PABLO GIVEN A FIGHTING CHANCE

Pablo the cat came into RSPCA WA’s care in July after he got into a fight with an American Staffy.

He was in bad shape and vets could tell straight away Pablo’s injuries were serious – he was battered, bruised and had a nasty compound fracture to his hind leg.

Your donations mean that Pablo received the treatment he needed.

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X-rays revealed a diaphragmatic hernia and a fractured sternum as well. Surgery was performed to repair the diaphragmatic hernia to prevent his stomach, liver and intestines, entering his chest cavity and affecting his lung and heart function.

Pablo’s fractured leg had been contaminated during the fight and developed an infection.

Vets thought an amputation might be necessary, but Pablo responded well to antibiotics and frequent dressing changes and had surgery to repair the fracture.

As he recovered, Pablo slowly revealed more of his super affectionate personality – at times vets even had trouble listening to his heart and lungs because he was purring so much.

By late August, after plenty of cage rest and TLC, Pablo’s wound had healed and his dressing could be removed; but after seven weeks without use, his leg is now weak and has lost muscle tone. Vets will keep a close eye on him as his recovery continues.

Physio sessions are planned for Pablo to help him regain his strength and learn to use his leg again.

Without your generous support, Pablo’s fate would’ve been very different.

His story isn’t over, but because of you he will continue to receive the best care possible and go on to find a loving home.

Pablo’s ordeal is a timely reminder of why RSPCA encourages the containment of domestic cats.

The top three reasons to keep your cat safe at home are:

1. Contained cats are less likely to become lost or injured.
2. They are less likely to get into cat fights or catch diseases such as FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus).
3. Containment reduces the impact of hunting by cats on native wildlife and disturbance caused to neighbours.

Visit www.kb.rspca.org.au for tips on how to keep your cat happy at home.

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A word from the President

We are one step closer to stopping puppy farming and irresponsible dog breeding thanks to everyone who participated in the public consultation process.

Public consultation closed on 3 August with literally thousands of West Australians making our views known via the online survey, face to face interviews at RSPCA WA’s Million Paws Walk, meetings with the Department of Local Government, written submissions and through feedback sessions through Dogs West, pet shops and rescue groups.

RSPCA WA is playing our part providing regular feedback through participation on the Stop Puppy Farming Implementation Working Group and via a detailed written submission.

Right now, dog breeding is totally unregulated in WA. RSPCA WA regularly sees the result of irresponsible dog breeding, including the recent case where nine puppies were dumped in Narrogin.

The four pillars of the proposed reforms are transforming pet shops into adoption centres, establishing a centralised breeder registration system, mandatory desexing of dogs belonging to people who are not registered on the centralised system and setting out new welfare standards for dogs.

After analysing public feedback, the State Government will let us know how they plan to progress the proposed reforms. But even though the official public consultation period has ended, there are still many more steps in the long journey from proposed reforms to new laws.

Ultimately, decisions about new legislation are made by Members of Parliament and a key step will come when draft legislation comes up for debate in the WA Parliament. You can contact your local Member of Parliament to explain why this is an important issue.

We have come a long way now and with continued effort from all of us, we will see an end to the kind of dog breeding practices that cause misery and suffering for so many dogs in Western Australia.

Lynne Bradshaw AM
RSPCA WA President
Indra, Storm, Winter and Tempest the rats were abandoned in their cage in the middle of Water Tower Park in Joondalup recently.

Inspector Flo was called in and arrived just in time, as a big storm was blowing in.

Flo battled wind and rain to get the rats safely to her vehicle and transported them to RSPCA WA’s Animal Care Centre in Malaga for assessment.

The rats appeared to have been well cared for, prior to being dumped, and had been left with food, water, some shelter and bedding, plus extra supplies underneath the cage.

When nobody came forward to claim the rats, RSPCA WA took over their care and all four have now found a loving new home.

Great or small, no animal deserves to be left out in the cold. Thank you for being there for these little guys.

Jackie Bysterveld can't bear the thought of her dog Sunny ending up in the pound or with an owner who might mistreat him, which is why RSPCA WA's 'A Home Forever' pet bequest program brings her so much comfort.

Jackie lives alone and has no close family to care for her beloved Staffy if she passes, but she knows, if needed, RSPCA will take extra special care of Sunny until we find the perfect new home for him.

