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Message from Editor-in-Chief Ollie

The start of the year has been really sad, and I can't help but have my tail between my legs as I think about all those brave firefighters saving pets just like me. Sadly, many animals haven't been so lucky and Mum mentioned something about a billion animals losing their lives, this is such a tragedy. I hope you and your family are safe but if you need help, please let my friends at Animal Welfare League NSW know, they are trying their hardest to help those in need.

Until next time my pawsome
AWL friendly suppawters,



Ollie

About Animal Welfare League NSW

Animal Welfare League NSW™ (AWL NSW) is a registered charity that has been operating for over 61 years. We provide expert care to surrendered, neglected and abandoned companion animals across NSW. Our vision is that all companion animals have a safe and loving home and 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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President's Message

DAVID HOPE, PRESIDENT



Many of us have been horrified by the ferocity of the recent state-wide bushfires. Coming on top of the economic effects of an extended drought they have compounded the difficult times being endured by many rural communities. The tragic loss of life and property and the impacts on companion animals, livestock and wildlife represent an enormous tragedy nationwide. Although the scale of the problem is vast, Animal Welfare League NSW™ has been doing its best to support rural communities with pet food and stock feed donations, and our branch network and volunteers also continue to provide their incredible assistance programs. Our mobile clinic has travelled to Taree, and more recently to the NSW South Coast to enable our veterinarians, vet nurses and inspectors to provide assistance to animals injured by the bushfires. While we don't wish to see further natural disasters, our ability to provide rapid mobile responses across the state, as well as increasing branch support, will hopefully go from strength to strength in the coming years.

As we look forward to an ambitious year ahead, we encourage you to take a moment to think of those who have been affected by the bushfire crisis and consider how we all may be able to help in this time of need. ●

David Hope, President





HELP FOR BUSHFIRE VICTIMS



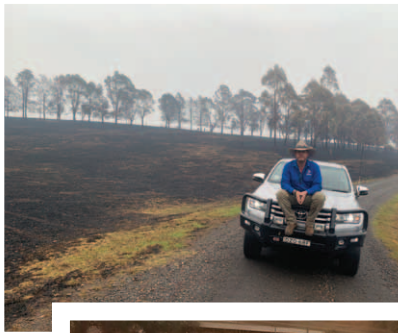
In November 2019, Animal Welfare League NSW™ CEO Mark Slater travelled to Wingham, NSW to get an understanding of the bushfire crisis. Mr. Slater went to help at a property located 30km down the end of a dirt road, with no services, the back fence still on fire, with power lines down and cattle walking around.

"The owner of the property lived there on her own and was wandering the paddock with nothing but the clothes on her back. She lost her companion animals who ran into the house to take shelter but were burned to death. The fires were so fast and intense, there's nothing they could have done," said Mr. Slater.

Seeing the devastation first-hand, the Animal Welfare League NSW mobile clinic was deployed on Tuesday 26 November 2019 to have its inaugural run to the Mid North Coast to assist those who had been affected by the bushfires and to provide disaster relief by treating injured animals.

The mobile clinic parked for two days at Taree Showground where AWL NSW also provided free health checks, vaccinations, microchipping and first aid to local animals. The AWL NSW veterinary team, which also included President of the AWL NSW Board Dr. David Hope, travelled to Hillville, Old Bar, Wingham and surrounding areas to treat pets and livestock with respiratory problems, injuries and burns from the bushfires.

At the end of the visit, the AWL NSW vet team had treated mainly livestock which had shown signs of burns around their hooves and feet from attempting to flee hot, fire-affected properties.



As the NSW bushfire crisis continued to devastate more areas, the mobile clinic was again deployed on 1 January 2020 to provide assistance in the South Coast region. Initially travelling to Cooma and then parking at Bega Showground for seven days where AWL NSW provided first aid to injured pets and animals, as well as providing pet food and other supplies to evacuees.

