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Navigating Challenges and Embracing Growth

The past year has been particularly challenging but infinitely rewarding.

“The League” continues to take more animals on their hope to love journey with each year despite households suffering from significant increases in cost of living.

Our current issue is the reduction in our adoption numbers. It is getting tougher, with Councils offering dogs from pounds at \$50 to adopters.

At AWL NSW we importantly desex all our animals, provide thorough veterinary health checks, microchipping and behavioural realignment on their way to new loving homes.

If you buy an animal from a pound for \$50 the animal, it may only be microchipped.

While we charge a higher per dog, that is still cheaper in the long term as it excludes the long-term costs. It's a case of buyer beware and not many are aware of the costs they will be up for post ownership.

We have been particularly active in stakeholder relations. Many are aware of the funds we have received from the Office of Local Government.

With those funds we are going full tilt at creating an animal care innovation precinct at our abandoned West Hoxton site. We will repurpose that facility to provide an inspectorate command centre, a respite facility for animals that have been impacted by domestic violence and a facility for councils to deal with pound overcrowding. We are also starting fitouts in Bega, Orange and Glen Innes to develop our expanded Regional Animal Care Centres. This will be the single biggest transformation that AWL NSW has embarked on since we started.

Over the coming year we will also be undertaking a Kemp's Creek site masterplan. This plan will enable enhanced, new, and bigger facilities so we can expand our operations and future-proof AWL NSW to provide more services for animals and people in need.

On a final note, I am delighted to announce some key staff promotions. Amanda Grey has been appointed as Chief Inspector of our new Inspectorate team that is performing very well. Sam March has also been appointed as the new head of Animal Welfare Services. Please join me in welcoming them to their new positions.

It is a particularly exciting time to be involved in animal welfare.

I would like to thank our wonderful Board, volunteers, members, staff and our generous donors for all their assistance and efforts over the last 12 months.

Stephen Albin
Chief Executive Officer

Latest news



Official Partners of the 2024 Dog Lovers Festival Sydney

Animal Welfare League NSW is thrilled to be attending this years [Sydney Dog Lovers Festival](#) in August as a proud event partner!

The festival will be running over two days on Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August and promises to be the most joyful, educational and fun day out for individuals and families.

Our friendly shelter and veterinary clinic team will be on site to talk all things AWL NSW. Our impressive mobile veterinary Animal Care Truck will also be on site for tours. You'll be able to purchase AWL NSW merchandise and talk to our team about the work we do, adopting, fostering and more!

Thanks to Dog Lovers Festival Sydney, we're pleased to offer you a special link to purchase discounted tickets! Receive 30% off via the link below.

Stay tuned - we'll be sharing more information on what to expect and where you can find us soon!

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



AWL NSW's Transformative Animal Care Precinct

With the support of the NSW Government and our team, AWL NSW is investing in an innovative animal care precinct at our West Hoxton site.

This new precinct is not just a building, but a beacon of hope for animals in need and a testament to our commitment to their well-being.

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Animal Care Truck Debuts New Look on Regional Tour

The AWL NSW Animal Care Truck has received a vibrant new wrap, incorporating our updated branding to better reflect our mission and spirit. A regional trip in May marked the first time the truck ventured out with its fresh, eye-catching design. More recently the truck completed another trip in June, bringing essential veterinary services to regional towns.

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Meet Our Branch Support Officer, Melissah

This edition we're introducing you to our superstar Branch Support Officer, Melissah! Mel recently made the transition into this role after working in the AWL NSW Veterinary Hospital as a nurse.

We asked her about her experience in the new role and how the AWL NSW Branches are making a significance difference in their communities.

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AWL NSW Northern Beaches Branch Reopened! Foster Carers Needed

We're proud to announce the relaunch of our Northern Beaches Branch. The Branch is now seeking volunteers to help it provide much-needed services for the Northern Beaches community.

