



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

About us

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 animals across NSW.

We believe that all companion animals deserve a safe and loving home. We strive to accomplish this through our work in rehoming, education and discount desexing programs. We are one of the only two regulating bodies authorised to exercise powers under the NSW Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Our Inspectors are authorised to seize and prosecute cases of animal cruelty and neglect, and our team are on the road every day protecting animals, educating owners, providing emergency rescue and investigating allegations of animal cruelty.

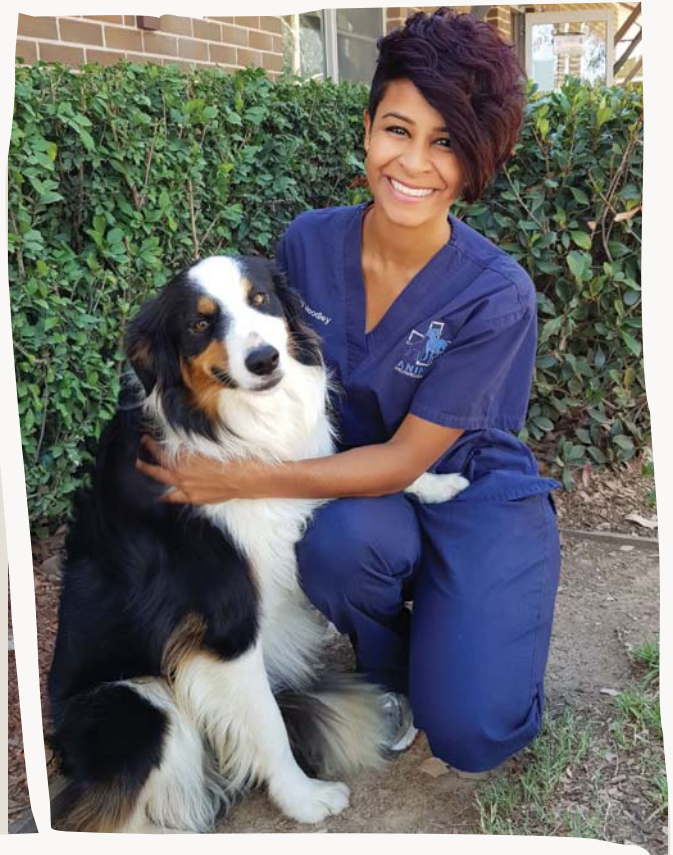
As part of our 'Getting to Zero' philosophy we are committed to achieving zero euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and dogs. Animal Welfare League NSW relies on the generous support of the community.

What we do

Animal Welfare League NSW operates animal welfare shelters and a veterinary hospital in NSW where surrendered animals are cared for prior to adoption. Animal Welfare League NSW also has various branches located across the state, managed and operated by dedicated and passionate volunteers.

Our operations include:

- 🐾 Animal welfare shelters in NSW where surrendered animals are cared for prior to adoption
- 🐾 Inspectors who respond to reports of animal cruelty or neglect across NSW
- 🐾 A full-service veterinary hospital to support the vital work of our inspectorate and shelter teams
- 🐾 A foster care network for those wishing to care for abandoned and surrendered pets until we can find them forever homes
- 🐾 A bequest and legacy program
- 🐾 A discount desexing program through a network of volunteer branches around NSW



From the President



This year has seen Animal Welfare League NSW continue to expand in all areas of animal welfare provision. Rescue, rehoming, desexing and fostering numbers continue to increase, especially with the input of our dedicated Branch network. From the large urban branches like Western Suburbs and Hawkesbury, to the remote branches like Moree everyone has performed beyond expectation. Among many highlights have been community days such as the Eurobodalla Tailwagger's Walk and the continued assistance to the companion animals of the homeless provided by the Shoalhaven Branch.

On a sadder note Pat Gotch, a life member of Western Suburbs Branch passed away after a lifetime of selfless dedication and volunteering for the cause of animal welfare. She assisted with over 3000 rescues and we thank her for her tireless work. I had the pleasure of helping Pat with her work as a newly graduated vet 40 years ago at Blacktown Vet Hospital.

Many staff and volunteers made the long trip to Pooncarie to provide relief feed for animals plus flea and worming treatments. This community, which is in the grip of drought, was grateful for the assistance we provided. The towns of Orange, Nowra and Moree saw many hundreds of pets desexed, vaccinated and microchipped through the work of our veterinary and nursing teams. The Hawkesbury Hayrunners with support from Bayer provided another example of what can be achieved with community effort, and how it is rewarded with the gratitude of those in need.