During this time, teams of AWL NSW veterinarians and vet nurses also travelled to Moruya and surrounding areas to check on livestock and provide critical care. AWL NSW Inspectors also travelled to Cobargo to work with NSW Department of Primary Industries and

Local Land Services to distribute feed, rescue animals and assist with recovery efforts.

Thank you to all of our supporters who donated to our bushfire appeal to help us provide assistance during the NSW bushfire crisis. If you would like to show your support, donations can be made online at www.awlnsw.com.au or by calling (02) 8899 3333. ●



Introducing our Mobile Clinic

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST VET CLINIC ON WHEELS



The Animal Welfare League NSW™ (AWL NSW) mobile clinic service is an Australian-first, fully-fitted out B-Double trailer which has been purposefully designed to enable Animal Welfare League NSW to travel to regional areas in NSW to provide desexing, vaccination and microchipping programs to communities doing it tough, and to help reduce the burden of unwanted litters and stop the source of pets that may find themselves at council impound facilities.

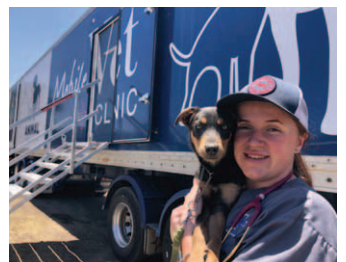
The clinic, which is over 25 metres long, features specially-designed areas to conduct minor animal surgeries (such as desexing) as well as an isolation room and over 35 recovery cages. It also features equipment to perform blood works, fridges, a veterinary scale, and extensive storage to hold veterinary supplies and more.

The AWL NSW veterinary team from our Kemps Creek clinic will travel to destinations in collaboration with our volunteer branches across the state to ensure we are helping those that need us most. In addition, the clinic will be deployed to areas of crisis to assist with natural disasters and other emergencies. The clinic has recently been used to assist with the Mid-North Coast and South Coast bushfire crisis and is looking to be deployed to more areas throughout the year.



AWL NSW would not be able to run these important community programs without the ongoing support of kind and generous donors. If you can, please consider supporting this cause, any donation no matter how small is appreciated.

Donations can be made online at www.awlnsw.com.au or by calling AWL NSW on 02 8899 3333. ●





Create an Animal Emergency Plan

HOW TO INCLUDE YOUR PETS IN YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

Creating a disaster management plan that includes your animals is a critical part of responsible pet ownership, and planning ahead increases the likelihood of getting your pets to safety. Before the emergency, take the time to prepare an evacuation plan that includes livestock and pets.

Tips to help plan for an emergency:

- Prepare an animal emergency kit (see below)
- Train your animals to be settled in a cage/carrier/crate/horse float
- Ensure cats and dogs are microchipped and contact details are up to date
- Dog and cats should wear collars and have an ID tag including their name, owner's name and contact number
- Plan for how you will relocate your animal
- Consider transportation for larger animals for e.g. horse floats and trucks
- Discuss your emergency plan with the family and practice it
- Preparing an animal emergency kit ensures you have the essentials for your animal if you need to seek temporary accommodation

As part of your disaster plan, be sure to prepare an animal emergency kit to ensure you have the essentials for your animal if you need to seek temporary accommodation. Your animal emergency kit should include:

- Dry food and water containers (enough for at least three days)
- Food and water bowls
- Leads, collars, harnesses, etc.
- Poo bags for dogs, cat litter and tray for cats, etc.
- Cage or carrier appropriate for smaller pets (cat, bird, guinea pig, reptile). Ensure the litter tray in the carrier suits the animal. Label the cage and/or carrier with your contact details.
- Vaccination certificates, registration certificates
- First aid items and medications
- Blankets, towel, and bedding
- Information sheet including your name and contact details, photo of pet, pet's name, description and care requirements

Creating a disaster management plan will help ensure your pets stay safe, especially if you are in a bushfire area or likely to relocate in the case of an emergency. Being prepared will help keep everyone safe should you need to be evacuated quickly. ●





Cattery Update



The last 12 months have been incredible for Animal Welfare League NSW™ with many new projects commencing. One of these many projects is our new state-of-the-art cattery. The new facility will provide optimum care and housing for our feline friends.

