

TASMANIAN CANINE DEFENCE LEAGUE INC



71st Annual Report

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Always here for every dog.

71 years of caring for dogs in Tasmania



The Tasmanian Canine Defence League was founded in 1950 at a meeting at the Hobart Town Hall. The League's objective was 'to promote the welfare of dogs in town and country'.

In the early years, under the leadership of League Secretary Miss Joan Gladys Rawson BEM, the TCDL worked to help stray dogs. In those days of free-roaming pet dogs, the number of dogs injured on the roads was a particular concern. The League campaigned to require motorists to stop and render assistance if they struck a dog on the road.

In 1954 Miss Rawson announced plans for the League to build its first Home for stray dogs, including 'three kennels for casualties, with free veterinary service'.

In the following decades, the League expanded, with the formation of Branches around the State. Over the years our work grew, from the early years of collecting stray and injured dogs on the roads to providing safe, humane pound and rehoming services for Councils and surrender and rehoming services for members of the public.

As we grew, with the support of Tasmanian Communities and Local Councils we were able to establish Dogs' Homes in Devonport in 1968, Burnie in 1981 and our first Home at Launceston in 1966.

In 1985 we introduced our business name – *The Dogs' Homes of Tasmania* – to better reflect the work we do.

Throughout our 71 years one principle has been constant – that we will always care for any dog in need.



Early housing for TCDL dogs –
Degraives Street Hobart, 1951.



A canine fundraiser for
our Burnie Home, 1980s.



Our first Launceston Home, 1960s.

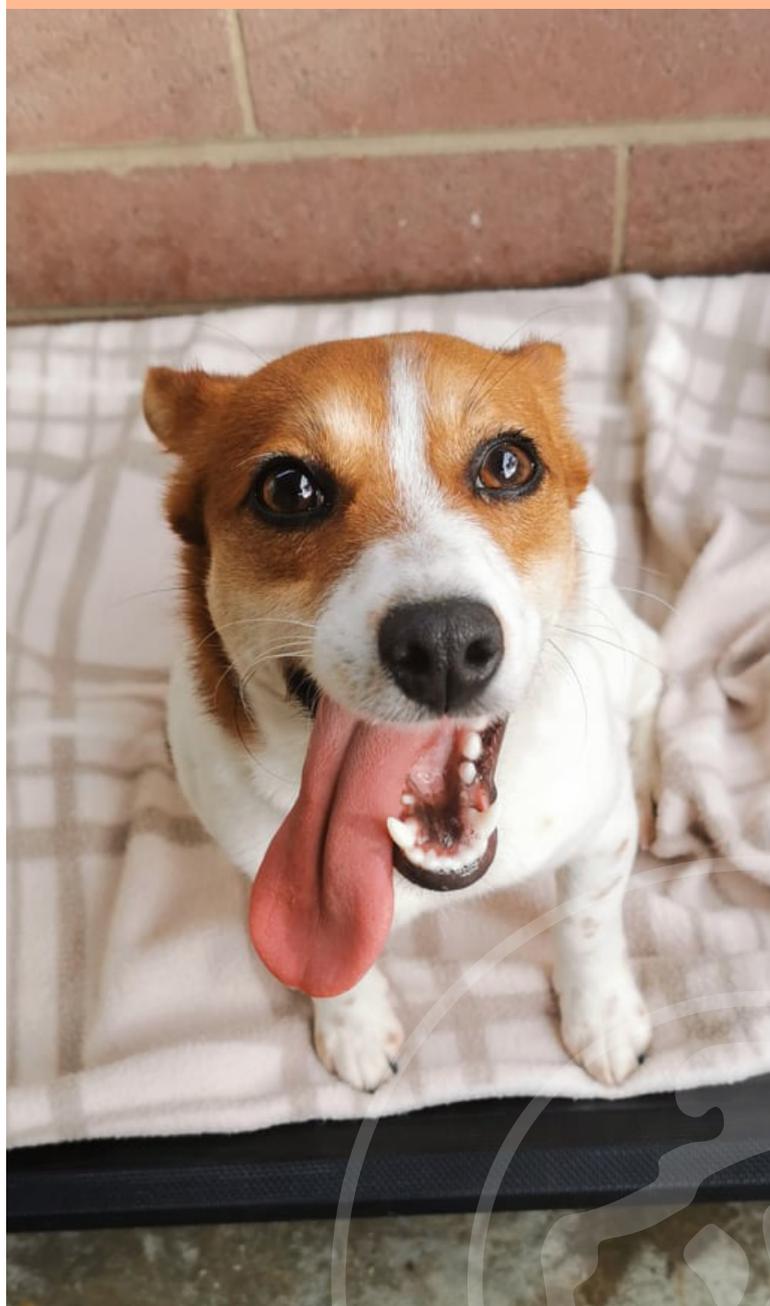


Dogs made homeless in the
1967 Bushfires being cared for
at our Home in Derwent Park.

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Cover: Ambassadog Norm and friend Tundra.



Eagerly waiting to meet his forever family.

President's report

When I reflected upon the transitional time in which we found ourselves at this time last year, I anticipated that by now we would have embraced a more certain future. Although the future that awaits us is still not clearly defined, I am confident that given the way in which our organisation has accepted and managed the operational challenges presented as a result of Covid, we will adapt to what may come.

As our CEO Michael Sertori reports, the changes made to the way in which our Homes operate have enhanced the safety and security of our dogs and our people, and my sincere thanks and appreciation goes to Michael and the team for making that happen.

The way in which the Board has operated during the past year has been impacted. Board meetings continued to be held by Zoom to comply with COVID restrictions, with the exception of a face-to-face Planning Meeting held in July. This has been well received by Board members and I extend my thanks for their cooperation.

Finding ourselves in a period of transition provided opportunities to explore other ways of engaging with our supporters and the community.

The wonderful Auxiliary have continued their fundraising initiatives to provide enrichment and other benefits for the dogs, and this year also provided a much-needed Binocular Microscope for use in the Vet room.

We could not accomplish what we do for the dogs in our care without the support of so many others and our heartfelt thanks go to each and every one.

A review of the past year would not be complete without an acknowledgment of the sad passing of three of our much loved and respected Dogs' Homes family - David Peters OAM, Margaret Cox and Mererid Roberts. David began his association with the Dogs' Homes as Treasurer in very challenging times, and also held the positions of CEO and President, and was a Member of the Companion Animal Network Foundation (formerly known as the Animal Welfare League Australia). A tree and plaque were added to the garden at the Hobart Home early this year in his memory.

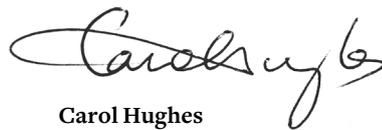
Margaret Cox was an active member of the Auxiliary for many years and assisted in many fundraising and other volunteer capacities. Margie was a quiet achiever who provided love and support for our dogs in so many ways.

Mererid Roberts was an experienced trainer with a deep understanding of dogs who ran classes attended by many Dogs' Homes dogs every Sunday from 1972 to 2015. Mererid will be remembered by many as a guide and mentor who helped them form a lasting bond with a newly adopted dog.

Valé David, Margaret and Mererid.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Michael's exemplary leadership in very difficult times, the outstanding contribution of all our people, and the ongoing support of the Board and their unstinting sharing of their skills and expertise for the benefit of the organisation.