During this reporting period we officially welcomed Chief Inspector Stimson to lead our inspectorate team into a future of increasing need for public education in this area of our operations. As one of only two organisations with inspectorate powers, our support for them is crucial if we are to foster responsible animal ownership and control irresponsible breeding and abandonment at its source.

This year Animal Welfare League NSW was represented at two major public events, the Sydney Royal Easter Show and the Sydney Dog Lovers Show, both providing vital exposure and awareness of our day to day operations. Thank you to everyone involved in this essential promotion of Animal Welfare League NSW. Our state of the art cattery is now functioning and housing cats in an environment conducive to their well being which is increasing adoption rates and adoption success.

This is just a snapshot of the efforts of staff, volunteers and Branches of whom we should all be immensely proud as they work to improve the welfare outcomes for animals all across the State.

Dr David Hope

President, Animal Welfare League NSW

2018-19 Statistics

AVERAGE
30,775 UNIQUE
WEBSITE
VISITORS EACH
MONTH



100,858
FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



13,113
INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS

7,306
ANIMALS
DESEXED

PREVENTING UNWANTED
NEGLECTED ANIMALS
BEING BORN



43 VOLUNTEERS

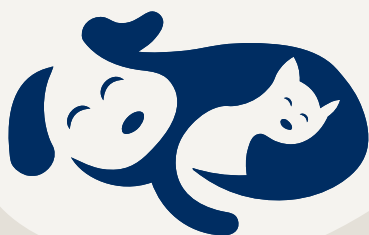
ACROSS OUR SHELTERS,
NOT INCLUDING THE
HUNDREDS OF BRANCH
VOLUNTEERS ACROSS NSW

VETERINARY
CLINIC

556 SURGERIES
7,635 CONSULTATIONS
3,249 SHELTER CHECKS
241 FREE MICROCHIPS
PROVIDED
746 FREE VACCINATIONS
PROVIDED

RESCUED

315 ANIMALS
(210 DOGS AND 105 CATS)
WERE RESCUED FROM
COUNCIL POUND



REHOMING

REHOMING FIGURES - ALL ANIMALS
1,890 REHOMED
35 RECLAIMED
448 IN OUR CARE AT THE END
OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
293 EUTHANISED (MEDICAL
AND BEHAVIOURAL)

CATS AND KITTENS

1,506

IN OUR CARE
2018-2019

986

REHOMED

179

EUTHANISED
(MEDICAL AND
BEHAVIOURAL)

17

RECLAIMED

324

IN OUR CARE
AT THE END OF THE
FINANCIAL YEAR

DOGS AND PUPPIES

970

IN OUR CARE
2018-2019

756

REHOMED

89

EUTHANISED
(MEDICAL AND
BEHAVIOURAL)

18

RECLAIMED

107

IN OUR CARE
AT THE END OF THE
FINANCIAL YEAR

OTHER ANIMALS (livestock, pocket pets, birds, native animals, etc)

190

IN OUR CARE
2018-2019

148

REHOMED

25

EUTHANISED
(MEDICAL AND
BEHAVIOURAL)

0

RECLAIMED

17

IN OUR CARE
AT THE END OF THE
FINANCIAL YEAR

200

VULNERABLE
ANIMALS

LOOKED AFTER BY OUR
DEDICATED TEAM OF
FOSTER CARERS

BEHAVIOUR



167 CATS



94 DOGS

WERE PUT THROUGH
BEHAVIOUR
MODIFICATION

Inspectorate Update



COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

During the nominated period Animal Welfare League NSW received **955 complaints**. As a result of these complaints, **1,177 attendances** (including re-checks) were conducted in order to investigate the complaints effectively. The complaints received were in general, omissions (neglect) rather than commissions (abuse).

COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	INSPECTORATE ACTION
ANIMALS SEIZED OR SURRENDERED	271 animals were either seized or surrendered following investigations that were carried out. Those animals were taken into the care of our animal shelter at Kemps Creek for assessment.
COUNSEL, ADVICE OR CAUTIONS GIVEN	34 cautions given. All cautions are issued verbally and noted in the officer's contemporaneous notebook. An officer will issue a caution if they suspect an offence has been committed.
NOTICES ISSUED	11 penalty notices were issued to offenders by officers.
NUMBER OF NOTICES ISSUED BY OFFICERS OF THE ORGANISATION UNDER SECTION 24N OF THE ACT	52 notices of direction were issued under section 24N of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTAA).
NUMBER OF VISITS OR INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY OFFICERS OF THE ORGANISATION THAT WERE UNRELATED TO THOSE COMPLAINTS (SUCH AS ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF ABATTOIRS, VETERINARY PRACTICES, PET SHOPS OR SALEYARDS)	16 routine trade inspections were conducted by Inspectors. Those inspections involved facilities for livestock, pet shops, dog and cat breeders, security companies and horse-riding facilities. Frequent inspections continue to be carried out in order to maintain standards.