We all know that a shelter environment is not the right place for a cat or kitten to live out the years but the sad reality is that cats and kittens are always in our care in large volumes. We have ensured that each and every one of our feline friends needs and wants are being met at the shelter until they are adopted out to their forever homes.

Some of these amazing new features include floor-to-ceiling play areas, multi-level climb hide areas, meeting rooms, and spacious housing for individual cats, bonded pairs or families. The cattery has been designed with the input of our experienced behaviorists, veterinarians and other feline experts to ensure that each cat can express their unique personality and be matched purrfectly with potential new families.

To attract even more adopters, our new cattery also features a wonderful new kitten play area, a retail space and beautiful murals which have to be seen to be believed.

Later this year, Animal Welfare League NSW will be hosting a fun and exciting launch event to celebrate the opening of this new facility. ●





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.



Inspectors attended an address in Dubbo in relation to numerous dogs at the location with welfare concerns. At the property all dogs were in good body condition with no welfare issues identified. The resident has recently fallen on hard times. Inspectors provided the owner with dog food, worming treatment and flea treatment to assist them in their times of need.

Inspectors attended an address at Eastern Creek after a juvenile kangaroo had become trapped in a large industrial yard and was unable to find his way out. Due to high temperatures and lack of water within the industrial yard the Kangaroo was in a high state of stress. The Juvenile Kangaroo was tranquillised and relocated to nearby bushland where he made a full recovery.

Inspectors attended a local school in Kemps Creek where a Kangaroo had made his way into the school grounds after being hit by a car. Upon inspection unfortunately it was revealed the kangaroo had a severely broken leg. Due to the close proximity of the students the kangaroo was tranquillised and moved to a private location away from students and euthanised by a qualified veterinarian. Unfortunately with the Urban sprawl around kemps creek, Inspectors are seeing a large increase in Wildlife injuries in the region.

Inspector Wakefield attended a Greystanes address in relation to welfare concerns of puppies. At the premises the residents informed Inspectors that they had an accidental litter of puppies and they intended to give the dogs away on social media and various websites. The owners were educated in relation to the 'Selling of dogs' legislation. As a result seven 8 week old puppies were surrendered into the care of AWL NSW, all of which were successfully rehomed into loving families.

Inspectors attended an address at Bligh Park in relation to a severely injured Kangaroo. At the location 1 female kangaroo was located suffering fatal injuries after being hit by a car. A young joey was taken into care and is now receiving professional treatment from WIRES.

Inspectors attended an address in Western Sydney in relation to a female dog in poor body condition. Upon arrival one female mixed breed dog was sighted who had given birth to a number of puppies 3 weeks prior. The female was skinny. Education, advice and an official direction was issued in relation to responsible pet ownership and subsequent feeding plans. These directions were followed and the female dog put on weight with no further welfare concerns identified. Inspectors also ensured all legislation was followed in relation to the selling of the puppies.

Inspectors attended an address in Sydney in relation to an elderly male resident with severe health problems. Inspectors organised for a local vet to come out and conduct health assessments on both of his dogs. High quality food, worming and flea treatment was given to the elderly owner to assist him for the ongoing welfare of his dogs.

Inspector Wakefield attended a northern beaches address in relation to welfare concerns for a German Shepherd. At the Premises a large electric bark collar was sighted around the dog's neck. Owners were spoken to and they stated they brought the 'electric shock collar' off the internet to stop their dog barking. The owners were informed these were illegal and the collar was seized.

Inspectors attended an address in Vineyard for a sheep with a heavy fleece. Direction was issued to the owner to have the sheep shorn which was immediately complied with. The sheep is now free from the heavy fleece with no further welfare issues identified.

Inspectors attended an address at Claymore in relation to dogs in poor body condition. At the location two 6 month old dogs sighted in reasonable body condition. After lengthy discussion and education the owner decided to surrender both dogs into the care of AWL NSW as she could not afford the ongoing care of both dogs.