Together with the caring support of the dog loving community, we will be able to achieve our commitment to being the best friend to all dogs in Tasmania but particularly stray, abandoned, lost and unwanted dogs, and in ensuring dogs and their welfare remain the central focus of our activities.



Carol Hughes
President



Carol Hughes, President.

Chief Executive Officer's report

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

— Socrates

The global Covid pandemic has presented rolling uncertainties and challenges, changing the way we interact, travel and deal with daily life. Dogs' Homes of Tasmania (DHoT), like many organisations, has faced significant challenges in the past year, however we have also seized opportunities and made changes to improve our support of our dogs across Tasmania.

During the months of lockdown, we moved to an 'appointment only' system to minimise the number of people on site at any one time. We found that dogs in our adoption kennels thrived in the quieter environment, which they found much less stressful than the constant coming and going of casual visitors.

So with the easing of restrictions we took the bold move to limit casual visitors and to retain appointment-only as our primary means of operation. We expected some initial disappointment from members of the community who enjoyed dropping in to say hello to the dogs, but we have been delighted to find that when the benefits for our dogs of a quieter, calmer kennel environment are explained, our supporters have embraced this change.

Fluctuations in dog numbers and high demand for adoptions have seen several of our Homes having no dogs in Adoptions at times during the year. Operating with lower and variable dog numbers is both a cause for celebration and challenge. In an ideal world all dogs would enjoy the support of a loving and caring home and there wouldn't be a role for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. Whilst dog numbers are variable there remain around 3000 dogs in any year that require our care and support.

Staff enthusiastically embraced the many changes to our business practices and to their individual employment arrangements. I congratulate every one of our employees on their selflessness to ensure the best possible support to the dogs in our care.

We have a strong relationship with our Council partners: Brighton, Burnie, Clarence, Devonport, Glenorchy, Hobart, Kentish, Latrobe, Launceston and Waratah/Wynyard Councils. We thank them for their support and encouragement and their commitment to work with us to achieve dog-friendly communities across Tasmania. We hold formal Dog Transfer Agreements with other Councils across Tasmania and thank them for their cooperation and support.

Infrastructure renewal is a constant challenge at our four Homes and in 2018 we embarked on our Critical Infrastructure Works Program to undertake essential repairs, maintenance and upgrades at each of our four Dogs' Homes. Over \$600,000 has been expended on the program to improve facilities and support for the dogs in our care. There is still a great deal of work to be undertaken to waterproof and draft proof kennels and update maintenance of our exercise yards. This year's Winter Appeal Campaign has been an extraordinary success thanks to the generosity of the Tasmanian Community and will support us to progress this work.

DHoT are a member of the Companion Animal Network (CAN) Australia - formerly known as the Animal Welfare League of Australia - and we appreciate the significant income we enjoy from corporate partnerships through CAN. In particular I would like to acknowledge Purina for the provision of dog food to our four Homes and the generosity of JB HiFi through their Workplace Giving Program. As part of CAN we are also working on a number of exciting public policy initiatives to promote pet friendly communities including Pets in Rental Accommodation, Benefits of Pets in Aged Care Settings, Pet Friendly Workplaces and Responsible Pet Ownership. To the Directors and staff of the Companion Animal Network Australia I record my deep appreciation.

I am constantly overwhelmed by the generosity of the Tasmanian community. A small social media post asking for dog treats or blankets brings immediate support. On a daily basis we experience extraordinary examples of kindness and generosity. Every donation is valued and appreciated as is a kind word of encouragement and support.

Finally, I record my sincere thanks to our President and fellow Directors, each of whom go above and beyond to do whatever it takes to support the dogs in our care.

A lot of work is being done to lay the foundations for our future. This process is affecting many changes in the way we work and the systems we use. Change can be challenging and at times difficult to embrace. Conversely, it is exciting to be a part of laying the foundation for a brighter future and ensure that we will always be there for dogs and puppies who need our care.

I am proud to be a small part of a team “focusing energy on building the new”, united in our commitment to ensure the best of care and welfare for dogs in Tasmania.



Michael Sertori

Chief Executive Officer



Michael Sertori, Chief Executive Officer.

“I am constantly overwhelmed by the generosity of the Tasmanian community.”

Treasurer's report

The 2020-2021 financial year was extremely challenging for Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. The 2020 Covid Lockdown had an immediate impact on income, with low numbers of dogs for adoption throughout the year and boarding income dropping to zero for a period.

These factors meant that income from dog adoptions, boarding and reclaims was 30 per cent lower than the previous financial year. We are grateful for the availability of Government Covid assistance packages, which enabled us to continue to operate and to stand by our staff during uncertain times. With the assistance of the Federal Government's Jobkeeper subsidy, we were able to support staff during the year and to consult and restructure rosters to provide the flexibility we needed to meet changing circumstances.

While some areas of income were unavoidably reduced, our efforts in Fundraising increased. With many of our traditional fundraising channels such as Button Day and raffles ruled out by Covid restrictions the decision was taken to contract a marketing expert with experience in animal welfare organisations to provide professional advice for our Winter Appeal and other Fundraising programs. This work is continuing but the impact on our Winter Appeal was immediate with results 70% above the previous year.

Due to the uncertainty and fluctuating dog numbers, expenditure was curtailed to essentials and overall operating expenses were 3 per cent below budget. This result does not accurately reflect the efforts that were made, as some unavoidable expenses such as External Veterinary Fees increased, which offset the savings made in areas such as Staffing. I commend the CEO and staff for their willingness to adapt to unprecedented challenges for the good of our dogs.

The program of infrastructure investment approved by the Board in 2018 was also paused as we dealt with the immediate challenges of the pandemic. The exception to this was work at Burnie and Devonport Homes funded by a grant of \$200,000 from the State Government, which has funded repair and remediation works and improvements to kennels at these two Homes. We thank the State Government for their commitment to animal welfare.

While it has been a year of prudent management, our commitment to dog welfare has not faltered. In August 2020 the Board approved waiving the \$70 surrender fee, consistent with our policy to take any dog in need of our help. We have been grateful that many people surrendering dogs have made a donation to us in lieu of a fee.

For some years now contributions from Local Government for provision of Pound Services as a percentage of our operating costs have been declining. We have been in ongoing discussions to increase the financial contribution of our Council partners. However, we recognise that Councils have also been adversely impacted by the Covid Pandemic response, constraining their financial resources. Hopefully, we can negotiate increased contributions going forward but we understand that our request is challenging.

The overall surplus for the year was \$548,767. However, without Covid subsidies, we would have returned a significant operating loss. Change and uncertainty due to the pandemic continues, and the surplus from the 2020-2021 financial year will help support our operations during the coming year as we continue to adjust our operating model to the changing conditions.

The Tasmanian Canine Defence League are grateful to the following friends who supported us by including a gift for the TCDL in their wills:

Sharon Laing	\$8,000
Nancy Frederickson	\$90,909
Carolyn Dawn Stokes	\$4683
Raymond Edward McCarthy	\$1000
Julie Anne Badger	\$500
Elizabeth Whiteley	\$7000
Juliet Hoerner	\$40
Jodwiga Hellina Stacczyk	\$10,000
Kathleen Patricia Allen	\$20,000
June Teresa Street	\$29,002
Helen Hawley Tanner	\$10,000
Estate of Beatrice Thompson	\$32,418

Thank you to all our supporters for their continuing and valued support which comes in many forms – financial support, voluntary work, advocacy and resources.



