a bottle and teat to feed it.

Honestly the first few days after are a bit of a blur... I was sleep deprived and anxious that the pup wasn't going to make it. I weighed her several times a day and monitored how much she was drinking, and by some miracle she started to grow and thrive. I made her up a bed with soft blankets and towels, and we got her some soft toys, a teddy to keep her company, and a hot water bottle in a sock for warmth. She was bottle feeding hourly. We named her Mishka.

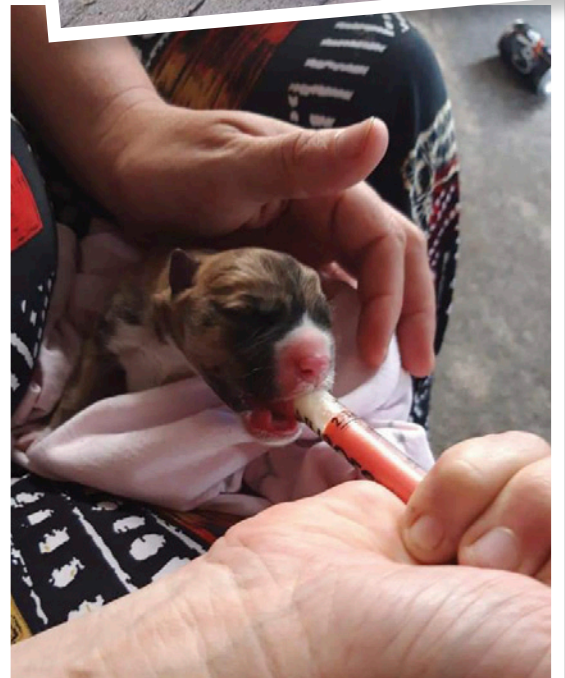
We had no idea what breed Mishka was... she was a beautiful light brindle colour to start with. We thought maybe staffy x, but then she started to develop a beautiful thick coat.

Mishka grew quickly. Her eyes and ears opened, and she soon started to walk around. When Mishka was five weeks old, I called AWL NSW. Shelagh and Elaine

from the Eurobodalla branch came out to our home to meet us soon after, and they agreed to help find Mishka a loving home. I signed her over to the care of AWL NSW, but she stayed with me, I was now officially her foster carer. AWL NSW paid for her vet needs and offered to pay for other needs too.

Not long after, I found out that I would be going into hospital, so Mishka and my 3 boxers stayed in my home in the care of my amazing pet-sitter, Samantha. Sam and her family went to extraordinary lengths to care for Mishka's needs, and I know they all adored her as much as we did. Sam taught her how to fetch, helped wean her to solid food and did some vital house training.

Mishka ended up staying with us until she was 16 weeks old. Shelagh from the branch was in regular contact, providing support and arranging vet visits. Shelagh's warm and friendly nature quickly reassured me that I had done the right thing by involving AWL NSW. Mishka received her vaccinations, microchip and worming treatments, and passed her health checks with flying colours. At four months old, Mishka had a 'meet and greet' with her beautiful new family. They already had 4 beautiful dogs (all rescues) and Mishka fitted in perfectly. She seems so happy in her new home with her new humans and fur-siblings, and although it was hard to say goodbye, I know we did the right thing for her.



I am confident that between AWL NSW and myself, we have set her up for a wonderful long, happy life. It feels good to know that I've helped so much - the reward of being a foster carer! ●





# Inspector Round Up

AWL NSW has a team of Inspectors who are authorised to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty offences. Here are just a few of the cases they've been working on over the past few months.

If you would like to report animal cruelty, please call 02 8899 3333.



Inspector Wakefield was driving along Elizabeth Drive, Badgerys Creek when he noticed an Eastern Long Necked Turtle slowly walking down the middle of the road. Inspector Wakefield stopped immediately and picked up the turtle. The turtle was placed in the closest water source.

Inspector Stimson attended a job for a deceased cow stuck in a dam on Elizabeth Drive with other cattle exposed. The cow was removed via excavator with potential bio hazard issues being identified.

Inspector Wakefield attended an address in South West Sydney in relation to a male resident with an intellectual disability that was facing challenges looking after four dogs. The resident decided to surrender two large breed dogs into the care of AWL NSW. The male was also provided with essential education in relation to pet ownership. Inspectors are assisting the male for the ongoing welfare of his dogs.

Inspector Mahon rescued three baby Ibis after they fell from a nest on the top of a huge palm tree, they were transferred to WIRES for rehabilitation.

Inspector Rowe attended a property in Auburn for an injured stray cat. The male cat had severely matted fur, was thin, and he appeared to be sore to touch on his back. The male cat was chipped but unfortunately the microchip did not have details on it. The cat was transported to AWL NSW where he was clipped and wounds were found on his back that have now been treated.

