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Welcome to our November 2023 edition of Love Tales!

Welcome to the second edition of Love Tales for 2023.

The past four months have been a testament to the dedication and passion of our staff and volunteers, as we wrapped up our 2022/2023 financial results with extraordinary achievements.

Together, we can celebrate the rehoming of a record 3,500 pets and a significantly reduced projected \$2.5 million loss to a manageable \$363,772 shortfall.

Congratulations to everyone on this superb effort.

A major quarter highlight was our inaugural State Conference on 17 November, themed "A Better Journey - Elevating Animal Care Through Innovation." Explore the details in the article below.

Reflecting on our successes, I wish to explore the 'Hope to Love' theme, a cornerstone of our new three-year strategy, 'A Better Journey'.

Emerging from our AWL NSW values of Impact, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Ethics, the 'Hope to Love' ethos surpasses being just a slogan; it's a philosophy that infuses every aspect of our work. More than mere emotions, hope and love are powerful forces that motivate and guide us and help reinforce the foundation of AWL NSW.

During challenging times, hope provides us with the resilience to persist, while love drives us to exceed expectations in our care for animals.

This impactful ethos is now being interwoven into the AWL NSW narrative to guide us in living our values fully. In every story of an animal being rescued, rehabilitated, and rehomed, there's a journey from hope to love.

Moving forward, our agreed values and this ethos will support our 'Better Journey' strategy and our day-to-day operations, guiding our decisions, actions, and aspirations.

I extend my grateful thanks to each of you for being an integral part of this transformative journey.

Together, we are making a significant difference.

 **Stephen Albin**
CEO

Latest news



"A Better Journey - Elevating Animal Care Through Innovation"

On 17th November 2023, the Animal Welfare League NSW hosted its inaugural major industry conference, "A Better Journey - Elevating Animal Care Through Innovation." This event brought together leading voices in animal welfare, focusing on pioneering approaches in the field.

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The Animal Care Truck delivers for Animals Across NSW in 2023

Our Animal Care Truck (ACT) has had a very successful year, visiting a total of 26 locations across the state in 2023. Within these towns, the dedicated Animal Care Truck team administered an impressive 2,557 vaccinations, microchipped 1,070 animals and performed 65 crucial desexing surgeries.

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Derek Thompson: bringing the Animal Care Truck to rural communities

The Animal Care Truck (ACT), the mobile veterinary service of AWL NSW, is the first of its kind in Australia. Derek Thompson coordinates our ACT, bringing veterinary health care services to rural communities around the state.

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Veterinary Nurse, Jessica, says: "Join the rewarding world of fostering a pet!"

Jessica Mathers, a vet nurse at our Kemp's Creek Veterinary Clinic, has fostered more than 120 pets since starting at AWL NSW 13 years ago. She talks about her fostering journey and the important role of foster carers to an animal's life.

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Marg Steel, our 'Local Legend' in the Forster Fortnightly community news

As Marg's time as President of AWL NSW comes to an end, we reflect on the year and say a big 'thank you' to her contribution to the organisation. She was recently named a 'Local Legend' in the Forster Fortnightly community newspaper.



Keep your pets safe this summer with our handy tips

Summer can be a lot of fun, however, this hotter season can be dangerous for our pets. We've listed some simple steps to ensure your pet's safety, and created a printable cheat sheet to help everyone have a great time this season.

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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.



"My partner and I adopted Marvin as we moved into our first home and it has been an absolute joy! He makes a fantastic work-from-home companion and always brightens our day up when he chirps away to us or zooms around the house. When we go to bed, Marvin will often try to snuggle between me and my partner or into the crook of my arm. I particularly love when he makes biscuits on us and his bed in the sun. Adopting an animal gives them the opportunity to have a family while brightening your own home. Pets also provide major stress relief - I always love playing with Marvin after a long Zoom meeting!"

 **Catriona**

"Koda lifted my spirits, gave me purpose again, and love. She brings me joy every day, and I just feel so incredibly lucky to have her and to have connected with another rescue dog. It took months of training, setting boundaries and encouraging independence and confidence in her, not only as a puppy but as a rescue dog. I can confidently say that she is one of the best behaved dogs in my family and friend networks and is the only rescue dog amongst that network. The connection that you can have to a rescue dog is so incredibly fulfilling, and there is nothing like the love you experience from a dog that is grateful to be in your life."



 **Sophie**

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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 Shoalhaven and Far South Coast branches.

Rubie gets saved from a puppy farm and given the love she deserves



Rubie, a five-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, was rescued from a puppy farm and placed in foster care with Candy Brennan, a dog specialist at AWL NSW Shoalhaven. Initially, Rubie was extremely fearful. "She shrank back from affection and I feared I would never be able to gain her trust", Candy explained. When Rubie first arrived, she was too afraid to eat from a normal dog dish. Unable to see her eat from the floor, Candy's husband, John, handmade Rubie a special wooden plate - which she still uses today!

With eight months of patience, kindness, and attention, Rubie has transformed from a frightened dog to one that is thriving. She now enjoys activities like playing at the dog park and running on the beach.

Rubie is living proof that the foster system can work, even for the most difficult cases and that for AWL NSW volunteers, giving up is never an option - no matter how challenging the case may be! With a tremendous amount of patience, kindness and attention, she is finally shining like the jewel that she is.

AWL NSW Far South Coast Branch helps Pepper find her forever home



Pepper was picked up by one of our local council rangers, Jo. She was absolutely terrified and severely underweight. While in the council's care, Ranger Jo often sat with Pepper on her bed, trying to provide comfort. Fortunately, a foster family came forward to offer Pepper a place to stay. Having already rescued the adorable and loving chocolate lab, Max, they believed their family could help Pepper become the dog she was meant to be.

Over time, Pepper gained confidence, learned to play with toys, and became more social with both dogs and people. Max played a crucial role in showing Pepper the ropes. Eventually, Pepper realised that not all the toys belonged to Max, and she could stand up for herself. She also became fond of car rides, now considering them among her favourite activities.

The family decided to do the only logical thing—adopt her as a permanent member of the family. Pepper has now been with her family for seven months, settling in seamlessly. Recently, Max and Pepper welcomed their first joint foster sister into their home, paying it forward to help another dog find their perfect forever home!

How you can help



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

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