Trish Brown
Treasurer

Dogs' Homes of Tasmania Auxiliary report

Once again our fund-raising activities were severely curtailed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. However in spite of these restrictions, we are delighted to report that we were able to hold our Fair in May this year and raised \$2,000.00 for the dogs. Hopefully we will be able to hold another Fair on the 16th October 2021.

During this financial year we spent a total of \$3,276.70 on two lots of Adaptil, a microscope for the Vet and on puppy food, so we are still able to make a useful contribution for the well-being of our dogs.

Sadly we lost one of our dearest members of the Auxiliary in June. Margaret Cox was a wonderful friend to the dogs for many, many years. She and I first met dog-walking at the Dogs' Home and have been the closest of friends ever since. She was always smiling, eager to help in anyway she could. She had a deep and abiding love for animals, especially her dogs, including Tammy, Jenny and Rosie. We feel our lives are that much richer for having known this kind, generous, lady. We were especially grateful to Margaret for sharing her home with us for our monthly meetings.

Pat Rogers

Auxiliary President

The Dogs Homes of Tasmania Auxiliary is a voluntary group of fundraisers who have supported the Dogs' Homes for more than 30 years.

After an initial pause during lockdown restrictions, we were delighted when the Auxiliary was able to resume their fundraising activities. Once again, our dogs have benefited from their hard work and generous support during the year.

To each member of the Auxiliary, I offer my sincere thanks and deep appreciation. Thank you for your commitment to make a significant difference for the dogs in our care.

Michael Sertori

CEO



The late Margaret Cox



Some of the members of the Auxiliary:
Betty & Katie, Pat, Mary & Lolly, Rusty, Carole, Carol
holding Rosie Cox, Toni & Maya, Grace and Lassie.

Our organisation

The Dogs' Homes of Tasmania is operated by the Tasmanian Canine Defence League (TCDL) Inc. We are Tasmania's largest canine welfare organisation and for over 70 years, have provided for the care and welfare of Tasmania's dogs.

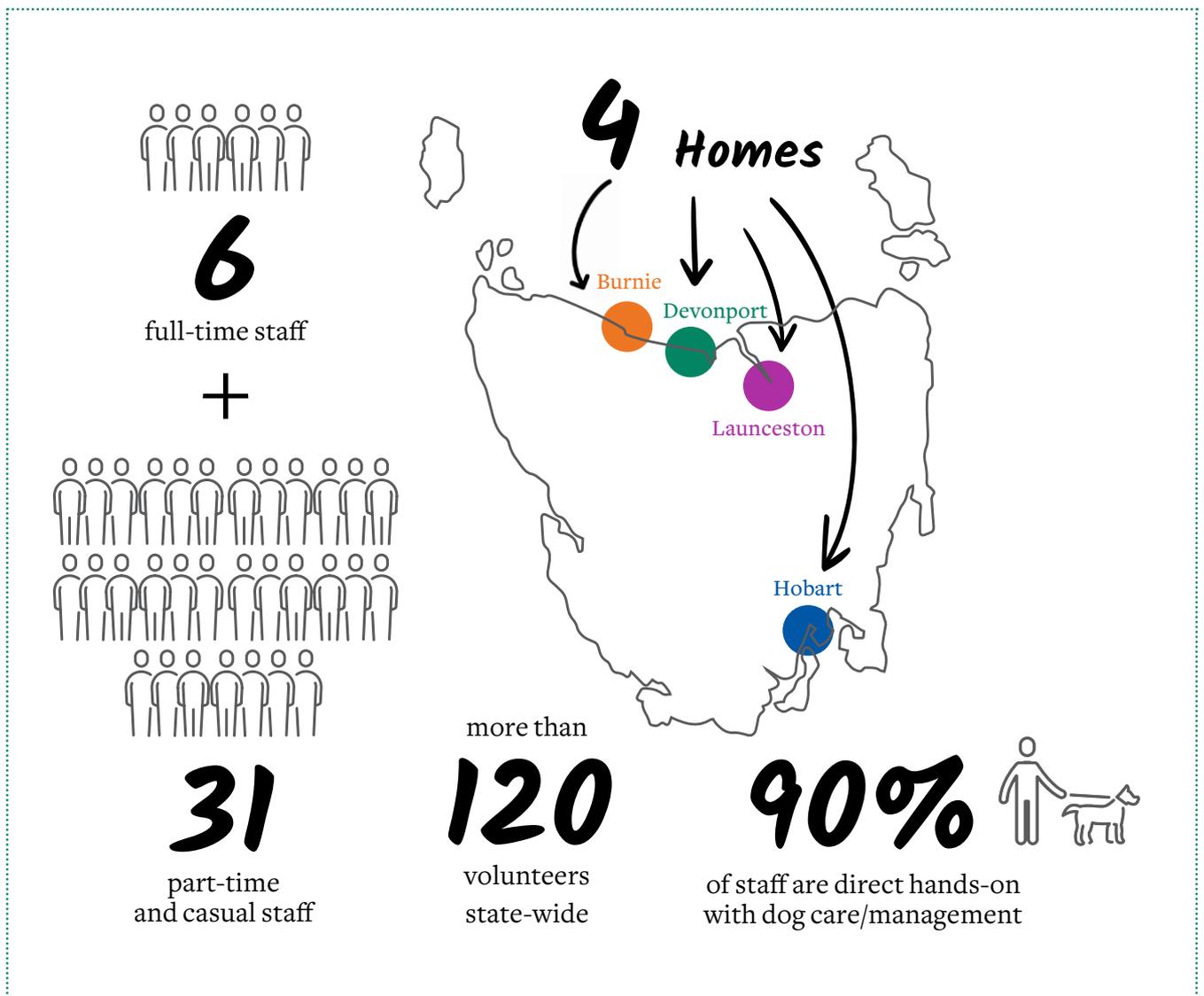
Our vision

That every dog in Tasmania has a safe and caring home.

Our Homes and support staff

Our mission

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Supporting Tasmanian dogs

Our year at a glance

reunited **1,101** lost dogs with their families

found new homes for **1,133** dogs

provided more than **31,672** days care to dogs

desexed more than **600** dogs — no more unwanted puppies!

supported more than **5,994** 'meets' between prospective adopters and dogs

washed over **65,000** blankets and towels — keeping our dogs warm and dry

served over **63,000** doggie meals — thanks to our generous supporters Purina!

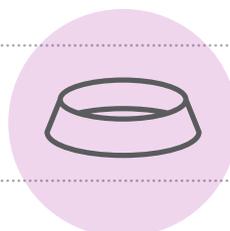
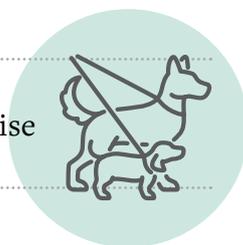
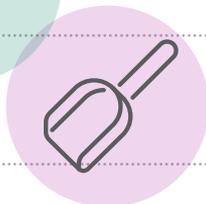
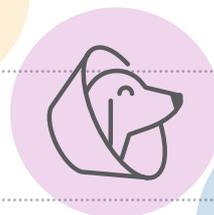
gave **950** kilo of treats

scooped **15.86** tonnes of poop

(volunteers) walked **21,000** km in rain, hail or shine to give our dogs exercise

scratched more than **60,000** ears!

washed and refilled more than **42,000** water bowls

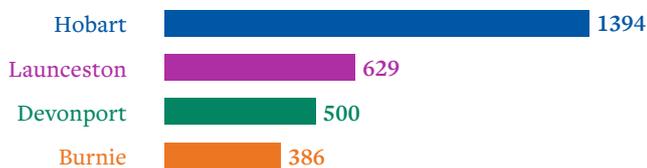


Statewide statistics

Incoming dogs

The total number of dogs we welcomed into our care during 2020-2021 was down compared to previous years.