Inspectors Wakefield and Mahon attended Badgerys Creek Road, Badgerys Creek in relation to a kangaroo hit by a car. Upon arrival the kangaroo had a broken leg and had to be euthanised at the location. This is a sad reality that Inspectors face daily.

Inspector Wakefield conducted a joint operation with NSW Police in Western Sydney in relation to criminal activity as well as backyard breeding of dogs. A number of breaches were identified and infringements were issued to the owner.

Inspector Wakefield attended an address in Western Sydney for a cow down and unable to get up. The cow was visited daily by a vet and receiving intensive treatment. Despite all welfare efforts the cow was euthanised due to her condition.

Inspector Wakefield attended an address in Northern Sydney for a dog with no shelter. A Border Collie was sighted in immaculate condition with sufficient food and water. The dog was in a large dog run while the owners were at work. Whilst the owners were home the dog was inside the dwelling. Direction and education were issued to the owner and they immediately provided shelter for the dog while in the dog enclosure.

Inspector Wakefield attended an address in South West Sydney with a dog in severe distress, possibly suffering Parvovirus, which can be fatal. The dog was immediately seen by a vet. Through the intervention of Inspectors and co-operative owners the dog has made a full recovery.



### FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH

We have been inundated with surrenders this year. Earlier this year, our branch resumed rehoming cats and kittens when the local RSPCA branch was closed. We have since taken in 8 cats/kittens from the council pound, and another 34 from private surrenders. Our branch urgently needs more cat and kitten foster carers. We have also accepted 25 dogs/puppies from the council pound and 46 private dog surrenders. One of the dogs previously in care was Benji, an 8-month-old pug cross which came into care from a local vet. Benji had a lot of energy, however his endearing personality helped him find a forever home where he has settled in with a lovely couple, three human siblings and a staffy friend.



### GREAT LAKES AND MANNING BRANCH

Our branch has some truly amazing volunteers. Kathryn Davies is the Great Lakes and Manning Cat Welfare Officer! Kathryn is currently in her second year in this role, and it is one of the busiest roles in our branch, especially since the closure of another rescue group in the area. Kathryn adores cats and kittens and has an unrelenting passion for their care and welfare. Kathryn not only cares for her own cat Sarah but fosters surrendered felines as well. Kathryn ensures each cat and kitten in our care gets a loving forever home. The job is a stressful one, between the endless phone calls for surrenders, to the constant running around between carers and vets. Kathryn spends thirty hours a week volunteering and loves to surf and scuba dive. Thank you Kathryn for doing all that you do helping the cats and kittens in the Great Lakes and Manning area. You are a gem – and all the furry felines you have rescued agree.

### HAWKESBURY VALLEY BRANCH

Hawkesbury Valley Branch attended two major local events recently. The first was Dogs in the Park, held at Hawkesbury Showground. This event was supported by many community groups and gave us a chance to chat to locals about our role in the Hawkesbury Community. The second event was Hawkesbury Festival, held on the banks of the beautiful Hawkesbury River at Windsor. We met so many happy, socialised and well-loved dogs at both of these events.

July kept us busy with our participation in National Desexing Month. The response to our subsidised desexing drive has been amazing once again and it was great to see so many people taking up the offer. This would not be possible without the financial backing of AWL NSW and the wonderful vets in the Hawkesbury who support us.



### MOREE BRANCH

Tuesday, a beautiful staffy cross pup, came into our care after a Good Samaritan saved her and took her to the pound. The Good Samaritan was following a vehicle on the highway leaving Moree, when a door opened and a bird cage with something in it was flung out. It bounced on the highway before rolling into a table drain. The Good Samaritan pulled over, stopped to check what was in the cage, and found little Tuesday! Apart from being terrified, she was uninjured. She is now on the hunt for her forever home, having been microchipped, vaccinated and desexed. A happy life awaits our beautiful girl. A reminder of why we do what we do.





### NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

The branch has been busy lately with many new registrations into our three training programs; Obedience, Rally-O and Agility, as well as holding our annual fundraising day "Dogs Day Out". It was sunny but a windy cold day – despite the weather everyone participated enthusiastically. We were delighted to welcome special guests – Mark Slater, CEO of AWL NSW, highly skilled dog trainer Jeff Chivell and his wife Sandra, as well as Kym Sutherland (Narooma Vets) and Kate Le Bars (Montague Vets) who took on judging roles. NDTC handlers demonstrated our three disciplines of canine training. All demonstrations were of a high standard and gave the public an insight into the teamwork and comradeship of our branch.

