

dogtales



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Volunteers' Week Morning Teas - May 2015

Our CEO, Belinda Barnes, spoke to the gathering of Hobart volunteers at the lovely morning tea which was held at the Education building in Hobart.



Some of Hobart's dedicated Volunteers

Although there were many volunteers unable to attend, there was a full turnout of the Thursday helpers plus new members and a Board member. It was great to hear some good news of the improvements in the financial situation of the Home and some changes put in place to affect the long term situation of the Home.

Similar events were offered in Devonport and Burnie Dogs' Homes.

We give a hearty thanks to the following businesses who provided the delicious food for each event:

Hobart Bakers Delight Glenorchy
Devonport Lydia and her team at Big Apple Bakery
Burnie Aleesha and her team at Crusty's Bakery Ulverstone
 (Aleesha adopted a dog from the Burnie home)

Chrysta's New Life
Denise Bower (Director, Dogs' Homes of Tasmania)

In March, I accompanied our CEO Belinda Barnes on a trip from Hobart to our Homes at Devonport and Burnie. We went to pick up several dogs. You may already know of Sheba from the last edition of *dogtales*. She was the Burnie dog with three, day-and-a-half old puppies, needing special care which was available in Hobart. At Devonport, we picked up a little 11 year old Jack Russell named Minnie who had a very loving home waiting for her at Margate with a Dogs' Homes Auxiliary member. It was going to be a great day. While at the Devonport Dogs' Home, there was a young, recently arrived dog, just standing in a kennel looking out and there was something about her. I asked a staff member to let me know if this dog's family didn't reclaim her. After the required holding time had passed and no one had come for her, I received a phone call to say she was still in our care. I drove to Devonport to meet her properly. We spent some 'getting to know you' time in the yard and I adopted 13 month old Chrysta that day. I brought her home and the pace of daily life changed immediately.

Chrysta is a golden kelpie retriever and she is a smart, happy, energetic little girl dedicated to being on the go go go! We've had lots to learn about each other and are blessed to have some teacher friends helping us with ongoing lessons in dog/human training and other tail-wagging activities, ensuring a wonderful life ahead!



The Dogs' Homes of Tasmania provide a wonderful adoption option if you are looking for another family member and can provide for him or her for their life time. The dogs for adoption can be viewed on our website or call in to our Dogs' Homes. In the north we are at 170 Stowport Road, Burnie; Spreyton Park Racecourse, Devonport; and the Hobart Dogs' Home is at 101 Scotts Road Risdon Vale.

***Patches earns the title
"Truly John's Best Friend"***

We recently received a report from a woman (we will call her Ann) whose dad (we will call him John) experienced a scary event recently, following the adoption of his Dogs' Home dog. We hope you will find it warms your heart!!

On a Monday night in August, around 8pm, John and Patches the dog were at home and snoozing. Suddenly Patches jumped up barking loudly, and ran to the window in the first bedroom, growling as he ran. He continued to move through the house growling and barking, seemingly at something at the windows.

John is hard of hearing and woke up with a start. It took time to stand up and take steps forward. Patches ran back into the lounge room past John, at break neck speed, and jumped up onto the back of the lounge chair with his nose pressed hard against the venetian blind and onto the window. This was the time John heard a tapping noise on the window and male voices. Patch's reaction made John feel very unsafe.

By 10 pm the police arrived at John's door and asked if anything had happened at his house that night. John spoke about the tapping and the fact his new little dog Patches had barked and barked for some time, running from room to room. This was not his normal behaviour.

The Police advised John that his neighbour had been robbed and when he had confronted the intruders in the house, he had been hit in the head with something like a baton, causing a head injury.

It seems that these intruders had intended to break into John's house first, and used the tactic of tapping on each window to assess if there was any movement in the house.

The Police and John agree that this wonderful small dog Patches is a hero, as his loud barking not only woke John but obviously discouraged the intruders from going any further with breaking into his house. They consequently moved on to the next house.

Not only has Patches made John's days interesting and filled them with unconditional love, he possibly saved John's life, which for this family is a gigantic feat by one little dog with a mighty bark.

He is truly John's best friend!

**DISCOUNTS ON ITEMS PURCHASED FOR THE DOGS' HOMES OF TASMANIA
FROM ANY ANIMAL TUCKERBOX STORE**

Under a new agreement, you can drop in to any Tuckerbox store to buy something for the Dogs' Homes and receive a 15% discount on that purchase!