955
COMPLAINTS
RECEIVED

1,177
ATTENDANCES
COMPLETED

**PROCEEDINGS
FOR OFFENCES
INSTITUTED**

Animal Welfare League NSW finalised **5 prosecutions** in various local courts across NSW, all matters were successful in proving the allegations as put before the court. There were no proceedings from the previous years that were not finalised.



Bequests

Animal Welfare League NSW would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the following supporters who have left a lasting legacy by leaving a gift in 2018-19.

Barr, Joan Yvonne	McDonald, Jean Elizabeth
Beehag, Cora Rosaline	McOscar, Shuna Rose
Berger, Patricia Merle	Mitchell, Christine Lillian
Bilgrey, Galina G	Norman, Lilith George
Carr, Thomas	Oakley P Dist'n
Casbolt, David Arthur	Rowland, Joyce
Conaghan, Grace Margaret	Sellings, Jean
Cowan, Ronald Murray	Sewell, Diana Ruth
Drummond, Gordon George	Meehans, Olga Malkiw
Garner, Margaret Flora	
Gifford, Eugenie Dorothy	
Goldberg, Gerald Emanuel	
Haddy, John Reginald	
Hams, Robert William	
Harlow, Kenneth Dudley	
Heney, John	
Holly, Dulcie Helen	
Hough, Roma Joyce	
Howard, Elaine J	
Joyce Ivy Mulligan	
Macleod, Colin Alfred	
Maloney, Dorothy Ellen	



Treasurer's Report

Animal Welfare League NSW is pleased to present the treasurers report for financial year ended 30 June 2019. Animal Welfare League NSW made a profit of \$4,659,132 in the financial year ended 2018/19 (2017/18 profit \$328,535). The main reason for the turnaround in results from the previous year is due to increase in bequest income receipts of \$4,333,032 over the previous year. The five-year tracking of bequest income is average of \$5,247,220 pa, see the following table:

Bequests and Legacy receipts

5 Year Average	5,247,220
2019	8,845,134
2018	4,512,102
2017	3,186,609
2016	6,650,808
2015	3,041,447

Financial Goals

The Board has worked on creating a sustainable financial model implementing a 5-year plan with cash flows to support operations to move away from relying on bequests and legacies.

Income

Bequests and legacies continue to be a significant component of the Leagues income representing 73.9% of total income. 2019 was another challenging year for fundraising as we look to focus and building on our brand equity through increasing our donor and supporter base. Fundraising income was \$925K or 7.7% of total income received. Other income was \$342K or 2.9% of total income, see details of other income under Note 1 to the abridged financial statements. Total income from all sources was \$11.9M. If we deduct the overhead cost of fundraising and corporate office, then we can proudly say that 82% of all income was directed to the caring of animals. Although this is a commendable achievement, it is the goal of both the Board and Management to ensure continuous improvement in this area so that an ever-increasing percentage of funds raised is directed to animal care.

Income 2019	\$	%
Animal placements	416,396	3.5%
Bequests	8,845,134	73.9%
Boarding	23,362	0.2%
Dividends	2,369	-
Donations	194,155	1.6%
Fundraising	925,247	7.7%
Gain on sale of assets	200	-
Grants	111,294	0.9%
Interest income	239,048	2.0%
Memberships	19,845	0.2%
Merchandise	85,848	0.7%
Op-shop	92,507	0.8%
Veterinary fees	671,839	5.6%
Other income	342,194	2.9%
TOTAL INCOME	11,969,438	100%

"The Board has worked on creating a sustainable financial model implementing a 5-year plan with cash flows to support operations to move away from relying on bequests and legacies."

Treasurer's Report

Expenditure

Total Expenditure for financial year ended 30 June 2019 was \$7.3M, a decrease of \$268K overall from the previous year, the two largest line items with decreases in expenditure were depreciation expense at \$400K and salaries and wages at \$234K. For a detailed breakdown of other expenses refer to Note 2 of the abridged financial statements. Cost control remains a priority for the Board and Management, with the underlying goal of providing the best possible care as economically as possible.