The fundraising day also included a cake stall which was fantastically busy. Thanks to volunteers Roz Wood and Sue Munro and the generous donations of baked goods, and the market stall run by Carol Low and Ruth Watson was a popular addition too. The presence of the Eurobodalla Shire Council information van was also much appreciated. About 90 people attended and 55 dogs joined in the activities, earning a Certificate of Participation to take home for their scrapbook. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and organisational skills of the NDTC Committee and other willing volunteers.



### SHOALHAVEN BRANCH

Sweet little Clover was found tied to the back of a van by a rope at a local showground. She had little food, no bedding and was drinking lemonade. An AWL NSW carer offered assistance by providing water, food and bedding. Poor Clover was clearly in pain due to her matted and filthy hair. The dog was surrendered into our care to receive further treatment.

A huge thank you to the very kind person who paid for Clover's desexing at our local Berry Vets. These vets also recommended a local family; Sandra, Gerald and Cino to be her forever family. The introduction was amazing and very special. Clover is now adopted and currently is waiting for her doggy life jacket to arrive so that she can cruise along the local waterways with her furparents.

### WESTERN SUBURBS BRANCH

Western Suburbs branch have been very busy since the last edition of Lovetails. Bunnings BBQs, cake stalls and our annual auction have had all hands on deck with fundraising. Special thanks to Joan Pearson for again opening her home to the branch for the auction. We now have our first food donation box at IGA Ashcroft to take donations of food and litter to help our community and foster cats. We wish to thank Brad at IGA for choosing AWL NSW to make use of the donation box. We, just like the Kemps Creek shelter, are being overwhelmed with animals - particularly cats and kittens looking for homes and are hoping the cooler weather will help decrease the number of kittens being born. Our July desexing drive was very successful and kept our volunteers very busy. Huge thanks to local vets who go that extra mile each year to help desex all the animals we send their way.





# Why Puppy School IS IMPORTANT

Picking up a new puppy can be one of the most exciting days in your life. You imagine how much fun you and your new friend will have together.



As the puppy gains confidence in their new home things can even start veering away from the picture perfect image of the well-behaved dog that you had imagined. That's where the help and support of a professional is vital.

Puppy preschool classes provide both you and your new puppy with a ready-made group of friends to support and cheer one another on as you face the challenges of puppyhood together. The classes take place during your pup's critical period which is where they learn the difference between safe and unsafe. The more that you can help your puppy to place new experiences in his 'safe box', the more comfortable they will be with everything as an adult.

The secret that no-one mentions is that puppy classes are really for you and that your puppies will learn as a by product of your new knowledge. There is so much more to socialising a puppy than just bombarding them with new experiences. Puppy classes teach you how to maximise your

socialisation opportunities while still living your normal life. They also provide carefully controlled socialisation opportunities that you will not find anywhere else.

Your instructor will teach you how your dog learns and how to communicate with your puppy so that they know what you want from them. A confused puppy is a naughty puppy. You will learn how to read your pup's body language so that you know what they are saying. This skill is necessary when socialising your puppy, especially when introducing them to new people and dogs. Most of all you will learn that dog training is just a continuous set of fun games that allow you to let go of your stress and play in the moment with your puppy. It's fun!

Your puppy will learn how easy it is to make you do things like give him treats and play with him. He will learn context cues, meaning that certain things you do predict an opportunity to do something to earn a reward. In other

instances, all he has to do is wait until he hears a word (or signal) that means he is eligible for a reward and then do the behaviour associated with it. He may even start to offer some behaviours, such as a sit, because he knows they pay well. He'll start paying you lots of attention which is a great foundation for when you start to take him out into the real world.

**AWL NSW are excited to announce that we are now running our very own puppy preschool classes. Our classes run for 6 weeks with a FREE orientation week. They are small classes of 4-6 puppies which will be run by one of our Behaviour Trainers and will provide plenty of personalised attention.**

Join the AWL NSW family and help your puppy become the well-mannered companion that you know they can be. If you are interested in attending puppy classes please contact the AWL NSW Behaviour team on 02 8899 3333. ●





# Vet Advice

DR. DESHAYLIA MOODLEY

Pets

## THE IMPORTANCE OF DESEXING

**Desexing** (or **neutering**) is a vital component of responsible pet ownership. Desexing is the process of removing your pet's reproductive organs while under a general anaesthetic. In females (also known as speying or an ovariectomy) the procedure involves removal of both the ovaries and the majority of the uterus. Alternatively, in males (in which it is commonly known as castration) it involves removal of both the testes.

