

dogtales



2016
Newsletter

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



CEO Thank You and Update

In the last 12 months a great deal has been achieved thanks to the efforts of our team of staff and volunteers. New and upgraded facilities are offering an even more enjoyable environment for the dogs in our care across the state. We have worked hard to build our foster care team and partnerships with other rescue groups to help provide for our dogs with special needs, puppies and those not coping in the shelter. New IT infrastructure and systems are helping to streamline our processes and save administration time. Partnerships with our Pound Councils have gone from strength to strength, working together to help owners reclaim their pets as quickly as possible.

We have attended numerous events across Tasmania to promote our organisation as well as provide microchipping services and dog behaviour advice. Many fundraising activities have helped raise much needed funds. An enormous thank you to our dedicated fundraisers. Should

you wish to run a fundraising event or activity for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania, please drop a line to sonia.wood@dogshomesoftas.com.au and ask for a fundraising application form.

Regular trips to our Burnie and Devonport Homes have continued, with as many as 14 dogs being transported to Hobart on each trip. Many of the dogs either need extra veterinary care or time in foster care. We would be delighted if more people became foster carers in the NW. Should you be interested, please contact Maryanne White on 0488 776 072 or fostercare@dogshomesoftas.com.au

I'm excited to announce the launch of our **Online Shop**. Hosted on our website www.dogshomesoftas.com.au/shop our supporters can purchase dog accessories, flea and worming treatments, grooming products and our 2017 Calendar and Christmas Cards (available from October). New products will be listed on a regular basis. All proceeds will directly benefit the dogs in our care.

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

I welcome all feedback, comments and ideas so please drop me a line on ceo@dogshomesoftas.com.au

I hope you enjoy this edition of dogtales and the update on Simba and Bentley and Woofie's happy ever after story

Belinda Barnes, CEO

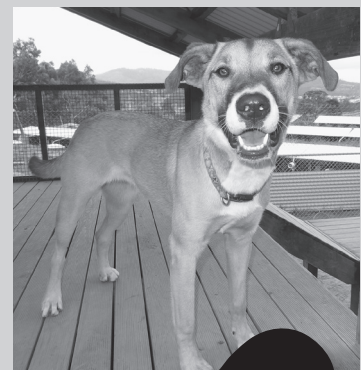
SIMBA DEFIES THE ODDS



Almost one year following life-saving heart surgery and specialised care in our foster program, Simba has found her

forever home. Simba's photo was in last year's dogtales after keyhole surgery at Tasmanian Animal Hospital to correct her heart abnormality.

For 8 months Simba needed to stand upright to eat a special puppy formula that needed to be blended and fed to her every 2 hours. She also needed to be burped like a baby following each meal. We are thrilled to advise that Simba now eats dry food, can eat standing on all 4s and is a very healthy and happy dog. Simba was formally adopted to a loving and supportive family in April this year.



Vaccinations - Parvo is still very much a killer disease. Don't put off vaccinating your dog. Vet Checks are very important to maintain the health of your dog and prevent illnesses or conditions.

Update your dog's microchip details - if you move address or change your contact phone number/s don't forget to update your details with the relevant microchip organisation so you can be reunited quickly should your dog go missing.

BENTLEY FINDS HIS LEGS



Bentley, a 10 week old puppy was brought to the Burnie Dogs' Home as a public stray in terrible condition. We believe Bentley had been totally confined to a small crate since he was born so his legs had deformed from lack of movement.


Bentley was taken in to Foster Care and provided mineral and calcium supplements in


addition to a nutritious diet. On a property with a grassy paddock and close to the beach, Bentley was able to run and swim to strengthen the muscles in his legs. After 6 months, Bentley's legs were straighter and stronger and he was one happy boy! Bentley was adopted by a family dedicated to continuing his daily exercise.




The most valuable contribution to helping our dogs is a gift of money.

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 **Regular Giving** – By giving on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, you will help us cover the constant expenses incurred with providing for our dogs. On our website, please click on the Make a Donation button and complete the form to set up your regular giving.

 **Pay for Paws** – These programs provides opportunity for employee participation 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 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 and issued by post.

KENNEL SPONSORSHIP

If you, your family or organisation would like to sponsor a kennel at any of our Homes, the fee ranges from \$150-\$600 per year and helps cover the costs of cleaning, heating & maintenance of kennels. Please contact our Administration Officer on (03) 6243 5177 for an application or download from this link <http://dogshomesoftas.com.au/events-and-programs/help-us-care-for-dogs/>



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WOOFIE BOUNCES BACK



Woofie woke up one morning to a very sudden and traumatic change. His human Dad passed away and the many animals on the property were collected by Council and taken to shelters or

rehomed. For the first week Woofie was completely shut down. It took a great deal of tenderness by staff and a volunteer to encourage Woofie to stand and go on short walks around our Home.

Woofie found it very difficult to stand up due to muscle waste, as he lived under his house for most of his 7 years, and early onset arthritis. Our Vet team gave Woofie a course of cartrofen injections which has made the world of difference to his movement. Woofie went in to Foster Care to give him the chance to recover in a quiet environment. As a guardian dog (Maremma), Woofie was clearly in love with his new rural property as there were many animals to watch over.

He was soon wagging his tail, eating well and even jogging around the property. After each adoption trial, Woofie came back to the original foster carer with great enthusiasm (literally bowling her over and covering her face with kisses). It became very clear that Woofie had made his choice and having fallen in love with the 54kg bundle of fur, the foster carer formally adopted him

