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## Welcome to the new-look digital Love Tales Newsletter.

It has been an exciting time for the Animal Welfare League NSW, with many highlights, including the recent visit to our Kemps Creek Shelter in Western Sydney by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP.

It is testament to all our staff, branches, volunteers and supporters that Prime Minister Albanese would take the time to visit and see first-hand the wonderful work we do for animals and their companions.

A noted animal lover, with his own dog Toto, Mr Albanese was impressed with the facilities and took time out to meet with the Board, staff and volunteers after officially opening our new Animal Adoption Centre.

Thank you to everyone who made the visit a big success. The passion, hard work and dedication of our team to help every animal find a loving home never ceases to amaze me.

There is no better example of this, than the work of our Animal Care Truck team who have covered thousands of kilometres, bringing much-needed services to pet owners in regional NSW.

The response to the service, which is supported by the NSW Government, has been very strong with over 100 people turning up in most country towns with their pets for free health checks, vaccinations, and microchipping. I would like to thank the team for their hard work, especially during the hot conditions in the early part of the year.

In other important news, we signed a new pet food supply agreement with Nestlé Purina. While the contract is still in the early stages, we are confident it will deliver a better outcome for our Branches and pets.

The Animal Welfare League NSW Board recently signed off on a new three-year corporate strategic plan which will drive the organisation forward. This roadmap will guide us in our mission to help more animals on their journey to a loving home. It is a roadmap that will also help us navigate the challenges, like the rising cost-of-living for pet owners, and the spike in cat population, while ensuring we have the resources to support our network of services.

I would like to thank our CEO Stephen Albin and the Board for their input and work on this roadmap which will deliver results for all our stakeholders.

We have achieved so much in 2023 already, and with your help we can achieve even more in the months ahead.

Happy reading!

 **Marg Steel**  
President

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## Latest news



Pictured from left to right: Marg Steel, President AWL NSW, Stephen Albin, CEO AWL NSW, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia, Anne Stanley MP, Member for Werriwa

## Prime Minister Albanese officially opens Animal Adoption Centre

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia made a historic visit to the Animal Welfare League NSW shelter at Kemps Creek in Western Sydney, officially opening the Animal Adoption Centre.

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### Animal Care Truck Service attracts huge response

The Animal Care Truck (ACT), the mobile veterinary service of the AWL NSW, has been embraced by rural pet owners, witnessing substantial attendance in regional towns. The tour recently finished its lengthiest journey yet, visiting six towns within eleven days.

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### Fantastic results from our 2023 Tax Appeal

Our recent Tax Appeal has been a remarkable success, recording over \$400,000 in donations from May 1 to June 30 2023. This outstanding achievement is a great testament to the compassion, commitment and kindness of our supporters, members, volunteers and staff.

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## Dr Nicole McMillan: starting animals on the journey from hope to love

Our Chief Veterinarian Manager, Dr Nicole McMillan, grew up around animals, so it made sense for her to help those in need of a new life. She's helped thousands of animals on the journey from hope to love, with many of them arriving at the shelter in poor health.

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## AWL NSW new partnership with Nestlé Purina

Nutrition is fundamental to the welfare of pets. AWL NSW is pleased to announce it has signed a new pet food supply service with Purina. Purina is committed to high quality and safety and heavily invested in researching nutritional breakthroughs.

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# Happy tails

We love hearing from pet owners who have opened their hearts and homes through adoption with AWL NSW. The following pets have recently found their perfect match with their wonderful people.



*"Miranda is 10! We adopted her in October last year and she has blossomed from being a shy and timid cat to such an endearing and talkative little boss. Miranda is enjoying having her own cat wall, cat tree, room with a view, a place on the bed, her hair brush, and food. Thank you for the work you do, and giving us the opportunity to provide Miranda with a home."*

 Rachel

*"It has been a great 6 months with our boy and I thought I'd share some photos. He now has his favourite toy (Duckie) which we play tug and fetch with multiple times a day. And whenever he gets a new toy there are lots of zoomies, vastly different from when we first got him and he didn't know what to do with the toys he had. We're in the process of trying to find a new house and our priority requirement is a big yard for our boy. I*



hope that with the move we'll be able to adopt a friend for Hugo or foster."

 Alana & Josh

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## Around the Branches

Our 21 AWL NSW Branches across the state continue to provide a safe and secure haven for animals. Driven by passionate volunteers, they generously contribute their time and talent to not only care for animals, but create a real positive impact within their local communities.

This month we had some great updates from our Eurobodalla and Western Suburbs Branches.

### Long time coming... Teddy finds his forever home



Teddy is Eurobodalla's good news story of the month. Having been in the local pound longer than any other dog in the last 10 years, not even the rangers could understand why no one wanted to adopt him as he is a wonderful dog. Clare from our AWL NSW Eurobodalla Branch was familiar with a local gentleman who was looking for a new dog, although he was quite particular in choosing the right dog to suit him. When Clare met Teddy, she gave the man a call and told him she may have found him the right

### Joint effort of Uber driver & AWL NSW volunteers saves Maverick



An Uber driver delivering food to a household came across a very sad and debilitated cat lying on some rags under a carport. Upon learning that the cat was a stray, Glyn, an AWL NSW carer from the Western Suburbs Branch, was contacted, and the cat was taken to her home. Glyn called the cat Maverick. He was thin, flea infested and had an infected eye injury and ringworm. Despite his very serious and painful condition, he remained exceptionally responsive to kindness (and food!) The following day, with a

companion. Clare suggested the man become Teddy's carer to see if they were indeed the perfect match. On meeting Teddy, the man exclaimed "he is beautiful!" and Clare describes it being love at first sight between the man and Teddy. We are happy to report that Teddy is now adopted and living the best life on 5 acres with a warm bed and great companionship.

trip to the local vet, he started on his long recovery journey, including the removal of his infected eye. Maverick is a very special boy whose luck changed the day many people worked together to try and save him. He has now been adopted into a loving home and, last we heard, he was doing really well and is a much-loved member of the family. A special thank you is extended to the Uber driver for his kindness. Thanks to him, Maverick has been given a second chance at happiness.

## How you can help



### ADOPT

Give a shelter pet a home and receive years of love in return. We'll find you your perfect match.

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### FOSTER

Become a foster carer to temporarily look after animals while they wait for their forever home.

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