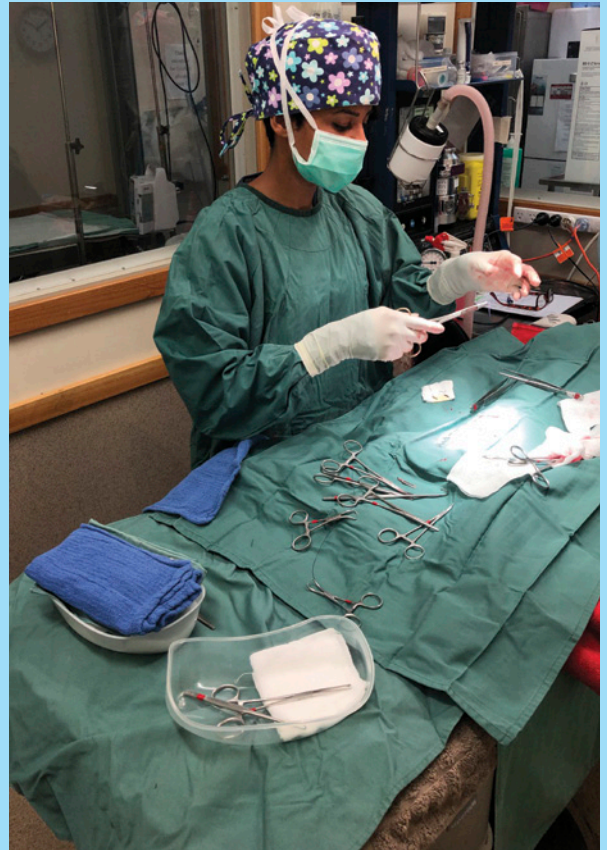
### Why should you desex your pet?

Desexing offers a multitude of benefits including:

- Prevention of unwanted pregnancies and litters.
- Reduced risk of mammary cancers – desexing your pet prior to their first heat results in 0.05% relative risk of them developing mammary cancer. This risk increases significantly, rising to 8% if desexing occurs before the second heat and to 26% if it occurs before their third heat.
- Desexing after their third heat carries a 100% relative risk of developing mammary cancer.
- Prevention of testicular cancer
- Prevention of ovarian cancer
- Reduced risk of prostatic cancer as well as benign prostatic enlargement. The latter is associated with pain and inability to defecate which often results in euthanasia if the animal is not castrated.
- Prevention of developing a pyometra (a life threatening condition in which the uterus fills with pus causing systemic illness)
- Reduced roaming and aggression
- Decreased risk of perineal hernias in male dogs
- Decreased risk of spread of certain diseases such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV).
- Decreased urine odour and prevention of urine spraying/ marking

At the Animal Welfare League NSW Veterinary Clinic, we perform more desexing procedures than an average vet. As a result, our vets and nurses have exceptional experience in this area and can safely desex pets ranging from a 1kg kitten to a 75kg Mastiff. There can be speculation about the potential issues associated with desexing, however our vet staff believe the pros outweigh the cons, and in most cases desexing is still highly recommended.

In addition, although the procedures are done routinely, they can be associated with potential risks (as would any surgery) such as bleeding, infection and anaesthetic complications. ●



If you have any questions about desexing or would like to book in your pet at our AWL NSW Kemps Creek vet clinic, please call our friendly staff on 8777 4424 or email us at [vetclic@awlsw.com.au](mailto:vetclic@awlsw.com.au).



# Happytails

## Mia

Some goodbyes aren't always sad, even if many a tear was shed the morning of Mia's farewell.

On Monday 15th July, our beautiful girl Mia was adopted and went home with her new family.

Mia had been in our care since October 2018 when her previous owners moved away and couldn't take her with them. We tried and tried to help Mia find the perfect home, but she was constantly being overlooked... We were ecstatic when it was finally Mia's turn!

After spending so much time in our care, Mia had become a firm favourite with many of our Animal Attendants and when it was time for Mia to leave, many of our shelter staff and volunteers gathered to give our precious Mia the big farewell she deserved. Loved for her quirky antics, our attendants adored her, and many of us will miss her greatly.

Be a good girl Mia, and enjoy your new home! ●



### Adopt



GIVE A SHELTER PET A HOME AND RECEIVE YEARS OF LOVE IN RETURN

### Volunteer



WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE ANIMALS OR DO ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

### Foster



FOSTER CARERS TEMPORARILY LOOK AFTER SICK OR YOUNG ANIMALS, OR THOSE WHO NEED A BREAK FROM THE SHELTER

### Donate

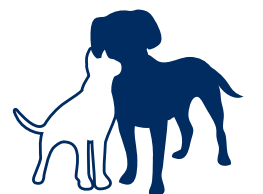


WE APPRECIATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP WITH SHELTER COSTS, AND WELCOME ITEMS TO FEED AND ENRICH THE ANIMALS

### Vet Clinic



WE PROVIDE EXCELLENT CARE AND SERVICE AT OUR VETERINARY CLINIC FOR ALL YOUR ANIMALS NEEDS AND HEALTH CONCERNS



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