



BENDIGO ANIMAL WELFARE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Where has the first half of the year gone! As usual BAWCS has been busy beavering away saving animals, assisting disadvantaged pet owners and educating the community on responsible pet ownership.

Our dog adoptions have gone through the roof whilst our cat adoptions have been abit slower but steady. We've also adopted out Henry, our Shetland pony and several ducks as well. BAWCS cares for all sorts of animals!

There is no time limit with BAWCS animals. This means the animals in our care stay with us for as long as it takes to find a suitable new home. We will never euthanase an animal in care to make room for another.

GRANTS received

BAWCS has been fortunate to receive funding support from two major funding partners again this year. **State Trustees Australia Foundation – Jean White Memorial Fund** and **Bendigo Uniting Care** recognise the importance of our work with disadvantaged pet owners and have provided funding again. BAWCS works hard to keep pets and owners together, our pro active way of keeping them out of shelters and pounds. We provide veterinary care support (which can be the difference between life and death for the pet), support for responsible pet ownership (in particular via desexing), emergency accommodation (for victims of domestic violence, the homeless, those wanting to go into 'rehab' and the elderly who may require medical care but can't afford a commercial pet boarding arrangement). Without the support of State Trustees and Bendigo Uniting Care, we would not be able to do this important work.

BAWCS operating costs can be challenging and there aren't many grants around that you can apply for that support these. **CVGT** have once again, this year recognised the importance of supporting us in this area and have awarded BAWCS a grant to assist with these costs.

Sponsors

BAWCS received over \$4,000 from **UFS Pharmacies** via their Community Programs and as sponsorship for our **Seniors for Seniors Program**. The Program supports the elderly with pet companionship and provides ongoing support with the care of the pet/s. At time of writing, one participant who adopted two of our cats was in hospital in Ballarat and BAWCS is caring for the cats in our Outreach Program (the cats remain in the home as they are both quite timid and it is less stressful for them).

A new partnership

BAWCS has started working with **Kangaroo Flat Veterinary Clinic** in conjunction with our other vet clinics. Megan and the team are great to work with and we highly recommend them if you are looking for a great vet clinic. **Contact telephone no. 5447 0172**



KANGAROO FLAT VETERINARY CLINIC

Badge fundraiser!

"Animals never dump people" Badges are now in stock. Only \$3.50 with all funds raised going to support BAWCS work.



Latest update on facility development

BAWCS is building new facilities on 30 acres at Huntly North. **Stage 1** is well under way and these building works will provide for moving our existing shelter to the new facilities which consist of a Caretakers House, two catteries, poultry shed and numerous animal shelters. **Stage 2** will see our kennels and larger cattery built which will allow us to greatly expand on the existing work we are doing, in particular with rehoming unwanted animals.

Our opening of these new facilities is scheduled for Spring this year!



Cattery 1 (now completed)



2nd horse shelter going up (sponsored by J Vanzanten pictured in red)

Memberships due

Member of BAWCS? Memberships are now due for renewal. If you don't receive your renewal with this newsletter, please contact us!

How do we help disadvantaged pet owners?

BAWCS supports disadvantaged pet owners in numerous ways. The aim of this work is to nurture the important bond between pet and person, enabling health and well being benefits. Some examples of how we help :

Veterinary care support – 10 year old dog with ear infection, 9 year old boxer with lump on its back, elderly cat with drooling issues, euthanasia for pets who no longer had quality of life, dental work for 12 year old dog, removal of grass seed lodged deeply in dog's neck, (dog desexed at the same time), vaccinations

Responsible pet ownership support – numerous cat / kitten and dog / puppy desexing procedures and microchipping.

Emergency accommodation support – pet owners going into 'rehab', pet owners requiring hospitalisation but unable to afford commercial pet boarding fees, homeless pet owners.

General – provision of food for Guide dog, reclaim fees for retrieval of dogs from the Pound, provision of cat enclosures.

BAWCS is proud to be able to do this part of our work which is one of our pro active ways of keeping pets from being ethanased needlessly and also from being surrendered due to lack of financial means to provide adequate care.

Pet food donation bins

BAWCS has another pet food bin installed at **IGA Long Gully**. Other bins located at Woolworths/Safeway at Golden Square, Epsom and Centro Lansell Plaza (Kangaroo Flat) and also at IGA Strathfieldsaye and Kangaroo Flat. All donations gratefully accepted, we also taken cat litter!



Finalisation of our Buy A Brick Program ONLY 83 Bricks left at 20 June!