The Branch is especially seeking cat and kitten foster carers to temporarily care for felines while they await their forever homes. Click the link below to find out how to apply.

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Keeping Your Feline Friend Safe

Keeping your cat indoors is important for their safety and helps combat Australia's stray cat problem.

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The Great Eggscape

AWL NSW Inspectors recently rescued 16 chickens, over 40 quails and 2 cats abandoned in deplorable conditions.

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AWL NSW Membership

Our 2024-2025 new membership applications are open and existing membership renewals are due!

AWL NSW membership offers a great way to get involved with like-minded individuals, and to help contribute to promoting responsible pet ownership through publicity, events, and information days in their local communities through our network of volunteer Branches across the state.

Becoming an AWL NSW member signifies not just your love and compassion for animals but also marks the beginning of an incredible journey towards making a tangible difference in their lives. Join us for as little as \$40 for an annual membership (concession memberships are just \$20!).

RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope to be adding you to our AWL NSW Member family soon!

In Memory Of

As we reflect on the past financial year, we are deeply moved by the incredible generosity of those who have passed, but continue to make a lasting impact on our mission through their bequest gifts. Their generous contributions help countless animals and make a monumental difference in driving our mission.

Thank you to the following individuals who have not only supported Animal Welfare League NSW during their lifetimes, but have also ensured that their legacy of kindness and compassion lives on through the work that we do.

IN MEMORIAM

If you would like to find out more about our Bequest and Pet Legacy Program, please click [here](#).

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.



“Queenie’s love of food and cuddles makes her a really fast learner, we have lots of tricks and commands already, and she tries really hard to be a good girl. She lovvvves all soft toys and I make trips to vinnies every month to stock up on toys for Queenie to shred. I work on The Dog House Australia, so I get to see some of the magic behind the scenes but I am still in awe of the impact you and your team have on animals and people alike. Queenie has changed my life and brought so much joy to our home”

Adam

“Eri has been an absolute superstar & has blown me away with how quickly she’s settled in & felt comfortable in her new home. She has been incredibly social & affectionate - she follows me around a fair bit. Thank you to the whole team at AWL NSW Kemp’s Creek! I think Eri’s a real testimony to what you do & how well you take care of the animals at AWL NSW. Almost hard to imagine that she came into your care just a couple of months ago, seemingly a shy/nervous cat - to the gregarious & confident little soul she is now!”



Dana

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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 Glen Innes and Tamworth Branches.

Bo Bo Finds His Forever Home with his AWL NSW Glen Innes Foster Family



Bo Bo arrived as a Foster Dog to his family 6 months ago. He was thin with a matted coat, with lots of fleas and an unpredictable temperament, though after a few weeks, his foster family decided to adopt him, as he developed a love for the "Man of the House", Wayne.

Bo Bo chose Wayne as his "Dad" and they've become inseparable since, taking great pleasure and comfort in spending lots of time hanging out with him.

Once a week, Wayne, his family, and their two other rescue dogs go out for morning tea to drink coffee and chat. Bo Bo insists on coming along and adores lying in Wayne's arms having cuddles and pats!

AWL NSW Tamworth Branch Heart-warming Adoption



There are moments that we will always treasure. A family reached out to our Branch looking to adopt a kitten for their daughter with special needs.

We invited the family to our "adopt a pet day" at our local Petbarn, to see if any of our kittens were right for them. All of our kittens are cute, of course, but the little girl felt an instant connection with one kitten in particular: a 5-month-old grey and white tabby named 'Shell Bell.'

Sometimes, something so magical happens that everything just stops. As this little girl begins cuddling this beautiful tabby, he nuzzles into her neck a little. He is home. They were destined for each other. There was not a dry

Bo Bo dreams have come true. He has found the most caring, accepting family, and his life is so enriched.

eye in the house as her Mum began the adoption paperwork.

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

FOSTER



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AWL NSW heavily relies on donations to fund operations and provide care to animals in need.

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