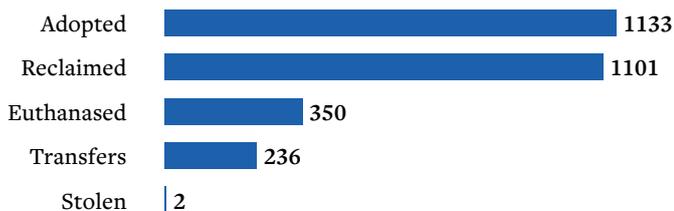
Statewide we received fewer stray dogs brought by Councils during lockdown as activity by Animal Control Officers was temporarily reduced. This period of lockdown also saw fewer lost dogs brought by members of the public and fewer dogs surrendered.



Outgoing dogs

The past year has seen very strong demand to adopt dogs.

However we have been very pleased that there has not been a rise in dogs returned to us as people returned to work after lockdown. Most dogs adopted during the Covid lockdowns have stayed in their new homes, and the extended period with owners at home may even have better assisted them to settle in.



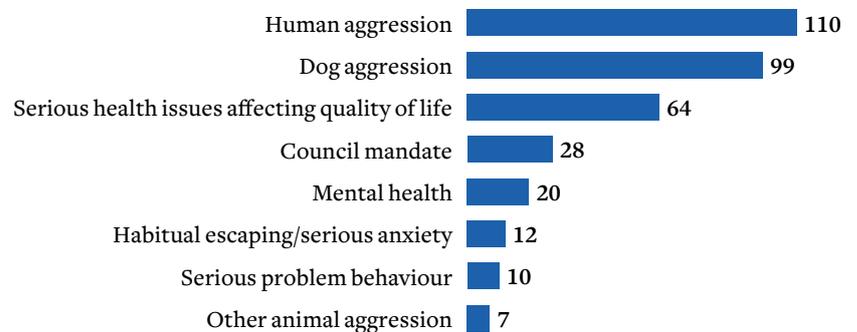
Staff member Lel and friend.

Euthanasia – getting to zero

As an open admission shelter, Dogs’ Homes of Tasmania will accept any dog needing our help and we never turn a dog away. Sadly sometimes dogs brought to us have significant health issues affecting their quality of life, or they are not safe to rehome into the community because of serious aggression to humans, dogs or other animals.

Dogs’ Homes of Tasmania is a ‘Getting to Zero’ (G2Z) shelter which means that we are committed to zero euthanasia of healthy or treatable dogs. There is no time limit on how long dogs can stay in our Homes, and we work to ensure that every dog in our care receives the support they need, whether this is veterinary treatment or support for behavioural issues.

No dog is ever euthanased without exploring every possible option for safely rehoming that dog.



More detailed statistics can be downloaded from www.dhot.com.au/statistics.

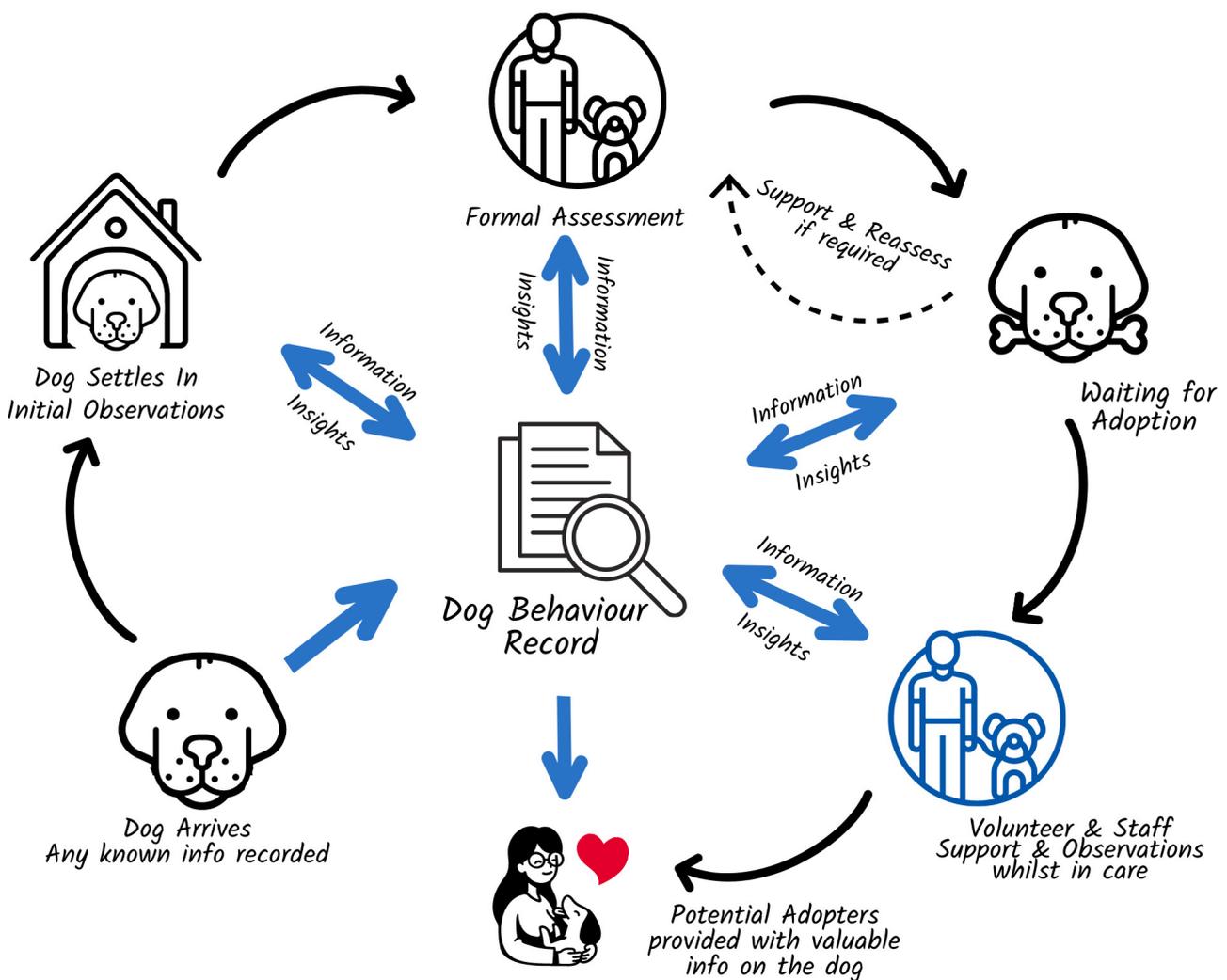
Supporting Tasmanian dogs

Key focus — continuous assessment

The importance of getting to know the whole dog

Every dog adopted from Dogs' Homes of Tasmania has a full behavioural assessment. This helps match dogs with the right homes, and ensures that every dog rehomed is safe in the community. But just as a single meeting doesn't tell you all you need to know about another person, a single assessment doesn't always give a full picture of what a dog is like - some dogs are shy or nervous in assessment but friendly and relaxed in real life situations. So in 2021 we implemented continuous assessment, piloted at our Hobart Home.