GREAT LAKES & MANNING

Fires ravaged the mid north coast and catastrophic conditions with hot winds and the drought made it a perilous few weeks for our Great Lakes Manning area. Hundreds of homes were lost and thousands had significant damage to property. Farmers were doing it tough before the fires — but now the situation is desperately worse for so many. Cats, dogs, and other family pets have been uprooted as families were forced to flee family homes — some animals went missing. Livestock and our precious wildlife were lost in flames.

Our branch was asked to assist during the fires when AWL NSW CEO Mark Slater visited the area. Our branch President Marg Steel took Mark on a road trip to Caparra, an area impacted badly by fire just outside of Wingham. It was an emotional day visiting a woman who had lost everything. She was struggling to process what had happened – having escaped the fire by sitting in her dam. AWL NSW stepped in to provide food, water and pain relief. We helped to bathe and treat animals who miraculously survived the fires, but were traumatised.

Local vets have also been inundated with caring for injured and burnt animals and to provide further assistance, the new AWL NSW mobile clinic was asked to provide additional care for fire impacted domestic animals in our area. It was a great opportunity to see the new mobile clinic in action and there was a terrific feature on Prime News and the local paper. Our local branch also made a donation towards hay for fire victims. They say it takes a community to build a community, and our branch will continue to play an active role in helping those who need it most during the months of recovery and rebuilding ahead.

We have our 40th Anniversary coming up in March so we are busy making plans for a celebration which includes the mobile clinic coming to our area. 2020 will be a big year for our branch.

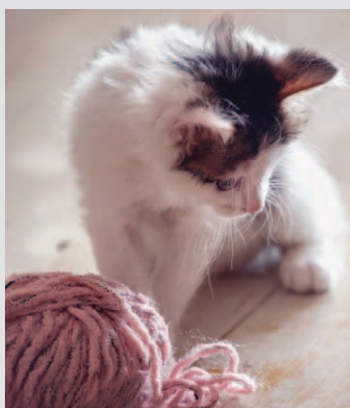


FAR SOUTH COAST

We were very fortunate to have AWL NSW Animal Behaviourist Karen Riddell come to visit us in November and help with challenging behaviours in 2 large dogs as well as provide some demonstrations and advice on basic training that can be applied to all dogs coming into care. We hope to have Karen back again to support both dog carers and cat carers with some behaviours to look for and training techniques to try.

Santa Paws Photos were well supported again this year at “Cobargo K9 Parlour” on 4th November and at Merimbula “Coastal Grooming” on 17th November. Many thanks to both grooming salons for allowing us to use their premises and also to the photographers who do a wonderful job for us as well as the ever patient and unflappable Santa. These are fun days and great fundraisers for our branch raising \$2089.92.

Our “Calendar Of Second Chances” which is always very popular, features 95 animals that have been rehomed to many parts of Australia. It also pays tribute to Little Sioux and Sheila, 2 local rescues who passed away during the year. Our Trivia Night in August raised \$4274.75. It was a fun night, booked out and we will run it again in 2020.



ILLAWARRA

Well, we are going through something of a renaissance here in the Illawarra. We are ‘retooling’ our branch, and expanding the range of services we can offer to our clients, human and otherwise. We continue to offer subsidy for desexing of cats and dogs and we’re very excited to announce that we are now getting involved with fostering and adoption!

With the assistance and cheerleading of the Shoalhaven branch, we have successfully rescued and fostered 13 cats and kittens, and secured an adoptive family for one of the kittens – in just 10 days! More meet and greets are happening and fingers crossed for many more happy homes!

Our Facebook presence is more active now, we are taking regular desexing referrals through the page. Maybe as a result of the social media activity, we are also attracting an influx of shiny new volunteers! We are hoping to be so busy that we are going to need every last one. So, onwards and upwards for us. Watch this space!