This applies to any item *which is not on special, and which is being purchased specifically for the Dogs' Homes.*

The items **must** be left in the store for collection by the Dogs' Homes.

Suggested items:

For adult dogs: Tinned food (to supplement sponsored dry food from Purina), dog treats, toys, beds, bowls.

For puppies: Puppy treats, puppy toys, puppy training pads for the foster care program, beds.

When you are next buying food for your own happy pet, we thank you for buying a little extra something for the dogs at the Dogs' Homes!

Thank you to the Animal Tuckerbox for their offer to help support the dogs in our care.

Dogs' Day Out (Clarence)

October saw the Dogs' Home on display with a stall run by three of our long term volunteers. It was a busy morning with over \$200 raised. Thanks to the helpers!



Wendy Harvey fitting a harness



Wendy with Jenny and Paul Thompson and one of our dogs.

Volunteers' Week May 2015

Volunteers enjoying morning tea at Burnie Dogs' Home



Volunteers make a very important contribution to our three shelters at Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. They have all levels of experience, from recent inductees to those with more than 20 years of service.

Volunteers often form long-lasting friendships. Their mutual love of dogs always gets a conversation started, whether it be at one of our re-homing centres or when they are out in the community with one of the dogs.

Our volunteers perform many duties daily. Most start by walking all the dogs on nearby bush-walking tracks. As they gain experience, and come along on a regular basis, the volunteers then help out in other areas of our operation.

And there's always plenty to do!

Dogs' Homes of Tasmania staff greatly appreciate this assistance because, without it, the dogs would not get the extra attention they need.

Some volunteers are unable to walk the dogs and it's therefore nice that they can help out in other areas, such as:

- General administration, gardening, grooming and bathing.
- Assisting staff with the rotation of the yards.
- Helping with fundraising activities.
- Taking a dog out for the day for general exposure to the community.
- Spending time with dogs who need a little extra help to rehabilitate them

All our volunteers walk away with smiles on their faces, knowing that by being here they have helped bring benefits to 'man's best friend'.

We work very hard to make the volunteers feel like part of the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania family. Despite our many different backgrounds and levels of experience, we have one important thing in common: the quest to make the dogs' stay a pleasurable one until their 'forever' home comes along.

***Comments from Feedback Forms
(People who have adopted our dogs)***

“He walks very well on a lead and has begun to get excited when we arrive home.”

“He doesn’t pull too hard on the lead, so our youngest son can walk him”

“The dogs had trouble coming into the house and walking on carpet at first”

“All four dogs cuddle up at night on the big dog bed inside”

“From the dog: My bed is up to my standard .. soft, cushioned and a little tent to keep out the night cold. I sleep beside my new Mum who gives me a cuddle in the morning. My brother sleeps on his chair. I have a strange sister who stays behind her fence. I have tried to get her to play but she ruffles her feathers and glares at me. If I put my nose up to the wire she pecks it”

“We go down to a big river where I meet other dogs. They are all friendly and most have the same experience as I had. Our people say we are rescue dogs, but I don’t know who I rescued!”

“He is doing well. First week, a bit sad and not eating much, but with meat and gravy added to the dry food an exercise twice a day, he’s now looking good. He sleeps in an armchair on a sheep skin rug, likes the car. He a sweet old dog. It’s nice to see an 11 year old fit into a new life”

“She is settling in well and learning to deal with sharing her bed with a fat cat! She loves running at the dog park and is friendly to visitors”

“He has settled in so well you would think he’d lived here forever. He’s way more energetic than we expected of an 11 year old. Always keen for his walks and loves playing chasings. He behaves like a perfect gentleman when we visit other people’s houses.”

I’ve had a couple off months of work. We (the dogs and I) have been settling in to the lounge in the afternoons, one on the lounge with me, the other on the other lounge and the third on his foam bed on the floor. A lovely kennel it is”

“She settled in within a week. The cat loves her and she loves to cuddle up on the couch when we’re home”

“She loves visitors, rarely barks but dislikes birds flying over our house. She loves being inside and we have provided her with a comfy chair so she leaves us the sofa. Her favourite spot is lying on a grassy area near our patio so she can see down the drive, see us and guard the property against birds!”