From the moment the dog arrives, staff note observations about the dog, and after a few days have elapsed to let the dog settle into life at the Home, we conduct a formal, comprehensive assessment. After this assessment staff and volunteers continue to update information about each dog for the whole of their stay with us, ensuring that the dog's welfare is continually reviewed and that adopters get the best possible information about a dog.



Greyhound adoption accreditation

In 2021 the Office of Racing Integrity accredited the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania to assess greyhounds to meet unmuzzling requirements under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

As a result, we have been able to offer greyhounds for adoption without the requirement that they be muzzled when in a public place.

Every greyhound placed with us for rehoming goes through a comprehensive process to ensure that they are suitable for pet homes. Each greyhound spends time in foster care so we can learn more about them. It's also a chance to learn life skills they may have missed in their racing lives – such as getting in and out of cars, walking on slippery floors, and of course snoozing on the sofa!

Greyhound Disco looking forward to his new life.



Toby, the tennis ball addict

Toby is a five year old Pointer/Viszla cross. A beautiful natured dog, Toby passed his formal assessment with flying colours and was placed up for adoption.

During his stay, as part of our continuous assessment process volunteers noted that although Toby loved tennis balls, he couldn't relax for a minute when balls were around and had to keep chasing and chewing them. His teeth were worn down from years of obsessive ball chewing, and he was exhausted because he just couldn't rest.

With follow up from behaviour trainer Michelle Jones, Toby was put on a 'no tennis balls' program, with lots of other enrichment to help him relax - sniffing, snuffle mats, long leash walks, tasty chews – anything but tennis balls!

Thanks to continuous assessment, a 'tennis ball detox' allowed Toby to unwind, relax and show what a beautiful dog he was. He was adopted by a lovely family who were told about his ball obsession and agreed to make sure that he had plenty of fun and games in his life, but no more tennis balls!



Toby.

The year in review

Inside our four Homes

The Burnie Dogs' Home

Our Burnie Dogs' Home celebrates 40 years of rescuing dogs this year. Among all those who supported the building of the Burnie Dogs' Home, we received generous support from the Kranenburg family and dedication from Mrs Billie Jenkins and Della. There have been many improvements and changes to the site since then.

During the past year we've undertaken a number of maintenance and improvement projects at Burnie, assisted by a State Government Grant.

Daily cleaning of our kennels with strong disinfectants takes its toll on the wire and other surfaces in our kennels, and this has now been repaired. We've also made repairs to guttering and roofing, built two additional exercise yards and installed new play equipment for the dogs. These improvements give our dogs a safer, more relaxing environment.



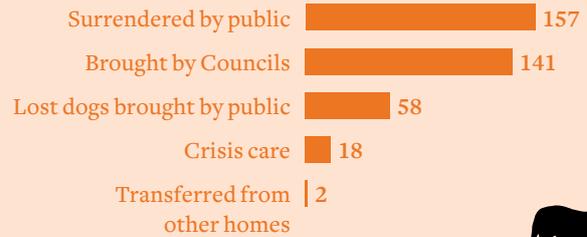
Burnie Home soon after construction in the 1980s.



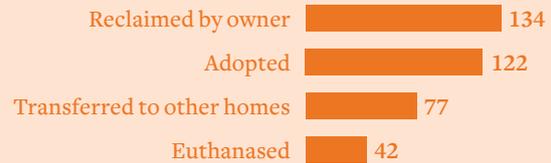
One of the new yards constructed at Burnie.



INGOMING DOGS



OUTGOING DOGS



Staff member Jaiden and friends.

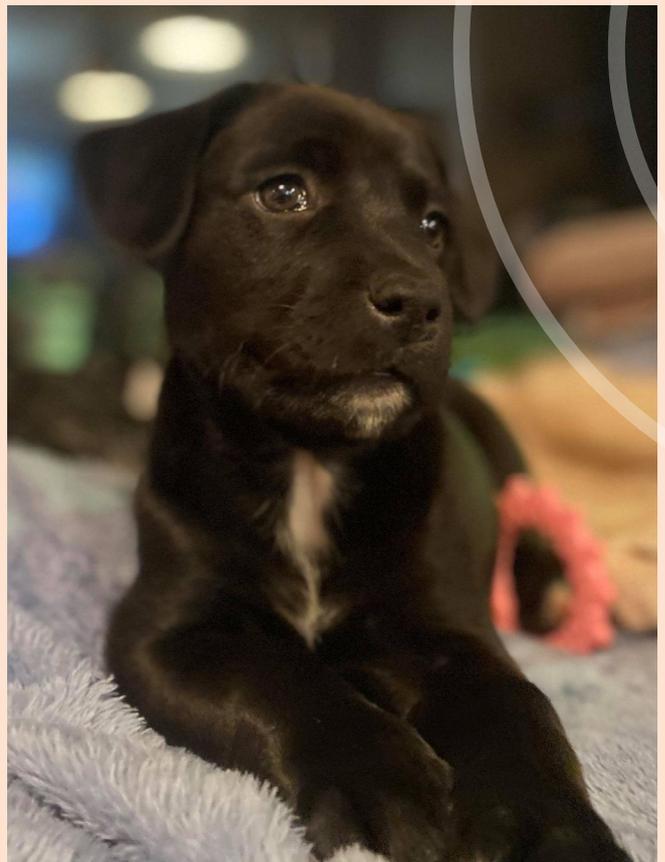
A special delivery box of puppies

Found in a cardboard box at a dairy farm, Gracie, Joe, Stella, Harvey, Coco, Harvey, Lucy, Tom and Lani were rescued and taken to our Burnie Home for care. The puppies had been abandoned and arrived at the home underweight and in poor condition.

The puppies were given health checks, first vaccination, flea and worm treatment and then placed into foster care. Foster care is particularly important for our puppies as it gives them time for their vaccinations to take effect and to gain weight. It also gives them a chance to be in a home where they can play and sleep and eat and just have fun being puppies without a care in the world.

Our foster carers make sure their puppies get lots of cuddle time, and plenty of opportunities to explore the sights and sounds of their foster home. This experience in a safe, enriched environment lays the foundations for our puppies to grow into healthy, happy, confident dogs.

In a few weeks these 9 little characters were bursting with energy and confidence, ready for their new families.



The year in review

Inside our four Homes

The Devonport Dogs' Home

Devonport Dogs' Home has also had some much needed repairs and maintenance during the past year.

As well as building new boarding and pound yards, we've upgraded our kitchen, which serves over 12,000 meals a year to the dogs in our Devonport Home.

A new commercial dishwasher ensures that food and water bowls are spotlessly clean to keep our dogs healthy, and a new commercial washer and dryer deal with the daily loads of washing and drying blankets to keep our dogs warm.

We thank the State Government and the Kentish and Latrobe Councils for their generous support for these initiatives.



New exercise yard at Devonport.



New covered assessment area.



INCOMING DOGS



OUTGOING DOGS



Staff member Emily and friend at our Devonport Home.

Lily finds her soulmates



Lily came to our Devonport Home as a stray, desperately thin. It soon became clear to staff that she was also very unwell and needed urgent veterinary care. Lily had recently had puppies and had developed severe mastitis with painful, infected

ulcers so she desperately needed our care.

Staff member Elaine took Lily into her care as a foster dog and the two developed a special bond as Elaine nursed her back to health. To Elaine's delight her dog Jollie also fell in love with Lily, he was pining for doggie company after recently losing his doggie best mate. Meeting Lily put a huge wag in his tail. When Lily was in good health and ready for adoption there was no question where her forever home would be – with Elaine and Jollie.