HAWKESBURY VALLEY

A few months ago, we received a call from a local ranger. She wanted to know if we would consider taking in a 6 week old kitten that had been having seizures while at the animal shelter. This kitten had seen a vet and the report was not good - the vets believed the seizures had caused brain damage and it was unlikely she would ever have good quality of life. The ranger was facing the prospect of having to euthanise on humane grounds.

So, thinking ‘what have we got to lose’, we travelled to the shelter to at least see this little one. When we got there, we found a



little scrunched up ball of fluff sitting in the corner of a cage, growling and hissing. When she was picked up she complained loudly, so much so that we thought we might be causing her pain!

Off to one of our lovely vets for another check, growling and complaining the whole time, and then off to a carer with some medication and let her settle and see what happened. Well, it soon became clear that this kitten needed help to eat, drink and everything else!

We named her Pudden and we took it one day at a time. Gradually over a period of 3 weeks she began to eat on her own (most of the time), she learnt to use the litter tray and she continued to complain and growl loudly when handled. Amazingly, she did not have another seizure.

We started to wonder if there was someone out there who would be willing to take on Pudden for however long her little life may be. We weren't looking for an adoption, we were looking for a permanent foster carer. We put out a plea, with no real expectations.

Amazingly, a wonderful lady named Debbie answered our call. Debbie has had lots of experience looking after injured/sick animals and was interested in taking on Pudden. So the next part of Pudden's journey began, all the while we knew it could end at any moment.

Pudden settled quickly into life with Debbie but life with Pudden definitely wasn't easy. Lots of TLC and patience required. We waited as long as we could to have Pudden desexed, worried about the effect the operation would have on her. Finally, we had to go ahead (hoping for the best) only to find that Pudden had been born without reproductive organs. While she recovered quickly physically, emotionally it was quite a setback.

Pudden gradually returned to her 'best' self. She still growls and complains often, but she's settled into a comfortable life with an old one-eyed dog as her best friend. She will never be a normal cat, but for now, her life is pretty good.

NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

On the first Saturday of each month AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club Branch (NDTC) welcomes new canine friends. On these special days new faces register for "doggie school" as it is affectionately known by some. These particular afternoons are always busy and exciting. New handlers join the beginner's class (Green) for dog obedience training. They are given a run down on NDTC rules of conduct, shown the procedure of sign in and health check for their dog, and introduced to their Instructor. At 2pm the 60minute lesson begins! After the class, our Equipment Officer is at the ready to assist with sale and fitting of head halters or half check collars if needed. In 2019, NDTC registered 125 puppies and dogs in obedience training. This was the third consecutive calendar year that we topped the century! We are proud of the gentle handling techniques and skills that we offer people, especially those who are experiencing challenging behaviours with their pooch. It is encouraging to know that so many people in our area choose to become responsible citizens, and take the time to develop trust and rapport with their dog. Registration for 2020 will take place on Saturday 1 February 2020. Branch phone: 0458 953 281.



EUROBODALLA

Our annual Tailwaggers Walk was a success and raised more funds to provide the care our little darlings deserve. Over half of our volunteers attended, from all ends of our Shire, to help with stalls, games and act as general "gophers" where needed! There were also AWL NSW friends including local vets, dog wash services and local coffee and snack stalls. Both the four- and two-legged had a grand day and the events held were hilarious! Our 'Simon says' game had both dogs and people laughing or wagging. The dogs knew when 'Simon' was saying and when 'Simon' wasn't saying and got it right most times. The humans, on the other hand, had a rather confusing time of it. Just goes to show...

The band played some great music. Two ladies, attending with their grand-puppies, decided to use their wheelie-walkers as partners and proceeded to do a few very fancy jive and swing moves. They were still going strong when the rest of us were danced out! The vet talk was well received and many people went away with some new knowledge and understanding of their pets.

Cat adoptions have been very successful. Our local pet shop has given us immense support and success with cat adoptions. They have installed a wonderful 'cat emporium' so cats can sleep, play, eat and generally be themselves, while the potential new adoptive family watch and fall in love with their favourite.

