

# dogtales



2015  
Newsletter

Welcome to dogtales the official newsletter for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania operated by the Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc.



Belinda with Bentley

## CEO Thank You and Update

I hope you enjoy reading our updates, stories and future direction of the Dogs' Homes.

Since commencing in January, I have found an incredible amount of great work and outcomes for the dogs in our care being achieved by our team of staff, volunteers, foster carers and supporters.

I have never met such passionate and dedicated people, there's no doubt the welfare of our dogs is the number one priority and motivation in every step taken and effort made. I'd like to say a sincere and **heartfelt thanks** to you all for your efforts and ongoing support! There is a great deal to be proud of!

There is of course significant work still to be done in all areas of the organisation, with priorities including, income generation, sustainable expenditure, developing our foster care and volunteer programs, workplace health & safety, policy and procedure revision, IT

infrastructure and HR systems. With the limited resources and funds available currently, it will take time to accomplish the priority areas; however, as a strong believer in stakeholder consultation and seeing things through properly, taking the time to help ensure sustainable, quality and relevant outcomes is essential.

Regular trips to the **North West** have been wonderful opportunities to get to know our NW team of staff and volunteers, partnering Councils and operations. Each trip has resulted in the transfer of up to 10 dogs. We bring to Hobart, dogs that have been in Burnie or Devonport for 3 months or more, dogs needing foster care support, in house Veterinarian support and dogs with interested adoption families living in the greater Hobart area. The regular transfer of dogs between the three Homes is a fantastic way to ensure the best possible outcomes for these dogs.

The Dogs' Homes of Tasmania strives for **zero euthanasia** of healthy and rehomeable dogs. The fundamental principle of this Policy is that each dog is considered on an individual basis. The decision to euthanase any dog is done with due consideration of the health and welfare of that dog, the risk to the community and in accordance with State Regulations. We are very proud of our commitment to save as many dogs as possible and in doing so we are treating medical conditions and placing dogs up for adoption that have special needs. Wonderfully, our community is filled with incredibly kind people who adopt our special needs dogs as well as foster our dogs requiring treatment and rehabilitation.

Since adopting the Getting To Zero (G2Z) policy, our costs have increased significantly however, and year on year the costs of delivering the Veterinary services, medical supplies and equipment has increased. We greatly appreciate any support towards recovery of these costs, updating our ageing equipment and purchasing valuable new equipment for our Vet Room and Veterinary services state wide.



Narla, 18 month old female American Bulldog - (BDH)



Diesel, 18 month old male Border Collie - (BDH)



Lochie, 18 month old male Jack Russell Terrier - (BDH)



Donny, 1 year old male kelpie x currently in Foster Care - (DDH)

DOGS FOR ADOPTION

I'm excited to announce the upcoming launch of two new initiatives;

- **Regular Giving online platform**  
Regular Giving will help us plan for the future and cover the regular and ongoing costs of operating all three Dogs' Homes, see page two for information. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and an invoice is issued when each debit is made. We have partnered with *everydayhero* to provide this facility, which offers an easy and secure application process for

our supporters and streamlined management allowing our staff to focus on direct care of our dogs rather than administration.

- **Online Shop**

Within the next couple of months our website will host an Online Shop, where our supporters can purchase dog accessories (e.g. collars & harnesses), our fantastic Dogs' Homes Calendar and Christmas Cards, flea and worming treatments, grooming products, puppy/dog training sessions and much more. All proceeds will directly benefit the dogs in our care. Keep an eye out on facebook and our website for updates

A significant project we will undertake as soon as funds allow is the growth of our **Foster Care program** throughout the state. Foster Care provides a

safe and loving environment in which our dogs benefit from immensely. Foster Care provides the opportunity for our dogs to receive training and socialisation as well as recovery in many cases. We gain valuable information from our Foster Carers about the dogs, such as how the dog travels in a car, house training, walking on a lead, sleeping habits, what is the dog like around cats, chickens, and other animals. This information helps us find the best forever home for each dog. We have a small group of dedicated and passionate Foster Carers; however, we need closer to 300 Foster Carers state wide to assist as many dogs as possible. In order to grow this program, we need a full-time state wide Co-ordinator and dedicated Foster Carer training sessions provided by our Dog Trainer plus sufficient

Foster Care Kits (blankets, beds, collars, leads, 'adopt me' jackets, off ground beds, treats and toys and medications as needed). The Foster Care program, a significant part of achieving G2Z, provides our dogs with the best opportunity for success and finding a loving forever home. We are accepting new Foster Care applications; however, the new induction and training will commence as part of the new project.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have offered to the Dogs' Homes already and to ask for your continued support. We can't do it without you!

I welcome all feedback, comments and ideas so please drop me a line on [ceo@dogshomesoftas.com.au](mailto:ceo@dogshomesoftas.com.au)

**Belinda Barnes, CEO**

## DOGS FOR ADOPTION



**Diesel**, 18 month old male  
Border Collie - (BDH)



**Shep**, 10 years+ female  
Staffy - (BDH)



**Rocky**, 10 month old male  
cross - (DDH)



**Puma**, 1-2 year old male  
Kelpie - (HDH)



**Nikki**, 1 year old female  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier - (HDH)



**Jess**, 6 years female  
Border Collie/kelpie - (DHD)



**Emmalay**, 1 year old  
female Dalmation - (HDH)

## WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

### Your support comes with our heartfelt thanks!

**The most valuable contribution to helping our dogs is a gift of money.** We rely on community funding to operate the Dogs' Homes. There are a number of Tax Deductible ways in which to give, which are highlighted below.