Best Mates: Lily and Jollie.

Welcome Fifi

The Matthews Foundation have always been generous supporters of Dogs' Homes of Tasmania and in 2021 their assistance included a contribution towards purchasing a new vehicle for the Devonport Home.

The van is an essential part of our operations, allowing us to take dogs to veterinary care, and transfer dogs between Homes when required.

We named the new vehicle 'FiFi' in honour of a valued volunteer and supporter, the late Fiona Price. A bequest from Fiona's estate assisted with purchase costs.

The vehicle was delivered by Hyundai Devonport, loaded up with donated goodies for our dogs.



Staff from Hyundai Devonport deliver our new vehicle loaded up with donated food for our dogs.

The year in review

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The Launceston Dogs' Home

This year marks three years since we took on the contract to provide pound and dog rehoming services in Launceston and we thank the City of Launceston for its ongoing support and encouragement. The Council made a significant investment to upgrade and maintain this site and this allows us to concentrate our energy on caring for the many dogs and puppies at the Home.

A new dishwasher and washing machine have made it easier to complete the daily tasks of washing blankets and cleaning bowls. We enjoy the support of a very dedicated group of volunteers who ensure the dogs in our care get their daily exercise and human contact.

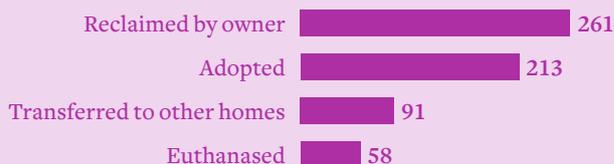
Our Launceston team have also focused on community outreach through face to face events, hosting car park sales in December and June and attending Pet Stock's National Pet Adoption Day in March. These events have been a great opportunity for the team at Launceston to engage with the community. Local media WIN News have also been great supporters of the events and we are very grateful for their support.



INCOMING DOGS



OUTGOING DOGS



Volunteers Karen and Margaret from our Launceston Home at the Pet Stock National Pet Adoption Day

Butters' road to recovery

A tiny puppy with a broken leg, Butters was found in the middle of a Launceston highway by some kind and caring tourists.

She was brought to our Launceston Dogs' Home where she was treated by our vet. Once she had stabilized, Butters was transferred to Hobart and placed into foster care to help her recovery.

We weren't sure that Butters' leg could be saved, but wanted to give her every chance. She spent 6 weeks with her leg in a cast. When the cast was finally removed she began several weeks of gentle exercise, including hydrotherapy to support her newly mended leg.

Butters was at a critical age for socialisation and was managing well with her cast, so while in foster care she also attended puppy school and her carer took time to expose her to all kinds of experiences.

In spite of a rough start, Butters was given all the medical and social support she needed to prepare her for life as a happy, confident adult dog with her new family.



Early days of recovery.



Butters was given plenty of enrichment during her recovery.



Butters just prior to her adoption – healthy and confident. enrichment during her recovery.

The year in review

Inside our four Homes

The Hobart Dogs' Home

Our Hobart Home is the largest Home in the State, and is also the main location for our Statewide support team, including our CEO, Admin Support, Behaviour Trainer and Foster Care Coordinator.

With an on-site clinic providing in-house vet services, the Hobart Home takes complex medical cases and dogs with special behavioural needs from our other three Homes. During the year nearly 200 dogs were transferred from other Homes to Hobart by volunteer drivers.

Unfortunately our faithful van 'Riley' reached the end of its working life with high maintenance costs and a lot of rattles that made it hard for dogs being transported to relax.

In April the Board approved the purchase of a new vehicle and the installation of fitted travel crates for up to 14 dogs. With temperature control and noise dampening, the new van will ensure that dogs have a safe, quiet, less stressful journey when transferred between Homes.



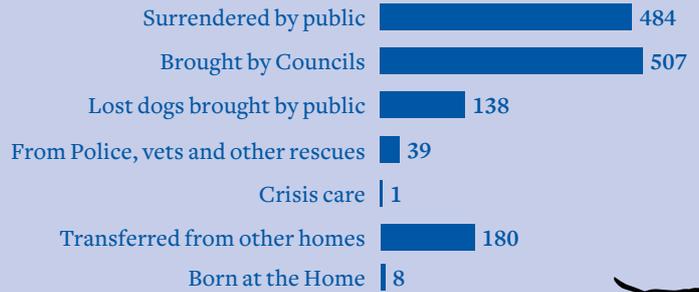
Staff member Michelle designed the fit out for the new van.



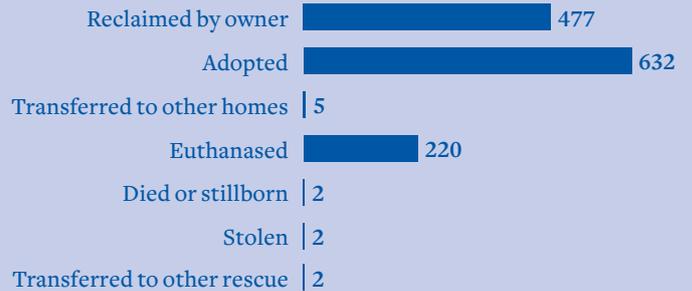
Staff member Luke tries the new crates.



INCOMING DOGS



OUTGOING DOGS



Education yard: making playtime safer and more fun

The Education Yard at our Hobart Home is a valuable space for 'meet and greets' where families hoping to adopt a second dog bring their existing dog to get to know their prospective adoptee. It's also a place where volunteers spend off-lead play and training time with our dogs.

A memorial donation from a generous supporter allowed us to install robust play equipment and landscape the bottom of the yard with paved seats to create a meeting space. The new equipment includes platforms, weaving posts, screens and a doggie bridge, creating a much more enriching environment for our dogs.



Magnus enjoys playtime on our new Education Yard equipment, funded by a donation in memory of Merv & Babs Ladd.

Keeping our dogs dry: Hobart kennel waterproofing

Our Hobart kennels were designed and built more than 30 years ago, with each row of kennels covered by an earth mound that keeps them warm in winter and cool in summer.

Time has taken its toll, and the waterproof membrane around some kennels is starting to fail. Repairing the leaking kennels and preventing more leaks is a major task, requiring workers to dig long trenches and replace the membrane on the outside of the concrete kennel walls.

With 180 kennels in 9 rows requiring repair, this is a major project and has already taken several months. We plan to complete this essential repair work in the coming year.



Excavations on the earth mounds to renew waterproofing.

Community support and programs

Our volunteers

Volunteers are the life-blood of Dogs' Homes of Tasmania and we have more than 120 active volunteers across the State supporting us with dog walking, gardening, cleaning, fundraising and assistance with administration.

The right people at the right time

During the year we introduced rostering for our dog walking volunteers. This was initially a response to the pandemic to ensure we had no more volunteers on site than were needed at any time.

However we found that the benefits were wider. Rostering ensures we have enough volunteers to meet the enrichment needs of our dogs each day. For our volunteers, it means that they don't waste time coming on days where there is little opportunity for them to get involved.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who have embraced these changes and continue to support our dogs.

Supporting new volunteers with better training

This year we reviewed our induction and training process for Dog Walking Volunteers, introducing a three-step program which includes an initial information briefing with a staff member and volunteer; a longer, detailed training session, and a final hands-on 'Buddy walk' with an experienced volunteer to put their learning into practice.