We live in a wonderful community, full of natural coastline and forests and the residents here in our Shire are very supportive of our work. When we set up a stall at the local monthly markets, people drop by to buy a raffle ticket or dog treat and tell us about their particular furry family member. It gives us a chance to have a cuddle with some of our previous adoptees, too. So good to see them happy, fed and nurtured, given the start some of them had. Makes it all worthwhile as I'm sure every AWL NSW member and friend will attest.



An Update on Harley

Thanks to generous supporters like you, Animal Welfare League NSW™ was able to save **Harley**.

Harley came into the care of Animal Welfare League NSW — weighing just 5.94 kilograms! A skeleton of his true self trying to survive a horrific ordeal that no animal should ever experience. This boy was approximately 14 years old when he came to us. He was elderly, but we knew we could help him have a better life, even if it was only for a short time, to experience all the wonderful things a dog should.

After a few months, Harley recovered at the veterinary clinic. The vets agreed that his recovery was miraculous for a dog of his age.

When Harley was ready to be adopted, his foster carer jumped at the opportunity - admitting that Harley had put an extra spring in his step.

It was the perfect forever home for Harley, the foster carer ensuring that all of Harley's dreams could come true, getting extra treats, playing with all the toys he could dream of and making sure there would be no bucket list needed if Harley were to pass away. All while getting all the love and attention he deserved.

In late 2019 Harley succumbed to elderly age, he was surrounded by his forever parents showering him with pats, cuddles and tears.

Although our hearts are aching here at Animal Welfare League NSW, we find peace in knowing that Harley had an amazing year on this earth doing everything he loved with people that he loved. ●





Vet Advice

SNAKES AND TICKS — VET TIPS BY DR. DESHAYLIA MOODLEY



As the days are becoming warmer, we need to be vigilant about the new nasty's that can affect our pets. Ticks and snakes are more active during the warmer months and both can pose a serious threat to your pet, which can result in death. As pet owners, there are a few precautions we can take to ensure our beloved furbaby stays safe this summer.

TICKS



Tick paralysis is a deadly condition caused by the Paralysis Tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*). The fatality of rate in controlled experiments on untreated dogs was 100%! The female tick injects venom into its host (via saliva) while feeding. After a few days the venom results in muscle weakness which quickly progresses to a paralysis. The paralysis usually starts in the hindlegs and moves forward towards the chest. Once the paralysis reaches the chest, it starts to affect the muscles used to breathe which can result in respiratory failure and death.

The Paralysis tick is more active during spring and summer and common around the Eastern seaboard of Australia. The tick is grey in colour but can be distinguished from other ticks (Brown tick and Bush tick) by its unique legs. The tick has 4 paired legs on either side of its body. The middle two legs (legs 2 and 3) are lighter in colour than the outer legs (legs 1 and 4).

Dogs usually exhibit clinical signs 3-5 days after being bitten. By this time the tick may have fallen off, therefore, the only evidence may be a small red crater where it had bitten. Clinical signs may start off with non-specific signs such as lethargy, vomiting or regurgitation, retching, and altered voice/bark. After a while, this will progress to the common signs of hindleg wobbliness and weakness, which quickly progress to paralysis and respiratory distress.

Tick toxicity is an emergency condition and requires immediate intervention. If you see any of these signs (and have been in a tick-endemic area in the preceding week) please see your vet immediately. Once at the vet, treatment consists of tick antiserum coupled with intensive supportive care and monitoring. In serious cases, your pet may even require a mechanical ventilator.

There are easy steps to take to reduce the risk of your pet being a victim of this awful condition. First and foremost is administering tick preventatives. There are many products out there, ranging from topical treatments to oral chews. Some last a couple weeks whereas others last 3 months. You will need to discuss with your vet which is the best option for you and your pet. The second step is to thoroughly search your pet daily for ticks when in a tick endemic area. Ticks can be found anywhere on your pet but usually like to nestle around the head and neck. They are also commonly found in-between toes, around the anus, in ears and even in the mouth! If you find a tick, please contact your vet immediately to discuss its removal and treatment.