Expenses 2019	\$	%
Audit, Legal and Consultancy fees	200,443	2.7%
Computer expenses	60,046	0.8%
Consumables	433,656	5.9%
Contract fees	208,149	2.8%
Depreciation	579,600	7.9%
Equipment Hire	27,114	0.4%
Food/board of sheltered animals	77,331	1.2%
Fundraising expenses	86,965	1.2%
Motor vehicle expenses	71,648	1.0%
Postage expenses	67,299	0.9%
Publications and printing	60,736	0.8%
Rent	10,154	0.1%
Repairs and maintenance	109,810	1.5%
Salaries, wages and other employee benefits	3,493,912	47.8%
Utilities	148,695	2.0%
Vet fees		
· branches	727,452	10.0%
· shelter external	94,281	1.3%
Other expenses	853,013	11.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,310,304	100%

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Net assets increased by \$5.4M over the previous year, made up of \$4.5M increase in cash assets due largely to increase in bequest income receipts.

Liabilities

Total liabilities increased by \$743K, with \$726K coming from an increase in Accounts Payable and other payables, due in the main, to progress invoicing on the new cattery building as well as following year insurance premiums invoiced in advance of balance date.

I want to thank the staff, volunteers, branch members and supporters for their commitment and passion.

Audrey McGeown
Director/Treasurer

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	4,802,352	1,724,890
Term Deposits	243,612	6,578,868
Receivables & other debtors	65,664	170,370
Other current assets	57,078	134,780
Investments - Equity Method	8,076,002	311,532
Intangible assets	101,495	22,421
Property, plant & equipment	16,482,472	15,483,992
TOTAL ASSETS	29,828,675	24,426,853
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	1,048,774	323,165
Provisions	241,647	224,565
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,290,421	547,730
NET ASSETS	28,538,254	23,879,123
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Reserves	8,694,523	8,694,525
Retained surplus	19,843,731	15,184,598
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY	28,538,254	23,879,123

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	NOTE	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
INCOME			
Animal placements		416,396	428,131
Bequests		8,845,134	4,512,102
Boarding		23,362	104,696
Dividends		2,369	-
Donations		194,155	142,600
Fundraising		925,247	991,299
Gain on sale of assets		200	11,339
Grants		111,294	190,657
Interest income		239,047	188,383
Memberships		19,846	18,647
Merchandise		85,848	104,682
Op-Shop		92,507	136,432
Veterinary fees		671,839	667,221
Other income	1	342,194	410,356
TOTAL INCOME		11,969,437	7,906,545

	NOTE	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
EXPENSES			
Audit, legal & consultancy fees		200,443	303,507
Computer expenses		60,046	57,445
Consumables		433,656	345,346
Contract fees		208,149	164,213
Depreciation		579,600	979,959
Equipment Hire		27,114	35,722
Food & boarding for sheltered animals		77,331	80,527
Fundraising expenses		86,965	41,104
Motor vehicle expenses		71,648	49,943
Postage expenses		67,299	47,417
Publication & printing		60,736	69,558
Rent		10,154	31,002
Repairs & maintenance		109,810	102,612
Salaries, wages and other employee benefits		3,493,912	3,728,462
Utilities		148,695	170,966
Vet fees			
• branches		727,451	673,908
• shelter external		94,281	67,276
Other expenses	2	853,013	629,043
TOTAL EXPENSES		7,310,304	7,578,010
Profit/(Loss) before income tax		4,659,132	328,535
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit/(Loss) after income tax		4,659,132	328,535

BREAKDOWN OF INCOME & EXPENSES

NOTE: 1 BREAKDOWN OF OTHER INCOME

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Note 1: Breakdown of other income		
Corporate Giving	28,645	38,319
Corporate Giving - AWLA	149,883	100,897
Events	1,240	-
Insurance claim reimbursement	-	156,000
Investment gains/losses	14,470	2,479
Rent	39,552	14,009
Sponsorship	2,975	1,775
Sundry Income	36,522	38,697
Surrender Fees	31,382	21,875
Workplace/Corporate Giving	37,525	36,305
TOTAL INCOME	342,194	410,356