Part of our Fundraising Initiative to progress our facilities is our **BUY A BRICK PROGRAM**. You can buy a brick *in honour of or loving memory of* a family member or pet (or business) from just \$10.00. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and bricks are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

We have **PASSED** our **2,415th brick sold milestone**, raising over **\$31,000** to date with funds raised helping us to get us to where we are now with the site. Our next milestone of 2,500 will see **the finalisation of this Program**. **GET IN QUICK!**



Market Place Promotion

Wilma, Stan and Janny (valued and long term volunteers) have a fundraising stall at Market Place Shopping Centre each Thursday (Southern end). Dog coats in particular have been selling well, thanks so much to those that have been making them for us. Pop in and say hi if you're in the area. All funds raised to go to BAWCS work. Thanks Wilma, Stan and Janny!

Adoptions!

We are delighted to report that many **dogs** have found wonderful new homes thanks to BAWCS Adoption Program. We take this opportunity to thank our wonderful foster carers who care for these dogs whilst awaiting these homes. If you would like to become a foster carer, please contact us admin@bawcs.org.au or **5444 5783**.



Cats have also found new homes thanks to BAWCS Adoption Program. We look forward to more cats being adopted when we are operational at our new facilities at Huntly North. Some of our cats now enjoying new loving homes.



For a list of current animals available for adoption, please go to our PetRescue Page www.petrescue.com.au/search_by_member/?member=1264&pg=1



BAWCS Online Fundraising Page

BAWCS has created an **Online Fundraising Page** on Facebook. We list lots of great things you can buy with all funds going to support our work.

FOR SALE



*"Open Heart" 18cm bracelet bought from JM Leech - still in box. Finished with extremely durable Nickel Free 18ct hard gold plating that is not affected by chlorine, saltwater, perfumes or hairspray. The rigorous plating process captures the classical beauty of genuine 18ct gold, applied to a rich deep lustre on the latest international style chains. **PRICE: \$20 including postage***

Like to see what else we have? Here is the link - www.facebook.com/pages/BAWCS-Online-Fundraising-Page/204483606334394?ref=tn_tnmn

Can you knit?

We are looking for volunteers to knit dog coats for us! Please call us **5444 5783** or email admin@bawcs.org.au We can provide patterns!



Stamps

We are still collecting stamps so please drop them in to our office at 43 Williamson St (next to the Post Office) Wednesday to Friday between 10am and 4pm **5444 5783**

Tax Time!

Take advantage of Tax Time by making a tax deductible donation to BAWCS. All donations of \$2 and over are eligible.

You can donate direct to our **Bank Account**

BSB 013 533 Account No. 478527768

Online at www.givenow.com.au/bawcs

Via **PayPal** – the link is on our website homepage.

OR complete and return the enclosed Donation Flyer!

Animals Available for adoption

Looking for a new family member? Here are some of the dogs and cats we have available for adoption at the time of writing our newsletter. All animals are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and wormed.

Young cats available for adoption

Charchi was the only kitten left from an unwanted litter that was 'disposed' of. He had his mother's full attention and is now a beautiful teenager at 8 months. His best 'bud' is Champs, also listed for adoption. Adoption fee: \$130



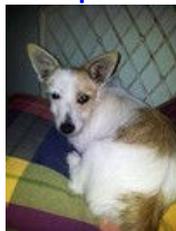
Champs is the biggest of his litter of 3. His mum is just a 'baby' herself at 9 months of age. He is a playful and inquisitive boy. Adoption fee: \$130



Terriers available for adoption



Tank



Molly

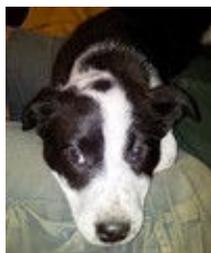


Gypsy

Puppies available for adoption



Suzy



Maggie



Tommy



Fritz

These puppies were advertised 'free to good home.' They were born on a property where there were several dogs who spend most of their lives chained up. We didn't want this to happen to these little ones so took them in.

IGA Supermarket Community Programs

Live in the Strathfieldsaye or Maiden Gully areas? Shop at IGA Supermarkets? If you sign up for the Community Program, nominating BAWCS as your charity to support, you will receive a key tag which you can show each time you go through the register and a percentage of your shop will be donated to BAWCS! It's FREE to join and so easy! Call us for more information or call into the supermarkets for your free key tag today!



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Expression of Interest Dog Foster Carers

Are you a dog lover that would like the opportunity to care for a dog whilst it is waiting for its new forever home?

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His Holiness The Dalai Lama