SNAKES



Australia is home to 5 of the 6 most venomous land snakes in the world! Three of the most common snakes that may affect your pet include the Brown snake (*Pseudonaja textilis*), Red-bellied Black snake (*Pseudechis porphyriacus*) and Eastern Tiger snake (*Notechis scutatus*). The venom of these snakes work in multiple ways and can affect the nervous system (neurotoxin), coagulation, muscle cells (myotoxin) or blood cells. Each type of snake has a different combination of venom effects. For example, the Brown snake has more of a neurotoxin and coagulation effect on the body, whereas the Red-bellied Black snake mainly affects muscle and blood cells. Different snakes also carry differing prognoses – the chance of a successful recovery after being bitten by a Red-Bellied Black snake is far better than that of a Brown snake.

Clinical signs you should recognize include sudden weakness followed by collapse, shaking or twitching, vomiting, loss of bladder and bowel control, blood in the urine, dilated pupils, paralysis and potentially wound with a significant amount of associated swelling. If you see any of these signs, especially if you live in an area frequented by snakes, please rush your pet to your nearest vet for immediate treatment. Once at your vet, intensive treatment will commence immediately including systemic stabilisation, careful administration snake antivenom (as anaphylaxis is a possible complication) and close monitoring over a few days. Once again, in serious cases, your pet may require a mechanical ventilator.

Time is of the essence for both Tick and Snake envenomation and is literally the difference between a life and death situation. Recognise the signs and act quickly! If you have any questions about tick or snake bites, please feel free to give our friendly vet team a call on (02) 8777 4424 ●



Happytails

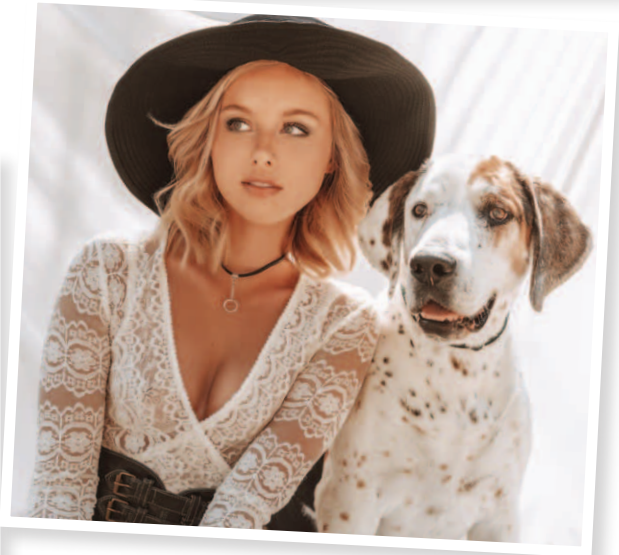
Brock

On the 30th of October 2017, a male Foxhound was surrendered to our Inspectorate after it was found that his previous owner was not able to care for him due to illness. Brock spent almost a year with our vets and behaviour teams — putting on weight, and learning how to be a very good boy. After passing his medical and behavioural assessments, Brock was made available to adopt from Kemps Creek shelter on 8th October 2018.

In September 2019, a wonderful photographer by the name of Elyse Potter made contact with AWL NSW to offer her professional services free of charge to help some of our most needy dogs find new homes. On the 4th October 2019, Elyse and a team of models and stylists visited AWL NSW Kemps Creek shelter to offer four of our most needy dogs a chance to strut their stuff and become doggy-models. This was Brock's big moment.

Not long after his photoshoot, Brock was placed into foster care to give him a reprieve from shelter life. On the 7th January 2020, the adoption paperwork was signed and his foster family made the amazing decision to make Brock a permanent member of their family. After 820 days in care, Brock finally found his forever home.

We want to thank Elyse and her team for helping some of our very special dogs find new families, and an extra big thank you to Brock's new family for giving this 10 year old Foxhound a second chance. ●



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