NOTE 2: BREAKDOWN OF OTHER EXPENSES

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Note 2: Breakdown of other expenses		
Accommodation	17,931	16,017
Advertising	57,635	11,666
AWLA	33,285	30,849
Bad Debts Expense	4,417	16,590
Bank Charges	14,086	16,205
Cleaning	29,306	16,290
Companion Animal Desexing Scheme (CADS)	42,067	1,020
Computer expenses	51,862	57,445
Donations	6,886	2,350
Events	5,553	2,638
Insurances	106,097	99,100
Legacy & Bequest expenses	9,803	14,550
Licence & Filing Fees	2,654	1,537
Media	69,103	8,638
Meeting Expenses	13,633	35,722
Membership	19,846	13,766
Merchandise	110,346	66,973
Micro Chips	5,188	4,209
Office Supplies & Equipment	22,977	26,312
Sponsorship	7,224	-
Subscriptions	19,729	-
Sundry Expense	125,548	112,309
Travel & Travel Meals	76,411	74,857
WHS	1,426	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	853,013	629,043

Key Initiatives 2018-2019



Mark Slater

CEO, Animal Welfare League NSW

Provide benchmark standard care in our new cattery at Kemp's Creek supported by a smooth adoption process.

Expand the branch network, to support in engaging communities across the state to educate about better animal welfare outcomes.

Developing with internal stakeholders further mechanisms of support from Animal Welfare League NSW to further assist the greater community.



“To ensure Animal Welfare League NSW’s future, we need to focus on the effectiveness of our organisation as a whole and how we can better assist the community with improving animal welfare outcomes. Animal Welfare League NSW has a very bright future ahead of us due to the passion, dedication, knowledge and capacity of our members and staff alike. I am genuinely excited about and look forward to the year ahead.”

Mark Slater, CEO



Helping our Community

Animal Welfare League has seen the devastating effects of the drought which has plagued NSW, with farmers struggling to maintain their livestock and communities in despair. To help provide relief to those in need, Animal Welfare League NSW began to travel to areas in need to provide assistance to help support communities and ensure animal welfare is forefront.

Animal Welfare League NSW became aware of the hardships occurring in **Pooncarie** and in December 2018, deployed a team to help provide aid. Animal Welfare League NSW arranged for two B-doubles filled with 12 pallets of hay, pet food provided by Hills Pet Nutrition, and flea and worming treatment provided by Bayer. The food was distributed to rural families and their animals including 112 dogs, 136 chickens, 6 geese, 9 cats, and remaining livestock.

"I caught myself staring at the landscape in genuine shock at the devastation of the drought. When we arrived at Pooncarie, we found it very difficult to get anyone to come into town to collect the food, medicines, hay, and supplies. After some calling around on a local emergency phone list, the first local arrived, 7.5 hours later we had unloaded and distributed everything we had. Everything in between was a blur of handshakes, unloading bags and hay off a semi-trailer and sunburn. I am thankful Animal Welfare League NSW veterinarian Dr Deshaylia Moodley was there moving from car to car to check multiple dogs.

When I got back to the hotel in Mildura, I was quite emotional thinking about my own family, reflecting on the day's experience. What was apparent is that there is more that Animal Welfare League NSW can do, much more than we give ourselves credit for in terms of our capacity and there is a lot more that these rural families need, much more than they are prepared to ask for."

- Mark Slater, CEO.





Following the success of the Pooncarie trip, Animal Welfare League NSW visited the Moree community between 8-10 March 2019 with an even larger team and bigger goals. A quick trip to Tamworth pound to rescue two needy pets was the first stop. A 16-year-old Maltese Terrier and a Cattle Dog cross pup were collected, and taken to our volunteer branch at Moree, where they could receive the care they needed. It was suspected that the Cattle Dog cross pup may have been subjected to animal cruelty because scars were evident which may have been the result of burns. We were happy to have come to this pup's aid. Cat condos were also transported from Sydney to help house cats separately and prevent unwanted litters. The next day, bales of hay were delivered to Moree - to be donated to local farmers in desperate need of the support. Thank you to Hawkesbury Hay Runners for helping us transport the hay from Sydney to this needy community.

Over two long days, a dedicated and passionate vet team provided almost 100 free vaccinations and microchipping to cats and dogs owned by local pensioner card holders, and over

50 pets were also desexed by the vet team. Thank you to Moree Veterinary Hospital for allowing us to use their clinic to perform the desexing surgeries. Thank you also to Bayer for providing extra support to this cause and supplying flea and worming treatment - many locals were very thankful to receive this gift.

Following our visit to Moree, the Nowra-Jervis Bay volunteer branch held their own free vaccination and microchipping drive on the 23rd and 24th March. A community hall was used to provide this service which saw a staggering 200 cats and 125 dogs vaccinated over the two days. The Nowra-Jervis Bay branch was also generous enough to hand out discount desexing vouchers, to ensure everyone had access to subsidised desexing and highlighted the key health benefits of desexing animals.