“Thank you for sending me overseas to my forever home. We all get to sleep inside and we all have our own beds. Mine is an old but very comfy leather recliner, but I usually sneak up on the human’s bed as it is the best bed in the house .. soft and really comfortable (but I have to wait until he is asleep)”

TCDL Annual General Meeting & 65th Annual Report



The Tasmanian Canine Defence League Inc. (TCDL) Annual General Meeting was held on October 20th 2015 at Mathers House in Hobart. The Board would like to thank the dedicated Members and supporters who came to the AGM and thank the Auxiliary for supplying the enjoyable supper. The 65th Annual Report was presented and questions were taken from Members. Noel Hunt was presented a gift with thanks for his great effort and influence throughout his term as President. David Peters was presented a gift for being the first person to hold the CEO, President and Treasurer positions and to offer his services with great dedication and effectiveness. Sue Peters, David's wife, was presented with a bouquet of beautiful flowers to thank her for her amazing support to David, which benefited the Dogs' Homes enormously.

Board nominations were confirmed (unopposed) by Fran Bladel, our Patron. **The TCDL Board for 2015/2016 consists of;**

Carol Hughes - President
Denise Bower - Vice President
Erica McCoull - Secretary/Public Officer
David Peters - Treasurer
Megan Alessandrini - Director
David Jackson - Director
Lorena Bromfield - Director

The TCDL 65th Annual Report is now available on the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania website. The following link will take you directly to the report...
<http://dogshomesoftas.com.au/about/our-history/tcdl-65th-annual-report/>

2015 Dogs' Homes Christmas Cards are available now from our Hobart, Devonport & Burnie Dogs' Homes plus at the Combined Charities Christmas Card & Gift Shop located in Church House, Macquarie Street, Hobart.

2016 Dogs' Homes of Tasmania Calendar

Our heartfelt thanks goes to our adopters for sending in pics of their furry family, to our calendar supporters and to Monotone Printers and Denise Bower for producing such a stunning calendar. Our 2016 calendars are available for purchase now at the outlets listed below for only \$12 each.

Calendars are available from the following outlets:

Dogs' Homes:

Burnie (170 Stowport Rd, Stowport)
Devonport (Spreyton Park Racecourse)
Hobart (101 Scotts Rd, Risdon Vale)

Bellerive:

Tasmanian Animal Hospitals - 29 Clarence Street
St Mark's Op Shop - Cnr Clarence & Scott Streets (open Wed+Fri)

Derwent Park:

Animal Tuckerbox - 8 Lampton Avenue

Glenorchy:

Kardz R Us - Northgate Shopping Centre - Main Road Glenorchy

Hobart:

Club K9 - 128 Argyle Street

Rae's Florist - Bank Arcade, Liverpool Street

Charities Card Shop - Church House, St David's Cathedral, Macquarie St (19th Oct - 16th Dec)

Animal Tuckerbox - 170 Murray Street

Budgie Smugglers - 52 Collins Street

B & W Appliances - 284B Argyle Street

North Hobart Veterinary Hospital - 223 Elizabeth Street

Huonville:

Animal Tuckerbox - 6 Cool Store Road

Kingston:

Kingston Animal Hospital - 1 Freeman Street

Club K9 - 30 Mertonvale Circuit

Channel Highway Animal Hospital - 170 Channel Highway

Animal Tuckerbox - 3 Mertonvale Circuit

Lenah Valley:

Community Veterinary Hospital - 8 Colebrook Street

Lindisfarne:

Lindisfarne Veterinary Clinic - 27 Lincoln Street

Lutana:

Top Dog Grooming - 5 Ashbolt Crescent

Montrose:

Vet Centre - 488 Main Road Montrose

Mornington:

Animal Tuckerbox - 98 Mornington Road

Phillip Stephens Funeral - 25 Electra Place

New Town:

Greenstore - 134 New Town Road

Rosny Park:

Eastern Shore Veterinary Hospital - 58 Bligh Street

Keepsake Cards & Gifts - Eastlands Shopping Centre - Upper Level

Sandy Bay:

Mayfair Veterinary Clinic - 2 Russel Crescent

Sandy Bay Holistic Veterinary Centre - 11 Gregory Street

South Hobart:

Macquarie Animal Hospital - 330 Macquarie Street

Top Dog Grooming - 466 Macquarie Street

Sorell:

Animal Tuckerbox - 7 Oakes Road

Tasmanian Animal Hospitals - 6 Gordon Street

Taroona:

The Dog Clinic - Shop 4, 148 Channel Highway

Thank you to all of our incredible supporters for your ongoing efforts, thoughtfulness and contributions to the dogs in our care. You are very much appreciated ☺