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## JUNE 2013 Newsletter Issue: 34

BAWCS has been very busy since issuing our last newsletter, not only with our day to day activities, but importantly with progressing our new shelter site at Huntly North. There has been much activity with the site now operational with farm animals and cats in residence. At time of writing, we were working on our Administration building which has our volunteer facilities of kitchenette and bathroom so once this is finished (and we have tweeked some OH&S issues), we will be able to have volunteers coming out to help us.

More on our Building Project further on in this newsletter.

BAWCS is delighted to report so many dogs and cats have found new homes via our Adoption Program.

All pets are desexed, vaccinated, microchipped, dewormed and come with a full health guarantee.

BAWCS takes back any pets that don't work out for whatever reason and provides a full refund within 3 months.

Our Adoption fee for dogs also includes a session with our Animal Behavourist / trainer Mark Murray in case the new dog is having trouble settling in.

Pictured are just some of the animals we've helped.

Banjo



Little Cat







Suzi

Fizzy and Skoochie

Banio

ADOPT with confidence from BAWCS!

#### A new partnership





Pictured: Brenda and Zoe, Petbarn staff members with recent adoptee – Penelope (now Girly)

One of the most exciting things that has happened to BAWCS this year is our new **Shelter Adoption Program** partnership with **Petbarn**. Their new store in Kangaroo Flat allows us to showcase our cats to potential new adopters and so far, we have had great success in adopting out new felines to people who may not have seen them if they hadn't been in store.

A huge shout out to **Paul** and his great team who care for BAWCS cats and who are so excited when an adoption takes place. We look forward to many more cats finding more great homes thanks to this wonderful associated and partnership with Petbarn.

Petbarn Kangaroo Flat are located at 301 High Street Kangaroo Flat

#### **Building Project update**

BAWCS does receive support via grants throughout the year. These grants are for specific work that we do and are utilised accordingly ie: the funds cannot be used to feed and care for our animals as such. Instead they support other important work we do.

Our major funding support received in December 2012 has been from the **Animal Welfare Fund** provided by State Government. This is the first time this funding has been made available and BAWCS was delighted to be successful in our funding application to expand on our new facilities at Huntly North. The funding is to provide our Administration Building and dog kennels.

Pictured here the start of our Administration building.



BAWCS has also received some **private donations** to support our new facilities being built at Huntly North. Without these private donations, we would not have our security fencing, a new horse shelter, roofing and other important building works. We cannot thank these private donors enough.

#### **Other Building Project support received:**

Strategem Financial Group (Community Foundation) – support for adoption cattery

**The Victoria Hotel (three year sponsorship)** – support for adoption cattery

**State Trustees – Wholehearted Giving** – support for our adoption cattery.



#### **Incoming - Minty**

We continue to take in animals that people no longer want and one of these is Minty. Minty is a 7 year old thoroughbred who came in to us very challlenged weight wise. Over the course of 3 months, he received specialised care including Bowen Therapy treatments to alleviate the soreness he had in his back. Minty has responded well and looks like a different horse. He is now available for adoption.







#### **Memberships due**

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



LIKE to become a member? Go to our website <u>www.bawcs.org.au</u> or email us at admin@bawcs.org.au

#### **Financial challenges for BAWCS**

With the growth of BAWCS comes many challenges. Whilst we are delighted to be able to help many more animals , the cost of doing so is placing enormous pressure on us financially. We are looking after more animals now – the cost of feeding, cleaning and providing necessary veterinary care is taking a toll on us and we are currently struggling to make ends meet. As it is end of financial year, it is an opportune time to ask for your support via a tax deductible donation so we can continue our important work saving many more animals.

Provided with this newsletter is our donation form. Please consider even donating \$10 as it all helps and adds up.

Thank you in advance to those that donate. We are facing a stressful time worrying about our financial situation and your donation is very much appreciated.

#### 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 / attached Donation Flyer!

# LIKE to Foster Care?



## **Grant support for Community Programs**

**Bendigo Uniting Care** – support for disadvantage pet owners

**City of Greater Bendigo (Community Grants Program)** – support for disadvantaged pet owners.

BAWCS works hard to keep pets and owners together. 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 **Bendigo Uniting Care** and **City of Greater Bendigo**, we would not be able to do this important work.

## **Other help**

CVGT - support for operating costs

BAWCS operating costs have become very challenging as we have continued to grow. 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 receives support from local businesses in different ways. We acknowledge these businesses and thank them for their support which is very much appreciated. Please support the businesses that support us!

**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. This Program is growing and so are the number of people

Hydrodog Wash Bendigo – Many of our dogs come to us in poor condition. Lucy steps in and washes / clips and does whatever is required to make them look beautiful!

**Murray's Dog Training** – Mark Murray is our animal behaviourist and dog trainer. Often dogs that come to us need work done on correcting their behaviour, training and sometimes settling them in to their new home. Mark provides great support in this area.

**Inkspot Bendigo** (at Market Place Shopping centre) via printer and printer cartridge support.

To each and every grant provider, funding supporter, business sponsor THANK YOU!

# **Goodwill Wines spreads Goodwill**

Our friends David Laity and Ali Rees at **Goodwill Wines,** in the Yarra Valley are showing enormous support for animals by giving BAWCS \$20 for every case sold of cruelty free specially selected wines.

David & Ali suffered great loss during the Victorian bushfires of Black Saturday, and were humbled by the donations and support from the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal along with the generosity of the Australian public. They created Goodwill Wines to 'pay forward' that generosity by finding the best wine around and giving half the profits to their customers' favourite charities.

**The Goodwill Wines** selections for BAWCS are completely cruelty free. No milk, eggs or fish products were used in the production process.

BAWCS has our own label, featuring Charlie, a pup that was adopted through us.



Yara Valley SV - Dixons Greek 50% Whole-bunch pressed Peach bossom, Nectarine & grilled Hazelmuts. Balanced acid & lengthy palate 13.8% Alc/vol 8.2, tandard drinks Preservative (220) added 750ml No animal products were used in the making of the wine Good will. Wine Good Wine. Good Price. Goodwill.



Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services (BAWCS) was founded in 2003. Our approach is unique in comparison to other animal welfare organisations. Rather than focussing on what people can do for animals, we instead focus on what animals can do for people.

The end result is that both people and animals have the opportunity to share in a nurturing environment with positive outcomes for both.

With this underpinning philosophy, we provide programs in the key areas of Animal Welfare, Community Support and Education.

Chardonnay 2009 www.bawcs.org.au \$20 from the purchase price of this 12 bottle case goes to the Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Servi

BTW if you're thinking vegan wines wouldn't taste good, check the labels on the wines you are currently buying. Alot of them DON'T use animal products and they taste great right? The most common animal ingredients used in wine making are isinglass (a very pure form of gelatine from sturgeon fish bladders), gelatine (extract from boiled cow's or pig's hooves and sinews), egg whites (or albumin) and caseins (a protein from milk). Many wines are made differently - hence vegan wine. Give ours a try!

# LIKE TO ORDER?

www.goodwillwine.com.au/charities/bendigoanimal-welfare-community-services

BAWCS has raised \$350 so far with this initiative.

# 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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# Looking for a new family member?

We have some great dogs and cats available for adoption. They come in all shapes, sizes and ages. We have all of these great animals listed on our Page at Petrescue.

# www.petrescue.com.au/groups/10347