Helping our Community

Due to the success of previous visits to other communities, Animal Welfare League NSW proceeded to visit the town of Orange to provide not one, but two weekends of assistance! The initial visit on the 12th-14th April 2019 saw the vet team provide almost 300 free vaccinations and microchipping to pets owned by local pensioner card holders. A return trip a fortnight later on the 27th and 28th April was just as successful, resulting in over 70 pets receiving free desexing and vet care. Thank you to local clinics, Summer Street and Orange Veterinary Hospital for supporting our efforts and allowing us to use their facilities. The Orange volunteer branch also played a huge part in spreading the word of this program to the community and helped make it such a success!

We have received lots of great feedback and applause this year already from those who believe in the work we do, and recognise the immediate benefit we are providing these communities. Offering free vaccinations helps reduce the prevalence of disease outbreaks, and free desexing decreases the number of unwanted litters - reducing the exhaustion level of local rescue resources. Many pensioners simply cannot afford to desex their pets, and these types of programs can help alleviate financial hardships for those who want to do right by their pets.

Animal Welfare League NSW strives to offer these types of community programs throughout regional NSW, but can only do this with the generous support of donors, and the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers who give up their time and expertise to offer their services. A big thank you is extended to those who have collaborated to see these programs realised.

Animal Welfare League NSW believes that community support is needed in times of disaster for people across NSW. Donations received by our charity help fund these assistance programs that aim to help the animals and people of NSW who are affected by natural disasters and other disadvantages. 🐾



Out and About!



Animal Welfare League NSW attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show from the 12-23 April 2019, located in the Pet Pavilion and surrounded by many like-minded animal lovers.

Animal Welfare League NSW attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 2019 with a focus to help inform the public on the important work we do. We had several staff and volunteers attend the event to represent Animal Welfare League NSW. Feedback provided from the experience was positive, with many of our stall attendees commenting that they were overjoyed to gauge the public's thoughts and opinion on animal welfare. All those who represented us also appreciated having the opportunity to educate, as well as answer questions from the public.

While attending the Sydney Royal Easter Show, our team sold a range of merchandise for both people and their pets. Overall, our presence at the show was successful and provided an engaging opportunity to meet some of our supporters and share information with others.

Pet Registry NSW included our flyers at their stall, and we displayed brochures and information on changes to advertising laws for selling and rehoming pets. Members of the public were eager to learn about the work of our shelter and branches, with many people stating they had seen us on Facebook.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show provided us with an opportunity to be exposed to members of the public who may not be familiar with our work and inform others what our mission as an organisation is. 🐾

Referred to as 'The Greatest Festival in the World Dedicated to Dog Lovers', the 2019 Sydney Dog Lovers Show was held at Sydney Showground Homebush.

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 staff and volunteers manned the stall throughout the event, handing out show bags, magazines, flyers, magnets and more. 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.

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

Overall, the event was a great success and our 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 Animal Welfare League NSW great exposure to those who may not be familiar with our charity.

We hope to be able to attend more events in the future to help spread the word on how our organisation assists the community. 🐾

Branches

EASTERN SUBURBS

Despite 2018-2019 being more challenging for our branch, we have continued with our desexing programs – the total for the year being 50 (49 cats & 1 dog) – and were also able to assist 25 clients with their vet costs.

Although we do not rehome, when approached to help with a young mother cat and her 6 kittens we were able to advise and arrange desexing registration – all the kittens found good homes.

Once again, our branch received generous support from the local community and this combined with the hard work from the committee, has kept us going. We are looking forward to next year. 🐾

EUROBODALLA

A year ago we were floundering a bit but with support from the staff at Animal Welfare League NSW and all our dedicated members in Eurobodalla, we managed to push on and have come out the other side with a strong team, new members and some wonderful carers and the ability to help far more animals than we would have thought possible.

This year we ran our very first car boot sale instead of our usual garage sale and it was a huge success; our biggest fundraiser this financial year earning us over \$2,200. Our Tailwaggers, Bunnings BBQ near Father's Day and our joint event with the Far South Coast Branch at Narooma Kinema were all successful too. This has been a year of ups and downs – again. We seem to have had so many of them in recent times, but we are feeling positive, more settled and looking forward to moving ahead. 🐾



FAR SOUTH COAST

The Far South Coast has had a busy and productive year. Since the closure of the local RSPCA Branch we have now taken back the surrenders and adoptions of cats in the Shire. We assisted in the appeals to the Moree Drought Relief Fund and the Farmer's Appeal. We finally met with the Bega Valley Shire Council to produce a Memorandum of Understanding to formalise our partnership. We have been instrumental in setting up a program regarding the Wallaga Lake Koori Village. Our Calendar of Second Chances and the Santa Paws events were both successful along with a garage sale and various raffles. We had a joint fundraiser with the Eurobodalla Branch and received a number of donations from various groups. We were also lucky to receive a bequest from one of our members. There are many stories we could share of our loveable animals but would like to share the following.

