

Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services

caring with compassion

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Almost half the year gone already! The BAWCS shelter (Central Victoria's only "No Kill" Shelter) has been booming along with lots of adoptions happening and many new animals arriving. Every animal is safe in our care for however long it takes to find the right home for them so there is no pressure to adopt out if the right home hasn't presented itself.

Lois, Lionel, Lana and Leroy arrived in a laundry basket and at time of writing, three had found great new homes.



Our Shelter Adoption Program Partner PETBARN (located at Kangaroo Flat) continues to be a great showcase opportunity for our cats and kittens and adoptions remain constant through the store, with the BAWCS Adoption Committee ssessing all applications and making the final decision on adoptions.

Our **Adoption Cattery** is open **every Saturday** between 11.30am and 2.30pm and if you are looking for a new feline friend/s to join your family and can't make it out then, you can visit the Petbarn Kangaroo Flat store which is open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sundays 10am to 5pm.



In September this year, BAWCS will be celebrating our 12 year anniversary and to celebrate, we will be having an Open Day at the Shelter. The date has not been set yet but we will be advising everyone in due course.

In the meantime we continue to put finishing touches on the property including a large garden area which Neangar Nursery in Eaglehawk supported with tube stock and our new friends at Bunnings Epsom Gardening team came and planted for us. We look forward to seeing how much our plants have grown by September.

Thank you Ken from Neangar Nursery and the Garden Team at Bunnings Epsom for your great support for Central Victoria's only "No Kill" Shelter



Pictured : Sweetie and Nigel – available for adoption.

It's that time of the year again – end of Financial Year! Would you like to take advantage and make a tax deductible donation to Central Victoria's only "No Kill" Shelter?



Donations of \$2 and over are Tax Deductible. You can complete the enclosed / attached donation flyer or donation direct via our website **www.bawcs.org.au** BAWCS is situated on 30acres which allows us to care for many different types of animals. Our Farm Friends

Program recently welcomed Truffelina and Porchini, two piglets who have become the very best of friends.



Partners in 'crime' **Sapphire and Diamond**.

BAWCS was alerted to these two in a local livestock pound. Apparently they had been there since being picked up in October 2014 and their owner had not reclaimed them. The rumour was he had become ill and ended up in hospital but noone knew anything further. The Shire advised this pony and cow were well known to them and had been together for their entire lives. They wanted them to stay together if possible so auctioned them off as one 'lot'. Fortunately BAWCS was able to secure their safety and they are now permanent residents at the Shelter in our Farm Friends Program.



Other new arrivals....Winkle and Polly Stix



Winkle turned up on a property and stay for a couple of weeks without anyone looking for him.

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Polly Stix wasn't enjoying being tethered all the time so was surrendered to allow her free roam in a paddock. She has settled in really well with our 'boys' including Winkle.

Each newsletter we like to feature one of our amazing rescue cats.

This is *Pumpkin*. He was put on a 'Kill List' at a High Kill Shelter facility in Melbourne. Fortunately BAWCS was able to take him in and his veterinary care to date has included two surgeries to correct his irregular eye. He's a fabulous cat and we hope it won't take too long before he has found a new home but he will remain safe for however long that takes.

PUMPKIN after his first eye surgery



Pumpkin now



Thanks to our wonderful vet **Dr Sue Collins** at **McIvor Road Veterinary Clinic** for her wonderful work with Pumpkin.



BAWCS recently received funding support via City of Greater Bendigo Community Grants and CVGT Australia Community Grants **Program** to help us continue our work with disadvantaged pet owners.

We are very appreciative of this support and look forward to helping the many people who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in situations where their pets need help they cannot financially afford.

This includes veterinary care (including desexing, vaccinations and microchipping), emergency pet accommodation and pet supplies to name a few.



Bendigo UFS Pharmacies continue their support of not only our Seniors for Seniors Program (matching senior pets with senior people), but now extend their support to our overall Adoption Program for the coming year. Thank you to the 539 people who nominated BAWCS as the charity they wish to support when becoming a member at UFS Phamarcies, and continuing this support when renewing their membership annually.

Not only are you supporting BAWCS when you become a member but you get great discounts in store.



FAMILY MOVIE fundraiser for BAWCS



Membership

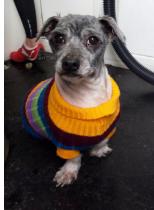
Membership renewals are now due for the coming year so please complete the enclosed / attached renewal form if you would like to continue to support Central Victoria's only "No Kill" Shelter.

Your membership fee goes to helping animals like SETH, so badly matted he had to be shaved back to the skin.



Seth before





Ensuring your pet's future

BAWCS is often contacted by people who have a family member that has passed away and a pet/s belonging to the deceased are not wanted by any of the remaining family.

To ensure your pet/s are cared for by a reputable organisation such as BAWCS, why not take advantage of our Bequest Program which has several different options for ensuring your pet/s future, even if you are going into a care facility that doesn't allow pets.

Don't let your family make such an important decision on their own. Ensure your wishes are known and that your pet/s will be well cared for.

Contact us for more information and to have our Bequest Program brochure sent to you.

Our Bequest Program Sponsor **Robertson Hyetts** offer the making of a Will with BAWCS as the beneficiary for only \$100. Don't put it off, you never know what is around the corner.



Robertson Hyetts SOLICITORS

BAWCS open day...

It's been a long time coming but the BAWCS Shelter Open Day is scheduled for September this year. We will be providing more information closer to the time so stay tuned.

We hope you will come along and help us celebrate the establishment of **Central Victoria's only "No Kill" Shelter** on the 12th year anniversary of Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services 'caring with compassion'.



Did you know.....



Did You Know That ??

Gum thrown on the ground looks like bread to birds, which try to eat it. It fouls their entire systems and prevents them ingesting any real nourishment or water. So they die slowly. Share this and be responsible with your trash.

LIKE to keep up to date with daily happenings at the BAWCS Shelter? Over 6,500 people 'follow us' already and you too can



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