- **Regular Giving** – By giving on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, you will help us cover the constant expenses incurred through providing Veterinary care, Foster Care Program, behaviour training, Volunteer Program, staff wages, utilities, facility upgrades and maintenance. On our website, please click on the DONATE NOW button and complete the form to set up your regular giving.
- **Pay for Paws** – More and more organisations are supporting charities through wage giving programs. These programs provide opportunity for employee participation, improved team morale, corporate fun days at the Dogs' Homes and a great sense of pride in helping our dogs. Please click on the Pay for Paws link on our website to download the form or donate through Good2Give if your organisation is registered.
- **Donations** – We welcome donations by cash, cheque or money order. Please make any cash donations directly to one of our Homes over the counter. For cheques and money orders, please make these out to 'Dogs' Homes of Tasmania' and post to PO Box 7, Lindisfarne TAS 7015. Tax receipts will be provided upon request.

## Veterinary Tales

highlighting the variety of treatments and surgeries performed to save our dogs and puppies

### SHEBA & SUMO



Sheba

Sheba was brought to the Burnie Dogs' Home as a public stray. Within a few days she delivered three healthy puppies by emergency C-section at 11pm with the smallest puppy weighing 565 grams.

Sheba was placed in Foster Care the day after she delivered her puppies to ensure the best possible care for her and the pups.

Sumo, at 8 weeks of age



During a health check, Sheba was diagnosed with two subluxating patella's and was placed in adoption as a special needs dog.

We're thrilled that Sheba was adopted recently with another Burnie Dogs' Home dog, Vinnie.

All pups were adopted within the week and are doing really well.

Sumo pictured right, is one of Sheba's pups.

### Jesse feels better now



When Jesse came to us she was placed in Foster Care as she had Demodectic mange and needed special care. She commenced a course of injections and after a few weeks Jesse was adopted from Foster Care. Her new family

continued to take her in to the Hobart Dogs' Home for the remaining treatments. Jesse is doing really well and now has the energy of a healthy young dog and proving much love and joy to her new family.

### SANDY'S JOURNEY

Sandy, an 8 month old girl was on the run in New Norfolk for about 4 months, living in the bush. When she was brought in to the Dogs' Home she was terrified of everything and everyone.

Sandy had very bad hip dysplasia on her left side. Hip surgery was required to remove the head of the femur to stop her joint pain and her hip from dislocating. After a month of care, including water therapy, Sandy regressed with x-rays showing the joint still grinding with bone on bone. An amputation was performed as Sandy wasn't using her left leg at all. Sandy is now really enjoying an active life in a very loving home with another Dogs' Home Dog, Miss Pepper.



Miss Pepper and Sandy

## WISH LIST

Although we have sufficient blankets and food as our food is donated by Purina, the following would be much appreciated; treats, coats of all sizes, laundry powder, photocopy paper for Adoption Packs, dog beds, good condition collars and leads.

## Fundraising Fun

**Our Dogs' Homes 2016 calendar** will be on sale at the end of September and available from our three Dogs' Homes, selected outlets and through our soon to be released online shop. Please buy a copy and one for a friend. Please note the 2016 Calendar Photo Competition ended on 19th June. Entries received after this date will go into the 2017 competition. Entry Forms are available on our website.

**Sausage Sizzles & Fairs** are held from time to time in the north and south of the state. Watch our Facebook page for upcoming sizzle & event details.

## MEMBERSHIPS

This is a fantastic way to support the Dogs' Homes. As a Member of the Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc. (TCDL), you are entitled to vote at the AGM, receive an Annual Report, and be involved in a sub-committee.

Membership applications are available through our website <http://dogshomesoftas.com.au/about/membership/> or please call our Administration Officer on 6243 5177 to have an application posted to you. Please note memberships are not tax deductible.

There are two types of memberships:

- Annual membership – effective 1st July to 30th June each year. Subscription fees are due by 1st July each year. The membership fee is \$30.
- Life membership – a one time payment of \$250 per person will give you membership for your lifetime.

## Kennel Sponsorship

If you, your family or your organisation would like to sponsor a kennel at any of our Homes, the fee ranges from \$150 - \$600 per year.

Please contact our Administration Officer on 6243 5177 for an application or download from this link <http://dogshomesoftas.com.au/events-and-programs/help-us-care-for-dogs/>.

This sponsorship helps cover the costs of cleaning, maintaining and heating the kennels. Please note kennel sponsorships are not tax deductible.

## Gift of life for Simba



Twelve weeks old Simba is a courageous little girl who came to us recently with a life threatening heart condition.

Some wonderful Veterinarian friends offered to help by providing the necessary surgery to save Simba's life. The Veterinary team's key-hole procedure was an outstanding success. Following three days of post-surgery care at the After Hours Veterinary Emergency Centre, our CEO has taken Simba in to her home to continue her recovery.

Simba makes new friends where ever she goes and is lapping up all the love and care.

PS We think Simba has found her forever home with Belinda and her welcoming dogs.

## Don't Forgets

**Lost & Found** - if you have lost your dog, or found a dog, please phone your nearest Dogs' Home promptly to give us the best chance to re-unite dogs with their families.

**Canine Care during cold weather** – ensure your dog has a sheltered, warm, dry bed at all times. Exercise is as important in colder as in warmer months. If dogs have arthritis, seek medical attention and advice on exercise.

**Vaccinations and vet checks** – don't put it off, Parvo is still very much a killer disease. Annual vet checks are very important to maintain the health of your dog and prevent any nasty illnesses or conditions.



## C O N T A C T D E T A I L S

Please send all subscriptions and donations to PO Box 7, Lindisfarne, Tas 7015.

### Hobart

101 Scotts Road Risdon Vale  
Phone 6243 5177

### Devonport

Spreyton Park Racecourse  
Phone 6427 2178

### Burnie

170 Stowport Road  
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