Pambula Vet contacted us in March to ask if we could help with a 5-month-old Beagle cross named Trevor who had broken a rear leg and needed surgery to pin the fracture. The owners could not afford the surgery, so they were going to put him to sleep. We considered amputation but because he was young, the vet wanted to try to pin it but if unsuccessful he would amputate.



The surgery was more complicated than anticipated due to a spiral fracture, so Trevor was crated for many weeks. Afterwards, and in no time at all, the real Trevor evolved. He certainly had the Beagle nose, and nothing could distract him from the scent he'd found. At the same time, he showed he had the speed of a Whippet. He was hilarious to watch. Training Trevor was a challenge but he was every body's and every doggie's best friend so you couldn't help but love this crazy mix of a dog. We expected to have Trevor in care for a very long time.

Months passed, but in August some people came to meet another dog to be a pal for their Labrador which didn't work out. Trevor was taken out for a walk at the same time and on his return, he met them. Their dog also seemed to like Trevor. We all laughed as we explained what a goofball he was but that he didn't have a mean bone in his body. Seeing the two dogs having fun and the kids connecting with Trevor too was lovely. To our amazement, the adults asked, "Is Trevor available for adoption?" Absolutely, are you sure?

We gathered Trevor's belongings and threw in 2 VERY warm coats because he was off to live in Berridale. It snowed the next week there, but Trevor didn't mind at all. He was warm, he had a great family and a great doggie pal. The humans thought he was perfect, and he was their perfect match. 🐾

HAWKESBURY

Once again, Hawkesbury Valley Branch has had a remarkably busy year. Hawkesbury Valley is a small branch and we cover the Hawkesbury and Penrith Council areas. As well as accepting surrendered animals, we rescue and rehome from Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter and our focus is underage kittens. This year, 144 of these little ones have come into care with us and been successfully rehomed.

We operate a subsidised desexing program all year round, enabling people to desex their pets for a low cost. Each July, we participate in National Desexing Month and for this month the cost of desexing a cat is offered to eligible people for just \$30. July desexing is well supported and it is not unusual for us to issue up to 500 vouchers. This would not be possible without the continued support of veterinary clinics in our area. We also attend many community events and participate in council 'free microchipping' days. Our Facebook page has grown from around 300 followers to over 5,000 and this has been greatly beneficial in assisting with adoptions. We also attend many community events to promote responsible pet ownership. 🐾



ILLAWARRA

The Illawarra branch spent a lot of time this last year focusing on encouraging our locals to have their pets desexed, with our assistance. Our inbox and phone have been consistently busy with requests for financial help. The branch continues to ramp up exposure of the service with our 'Spay in May' program. All in all, another busy year, and we all look forward to continuing to make a difference in the future. 🐾

NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Narooma Dog Training Club (NDTC) welfare-based energies are focused on canine education in the local community. Our branch offers weekly training in Obedience, Agility and Rally Obedience for handlers and their companion dogs. The training promotes positive reinforcement and gentle handling techniques, skills that enable handlers to build a strong, happy, and long-lasting relationship with their pet. Owners with a new rescue dog receive a special registration deal – they can access up to 12 months training for just \$3 per lesson that they attend. In 2019, 155 dogs were registered with NDTC – a bumper year for our branch. At the AGM on 26 July 2019 founder and long-term Chief Instructor of NDTC, Yve Robinson, stepped down from this key role. Jean Page, who also has decades of experience as a carer and trainer, was elected Chief Instructor. Throughout the year, three additional volunteer Instructors supported the training program, with welcome visits from Guest Instructors Jeff Chivell and Amanda Doust. On 11 May 2019, NDTC ran a successful public event “Dogs Day Out”. Despite a very cold and windy day, more than 90 people and 55 dogs attended. The afternoon included training demonstrations, a cake stall, games with prizes and many other interactive activities – all for \$2 entry fee per dog. The work of NDTC continues to be highly regarded within our local community and amongst dog owners, all of whom share the common goal of responsible pet ownership. In December 2019, NDTC Branch contributed \$1,500 to the Animal Welfare League NSW Christmas appeal. 🐾



NORTH COAST

The commitment and good work of the volunteers in the North Coast Branch, supported by a generous and caring animal loving community, led to a productive year.