The new process ensures that volunteer walkers are better prepared and supported when they begin solo walking. Our initial review of the system shows that retention rates of new volunteers have significantly improved with the new system.

Recognising significant service

We were delighted when our long term volunteer Richard Moore was awarded a KABTAS Community Kindness Award Volunteer. Richard has been volunteering at the Hobart Dogs' Home for more than ten years and has undertaken dog walking, grounds work and maintenance.

Richard is a skilled tradesperson with a highly creative side. Having a volunteer with such skills as part of the team is invaluable. To top it off, Richard is a lovely bloke and fondly regarded by staff and dogs.



Volunteer Carly gets a kiss from Remus.



Volunteers Richard and Dusty upgrade some fencing while Hans and his mate Spanner supervise.

Our foster carers

Whether they are caring for a litter of puppies (all those feeds and clean ups!), looking after a dog with special health needs, or just providing a quiet place for a dog who finds the busy life at our Homes overwhelming, our foster carers make a difference for hundreds of dogs each year.

This year with increased numbers of Greyhounds coming to us, our Foster Carers were needed more than ever. Ex-racing Greyhounds are often not used to life in a family home, and so they all spend a period in Foster Care before being offered adoption. This means we can learn more about each greyhound, and they can get used to all the experiences they will have in their new life as pets.



Volunteer Foster Carer Maxine.

Pups on Parole – saving dogs and changing lives

For many years, inmates at the Ron Barwick Prison have had the opportunity to take part in a unique part of our Foster Care program ‘Pups on Parole’. Dogs requiring extra care or training are fostered at the prison by suitable inmates to help prepare them for adoption. Staff from Dogs’ Homes of Tasmania provide guidance to prisoners in the program on training and socialising dogs.

Eight year old dog Caesar was a regular visitor to the prison as part of this program. Caesar suffered from separation anxiety and was not social with other dogs, which made it difficult to find a suitable home for him in the community. However he was always a very happy dog during his stays at the prison.

A group of more than 100 inmates decided that they wanted to take responsibility for Caesar, and permanently adopt him. With the approval of Tasmania Prison Service, the men raised \$1,100 to cover Caesar’s adoption fee and his ongoing vet bills and food. A very happy outcome for a lovely dog with very special needs.



Caesar couldn’t get the smile off his face when he heard he was being adopted.

Community support and programs

Fundraising programs and support

For 71 years we have been sustained by the kindness and generosity of our Tasmanian supporters. This support helps us to provide the vital services needed to care for lost and unwanted dogs, and we are grateful for every single donation — no matter how big or small. We ensure that every dollar donated goes towards helping our dogs and their well-being.

Each year we focus on two major fundraising appeals to support our dogs: our Mid-Year Appeal and our Christmas Appeal. This year our Mid-Year appeal was rebranded as the Winter Appeal, we invested more broadly in digital communications and we were significantly supported by our facebook and instagram community.

Welcome Ambassador Lisa Gormley

We have been delighted to introduce our first official Dogs' Homes Ambassador: Actor and Casting Director, Lisa Gormley.

Lisa is a dog lover, and a passionate supporter of Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. Growing up, rescue dogs were always part of family life so when Lisa was ready for a dog it was a natural choice to 'adopt not shop'.

After seeing a photo of a little white dog on the Dogs' Homes Instagram, Lisa had a feeling she might have seen her future dog. She made an appointment and visited the Hobart Dogs' Home to meet this gorgeous girl. It quickly became clear she had found 'the one' and a little dog named Sasha had found her new family.

We're delighted to have Lisa and Sasha lend their voice and bark to our cause.



Winter Appeal Ambassador Hunter.



Dogs' Homes Ambassador Lisa Gormley and her beloved dog Sasha.



Winter Appeal Ambassadors Norm and friend Tundra.

Raising the “Bark” with support from our AmbassaDogs

We also introduced our first official ‘Ambassadogs’ with four former Dogs’ Homes dogs becoming the canine faces of our Winter Appeal. Norm, Hunter, Halen and Pyklet’s stories highlight the different aspects of our work and what our dogs mean to their families.

Mr eNormous, Norm to his friends, was surrendered at 10 months old because he was ‘too big’. Adopted by Dogs’ Homes Behaviour Trainer Michelle, Norm’s gentle, calm personality has made him an ideal role model for puppies fostered by Michelle. Norm has been Foster Grandpa to more than 300 puppies.

Hunter the Chihuahua was surrendered with a broken leg that had been left untreated, and he was terrified, snappy and in pain.

The injury to his leg was so severe that it had to be amputated, but with good veterinary care he was soon pain free and in recovery. After such a painful injury Hunter is understandably wary of being handled by strangers and we were delighted to find him a safe, gentle home with caring owners who understand his needs.

Halen and Pyklet are typical happy family dogs. Pyklet was adopted as a senior, and Halen joined the family as a puppy. These two gorgeous dogs adore each other, and they love their family, especially the little humans.

We are so grateful to award winning photographer Ken Drake and the team at Ken Drake Photography for generously donating their time and talent to produce the superb photos of our Ambassadogs.

Ken and Beck Drake are a passionate and talented team who have generously assisted us to develop our marketing, engagement and communication activities. Ken and Beck’s impact has been immediate and their expertise, energy and enthusiasm, underpinned by their deep commitment to animal welfare, is inspiring.



Ambassadogs Halen and Pyklet with their favourite little humans.

Pots and Pooches fundraising events

The beautiful dog-friendly Cascade Gardens become even more dog-friendly over the summer months when Cascade Brewery Bar hosts ‘Pots and Pooches’ a relaxing monthly get-together for dogs and their humans.

Cascade generously provides a stall location which is manned by our Dogs’ Homes Volunteers. While the stall is primarily a fundraiser selling Dogs’ Homes retail products it’s also a chance to meet up with former Dogs’ Homes dogs out with their families.

With a changing theme each month our Pots and Pooches stalls have included an enrichment workshop (assisted by Hobart Trainers Carly Clarke and Isabel Hyland), a dog book book sale and a Santa Paws photo booth (thank you to Ingrid Inglis).



Volunteer Debbie finds a treat for former Dogs’ Homes dog Nell at Pots and Pooches.

Executive report

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2021

Your Executive Members submit the financial Report of the Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Office Bearers and Other Board Members

The Members of the Board and Office Bearers throughout the year and at the time of this report are:

Name	Position
Carol Hughes	President
Denise Bower	Vice President
Trish Brown	Treasurer
Aaron McClurg	Secretary / Public Officer
Megan Alessandrini	Director
Maxine Hindell	Director
David Jackson	Director

Declaration

The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 of the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board, the attached financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc. as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Carol Hughes
(President)



Trish Brown
(Treasurer)

Dated at Hobart this 23rd day of September 2021

Opposite: Volunteers Hannah, Anna, Moira and Jo take Lily for a walk as part of their induction training,



Financial statements

Compilation report

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc, which comprise the asset and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2021, the profit & loss statement, the statement of cash flows, the statement of changes in equity, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Directors

The Directors of Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



Tim Moroney (CA)

Moroney Wray Jackson Pty Ltd GPO Box 1504, Hobart TAS 7001

Dated : 31 August 2021

Profit and loss (consolidated)

