



# BENDIGO ANIMAL WELFARE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**Shelter** : 488 Millwood Road Huntly North **Hours: Adoption Cattery Saturdays only** 11.30am to 2.30pm

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What a fantastic year it has been for BAWCS. Our Shelter has taken in and cared for over 260 animals in the past 12 months with many finding great new homes, others staying as permanent residents.

One of our more unusual 'intakes' was Priscilla who is a pea hen. She is a lovely and permanent addition to the Shelter, wandering around wherever she likes. You never know where she will turn up sometimes!



We also provided 'outreach' care for 3 ferrets whilst their owner was in hospital however on his return he decided to surrender the ferrets to us as he decided he couldn't care for them any longer. BAWCS works with other groups for animals we aren't set up to care for properly so Snowflake, Snowball and Snow Queen were transferred to the Australian Ferret Society for rehoming.



**KITTENS, kittens and more kittens!** 'Tis not only the festive season but also kitten season and the shelter has taken in quite a few over the last weeks.

Some come with their mother such as the champagne kits pictured but others are on their own and go into foster care first to be hand fed etc.



We look forward to them all being old enough so they can be 'vetworked' and put up for adoption. They will no doubt attract a lot of interest.



These little ones were born at La Trobe University and are very wary of humans but we are slowly bringing them around.

Little grey and torti kits were found at an industry site.

They are too friendly to have been born there so we think they may have been dumped.

Lucky they came into BAWCS care!





## Buy a Brick Program Open Day

We reached a great milestone in October opening the Shelter doors to those that had participated in our Buy A Brick Program which had raised funds to start the Shelter. It was great to see people visiting to view their bricks and give them a tour of the facilities that they helped to build.



There were a huge range of bricks to look at including ones that reflect the work BAWCS does in the community with disadvantaged pet owners.



Our farm animals were a great hit with many being able to see in particular our pigs up 'close and personal'.



A big THANK YOU to Sharon, our volunteer who organised the huge mail out of invitations for the day and also the placement of the brick plaques ensuring she was able to guide people to the right areas when they arrived at the Shelter.

We are very lucky to have such talented and dedicated volunteers!

## ROCKY the one legged rooster.

BAWCS received a call about whether we could take in a one legged rooster. Yes, you heard correct. A rooster with only one leg. Rocky, at only 12 months old is now in BAWCS care. He actually has only 1 foot and a leg with a stub at the end (apparently 'something' attacked him in his pen and ate his foot!) and copes quite well but we are investigating options to improve his quality of life including getting a new 'foot' made up via a 3D printer which worked quite well with a rooster in Calgary (Canada) name Foghorn.

We will update in our next newsletter how we go.



Rocky



Rocky's back leg only has a 'stump' and no actual foot.

## LOOKING for a new feline friend/s?

Don't forget the BAWCS Adoption Cattery is open every Saturday between 11.30am and 2.30pm. You'll find a list of all the cats we have available on our website [www.bawcs.org.au](http://www.bawcs.org.au) under Adopt a Pet. At time of writing our newsletter we had over 45 cats listed for adoption.



Pictured: Melody and Arial adopted together!



## Christmas Appeal

BAWCS has launched our 2015 Christmas Appeal and are aiming high with a target of \$10,000. In just 12 months, our vet bills were over \$34,000 and shelter expenses including our feed bills exceeded \$26,000. It is only with your support we can continue our work caring for animals in need so we hope you will make a tax deductible donation to our Christmas Appeal this year.

You can use our Christmas Flyer or go to our website [www.bawcs.org.au](http://www.bawcs.org.au) to donate online.

# Thank you!



## Community Support

It has been a busy year for community support with BAWCS assisting disadvantaged pet owners via –

- reclaiming their pets from the Pound
- desexing / vaccination and microchipping
- veterinary care including procedures to ensure the ongoing comfort of animals
- emergency accommodation for pets belonging to owners that have been victims of domestic violence or have required hospitalisation for various illness including psychiatric or detox care.

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## Recent arrivals....

Check out the before and after photos of new arrivals of Minnie, Mickey and Pluto. A lovely little family that had been left behind when their owners moved. They hadn't been shorn for at least two years with Pluto, the youngest still with her tail in tact.



Mickey (wether), Minnie (ewe) & daughter Pluto on arrival at the Shelter.



Feeling a lot lighter after being shorn!

## New sponsor

BAWCS is delighted to announce our **new** Bequest Program Sponsor **Granger Legal** offering drafting of Wills leaving a bequest to BAWCS for only \$100.

Contact Caroline on 5443 3837 to make an appointment or simply find out more.

**GRANGER LEGAL**



## Vegecareian Festival

BAWCS headed along to the Vegecareian Festival again this year at The Great Stupa. We took along Phantom who proved to be a great hit and he was 'blessed' by the monks in the animal blessings ceremony.



Phantom being blessed.



A hit with lots of people



Vegecareian volunteers loved Phantom!

## Christmas Sponsorship gift packs

Looking for a gift to buy for someone that has everything?

Why not invest in a BAWCS Farm Friends Program sponsorship 'pack'.

You'll receive a sponsorship 'thank you' card together with a badge and a fridge magnet to give as the gift.

There are several different animals to choose from including (pictured) our calves Abbey & Bella, piglets Porcini & Truffelina, donkeys Endora & Zoe and the very popular Phantom.



Head on to our website [www.bawcs.org.au](http://www.bawcs.org.au) and click on the 'get involved' 'sponsor a farm animal' tabs or give us a call on 5444 5783 to order your pack.

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## Roosters!

BAWCS takes in roosters quite often and we are always delighted when we can adopt one out! Here is 'Atlas' heading off to his new home.



LIKE to keep up to date with daily happenings at the BAWCS Shelter? Over 7,300 people 'follow us' already and you can too.



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The BAWCS Committee of Management and all of our volunteers wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