After three years of outstanding service to the animals and to the branch, Jenny Wood, Branch Treasurer, and Jenny Hartigan, Cat Welfare Officer, decided ‘enough is enough’ in their respective roles, neither renominating for the positions at the 2019 Branch AGM.

The beautiful felines at our Cat Adoption Centre attracted many daily visitors, and 44 of them, [4 less than last year], were adopted into a new home.

We acknowledge the generous, anonymous donor, who enabled us to upgrade the isolation enclosure within the cattery, for the comfort of the cats, and easier cleaning by two legged animals.

Ten outdoor fundraising events, held in all weathers, together with donations from the community, contributed to the ongoing operation of the cattery. The number of worthy charities in this small local area, all competing for the charity dollar, makes our fundraising task more challenging, at a time when many in the local community are struggling financially.

We held two microchip days, one in Mullumbimby, and one in Lismore. A total of 57 dogs and 15 cats were implanted, at a cost of \$5 per animal implanted.

Thanks to the 25 participating veterinary practices, from Billinudgel in the north, to Bellingen in the south, 279 dogs, 164 cats and 2 ferrets were desexed, through the Animal Welfare League NSW assisted desexing scheme.

In December 2018, our branch newsletter celebrated 10 years in operation. We acknowledge the Editorial team, all contributors and our generous sponsor. At the end of a busy and productive year, thanks are in order to everyone who volunteered with, and supported this branch, and its work in animal welfare. 🐾

WESTERN SUBURBS & HILLS DISTRICT

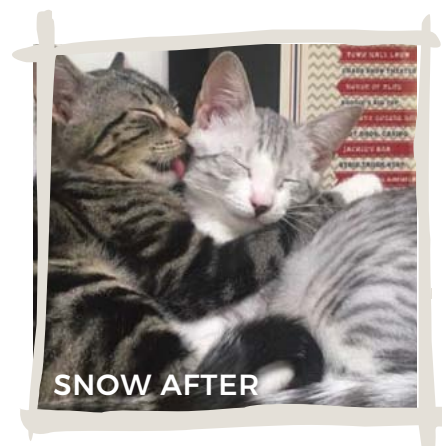
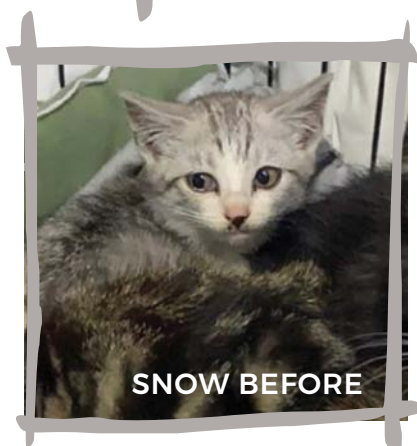
Western Suburbs & Hills District Branch has had another very busy but rewarding year. Despite the best efforts of volunteers to educate the community about responsible pet ownership, it seems we receive more calls for assistance as each year passes. However, we are fortunate to have a small but very dedicated group of regular volunteers who have different skills which can be called upon, depending on the nature of the help required. Collectively, the volunteers contribute to some remarkable achievements for the branch.

The main focus continues to be desexing with 2,534 animals desexed during the 2018/2019 year, and we have rehomed 121 animals, mostly cats and kittens.

We also distribute pet food to people in the community who are struggling financially and offer financial assistance to help cover veterinary costs, particularly if this means a surrender can be avoided and the animal can stay in its home.

Help is also provided to try and alleviate the suffering of street cats and many kittens born on the streets have been rescued. A big thank you is extended to our fabulous carers, particularly those who have the time and expertise to help street kittens become ready for adoption. We have had great success with even the most challenging kittens and we are delighted to report that every street kitten rescued has been rehomed. These kittens can make the best pets, as many owners who keep in touch continually tell us.

The hardworking fundraising team also deserve a mention, and we must not forget how fortunate we are to have the support of Joan Pearson who throws open her home each year for our major fundraising event. Joan provides a sumptuous vegetarian meal, and funds are raised by an auction, raffles and financial pledges to cover desexing costs. 🐾



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Animal Welfare League NSW would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their ongoing support. Their generosity does not go unnoticed and enables us to care for, and assist a greater number of animals. On behalf of the staff, volunteers and animals at Animal Welfare League NSW we thank you.

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