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Auxiliary	6,875	12,567
Council Contributions	729,174	740,423
Dogs	572,514	780,363
Donations	361,518	260,917
Fundraising Income	188,685	147,343
Subscriptions & Sponsorships	2,238	23,568
Sales	78,931	59,756
Other income	85,537	94,122
Surrender Donation	11,921	-
Dog Treats - Sales	162	-
Grooming Services	727	-
Total Income	2,058,281	2,119,059
Cost of Sales		
Discounts Given	2	-
Total Cost of Sales	2	-
Expenses		
Finance & Admin Costs	70,741	73,419
Dogs	851	7,193
Fundraising	14,238	13,684
Goods for Resale	51,218	(8,367)
Rental Property Expenses	6,785	1,290
Running Costs, Maint. & Repair	146,291	134,175
General Expenses	136,814	217,266
Supplies	27,823	25,981
Utilities	70,006	73,917
Veterinary	241,978	226,320
Staff, Consult & Contractor Exp	1,744,889	1,791,177
Total Expenses	2,511,634	2,556,054
Operating Surplus/Deficit	(453,353)	(436,995)
Other Items		
Depreciation	(112,690)	(97,375)
Bequest Income	205,638	895,306
Grants Received	62,159	87,841
Minor Capital Expenditure	(536)	(904)
JobKeeper Receipts	797,550	162,000
Cashflow Boost Income	50,000	50,000
Total Other Items	1,002,120	1,096,869
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	548,767	659,873

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report and notes to accounts.

Balance sheet

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc as at 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2020
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank		
Cash at Bank (Dogs' Homes)	1,063,408	476,315
Cash at Bank (Auxiliary)	9,165	7,523
Total Cash at Bank	1,072,573	483,838
Cash on Hand	899	293,175
Receivables		
Debtors	50,872	146,263
Accrued Revenue	2,421	6,219
Prepayments	24,769	9,630
Total Receivables	78,061	162,113
Investments		
At Call Investment	779,663	500,965
Term Deposits	1,352,610	1,054,463
Cash Managed Funds	619,655	613,009
TPTL Equity Funds	-	283,301
Total Investments	2,751,928	2,451,737
Inventories	102,949	90,715
Other Current Assets	900	-
Total Current Assets	4,007,310	3,481,578
Non-current Assets		
Property		
Land (Risdon Vale) - At Cost	144,696	144,696
Buildings (R/Vale) - At Cost	1,442,600	1,442,600
Acc Depn Risdon Main Building	(888,819)	(846,775)
Freehold Prop (Burnie) At Cost	510,696	473,621
Acc Depn Brn Main Building	(276,723)	(256,691)
Freehold Land (Burnie) At Cost	21,222	21,222
Freehold Prop (D'port) At Cost	288,833	281,743
Acc Depn Dport Main Build	(139,718)	(126,016)
Total Property	1,102,787	1,134,401
Plant & Equipment		
Plant & Equipment - At Cost	599,243	474,349
Acc Depn P and E	(347,596)	(340,231)
Total Plant & Equipment	251,647	134,118

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report and notes to accounts.

Leasehold Improv (D'port) – At insurance value		
Leasehold Improvements (Dport) – At Insurance Value	98,500	98,500
Acc Depn Out Building 1	(73,903)	(71,440)
Total Leasehold Improv (D'port) – At insurance value	24,597	27,060

Leasehold Improv (D'port) – At cost		
Leasehold Improvements (Dport) – At Cost	77,155	77,155
Acc Depn Out Building 2	(40,817)	(35,711)
Total Leasehold Improv (D'port) – At cost	36,338	41,444
Total Non-current Assets	1,415,369	1,337,023
Total Assets	5,422,679	4,818,600

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
Account Payables	59,069	89,120
Accrued Expenses	40,105	46,927
Grants Received	200,000	62,159
GST liabilities	26,585	8,339
Payroll Liabilities	20,283	21,417
Staff Leave Provision	309,191	304,747
Council Rego & Release Fees	–	5,942
Total Current Liabilities	655,233	538,650
Non-current Liabilities		
Provisions		
Long Service & Annual Leave	45,156	50,735
Total Provisions	45,156	50,735
Total Non-current Liabilities	45,156	50,735
Total Liabilities	700,390	589,386
Net Assets	4,722,289	4,229,214

Accumulation Funds		
Retained Earnings	4,722,289	4,173,832
Change in Value of Investments	–	55,383
Total Accumulation Funds	4,722,289	4,229,214

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report and notes to accounts.

Statement of changes in equity

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Equity		
Opening Balance	4,229,186	3,609,949
Current Year Earnings	548,765	659,873
Change in Value of Investments	(55,383)	(40,608)
Opening Balance	29	–
Prior Period Adjustment	(308)	–
Total Equity	4,722,289	4,229,214

Statement of cash flows

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash Receipts from Operating Activities	1,583,267	1,765,992
Donations received	362,345	267,354
Bequests received	205,638	895,306
Fundraising proceeds	192,786	156,232
Subscriptions & Sponsorships	24,296	23,721
Interest Received	37,805	46,258
Other Income	1,097,242	260,029
Payments to suppliers	(945,048)	(872,059)
Payments to employees	(1,755,148)	(1,746,108)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	803,182	796,725
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Receipt/ (Payment) for at call investments	(278,698)	598,902
Receipt/ (Payment) for term deposits	(8,147)	(804,463)
Receipt/ (Payment) for other investments	263,521	(19,005)
Payment for plant and equipment	(192,087)	(269,966)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(215,412)	(494,532)
Net Cash Flows	587,771	302,193
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	483,623	181,430
Prior year adjustment	1,768	–
Net change in cash for period	587,771	302,193
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,073,162	483,623

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report and notes to accounts.

Notes to the financial statements

Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared for the Members of the League to enable compliance with requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (TAS). The League is of a type identified in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 as a non-reporting entity, therefore generally accepted accounting principles have been used in the preparation of these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income Tax

No provision for the income tax has been raised as the Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Trade Receivables are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report and notes to accounts.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates all owed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included in the Balance Sheet.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Minor Capital Expenditure

Capital items costing less than \$1000 are expensed in the year they are purchased.

Independent auditor's report



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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF TASMANIAN CANINE DEFENCE LEAGUE
INC
ABN: 65 399 649 360**

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc (the Entity), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, the profit and loss statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Cash donations are a significant source of fundraising revenue for Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc. The Entity has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of cash donations prior to entry into its financials records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding fundraising revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether the recorded cash donations Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc are complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.



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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible entities' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board of Management of the Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as



- fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
 - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.
 - Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
 - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ian Derbyshire".

Michael Ian Derbyshire
Director

17 September 2021

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to our 'Pawsome' business sponsors and partners for their continued support throughout the year.

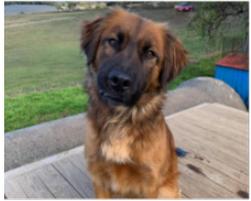
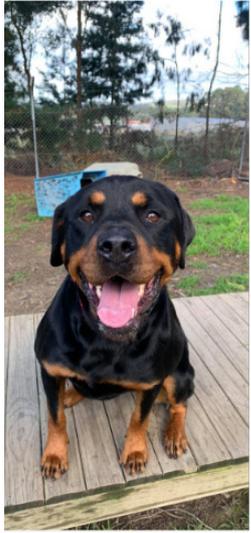
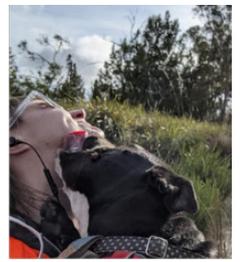


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