“I was grateful to the RSPCA – an organisation I know and trust – for offering me peace of mind that my pet will be rehomed into a safe and loving home, should the need arise,” said Jackie.

Eight-year-old Sunny captured Jackie’s heart while she was volunteering walking dogs at RSPCA WA’s Animal Care Centre in Malaga following the passing of her pet dog Daisy, who she’d originally enrolled in the ‘A Home Forever’ program.

“Sunny is my world and should the unexpected happen, I would hope that he finds a new home with a loving family who will look after him as well as I do,” said Jackie.

‘A Home Forever’ is available to all pet owners who leave a gift to RSPCA WA in their Will.

To learn more, visit www.rspcawa.asn.au or contact Darren Nicholls on 9209 9332.

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Costa captured so many hearts during his six months waiting for a home at RSPCA WA’s Animal Care Centre. So we were thrilled to get an update from his new family (it sounds like they were worth the wait).

They say they’re giving him so many cuddles and he’s sticking to them like glue!
CRICKET RESCUED IN STYLE

Little Cricket's story began more than 1,300km north of Perth in the town of Port Hedland. He was surrendered to local rangers following a cruelty report from a concerned member of the public, who recognised he was in pain.

Cricket was taken to South Hedland Veterinary Hospital for assessment and a fracture that hadn’t been treated was discovered in his hind leg.

Vets determined an amputation would give Cricket the best chance of a happy life. After surgery and a few days of rest, Cricket was flown to Perth thanks to a much-valued partnership with pet transport company AeroPets.

His recovery continued at RSPCA WA's Animal Care Centre in Malaga and he recently found his forever home.

A big thank you to AeroPets for making sure Cricket and animals like him in regional and remote WA aren’t left behind. Thanks also to Port Hedland Rangers and South Hedland Veterinary Hospital for assisting with Cricket’s rescue.

SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS

In July, a 38-year-old woman was found guilty of three counts of animal cruelty to her three horses dating back to March 2016. The mare had died before Inspectors arrived at her Waroona property; a foal was in such bad condition the only humane option was to end its suffering; and a gelding, Patch, survived.

The woman was sentenced to an Intensive Supervision Order, 100 hours of community service and was ordered to pay costs totalling more than $17,000. She is prohibited from being in charge of horses for three years.

In September, a Merriwa man pleaded guilty to two counts of animal cruelty. He was fined $4,000, and was ordered to pay court and vet costs totalling more than $10,000. He is prohibited from being in charge of any dog for 10 years and both his dogs were forfeited to RSPCA WA.

The severely emaciated dogs, Max and Marley, were seized by a RSPCA Inspector in May, 2017.

Thanks to your generous donations, Patch, Max and Marley have spent a combined total of 59 months in our care. All three animals have made slow, but full recoveries and will soon be rehomed.

Upcoming Doggy Dates

These fantastic dog-friendly events ought to get your best mate’s tail wagging!

There’s three opportunities coming up to have a blast with your furry friend – and help animals in need while you’re at it!

Happy Tails Day
Be a part of the Happy Tails Day team and volunteer to shake a tin for animals in need.
To get involved please contact Kathrin on 9209 9321 or email KTerblanche@rspcawa.asn.au

Muddy Paws Challenge at The Swan Valley Mudfest
Tackle 5km of muddy mayhem with your pooch at Belvoir Estate in the Swan Valley.
Find the event on Facebook or purchase tickets at www.mudfestwa.com.au

Whiteman Park Doggies Day Out
Celebrate all things canine at this paw-pular Whiteman Park event. Pick up tips, hints and loads of great pet products.
Find the event on Facebook for more information.
FUNDING SECURED FOR VITAL SERVICE

A $100,000 grant from the State Government will allow RSPCA WA to continue and grow its Pets in Crisis Program, which works with women’s shelters and refuges to provide temporary safe, anonymous foster care for pets that are caught up in domestic violence situations.

Pets are often used by abusers to manipulate, intimidate and control their victims, by harming, or threatening to harm their victim’s beloved pets.

This program is a lifeline for the large percentage of domestic violence sufferers who delay leaving abusive relationships because they fear for their pet’s safety.

In the last 12 months, the Pets in Crisis Program has arranged crisis care for 40 traumatised animals. Over 70 veterinary procedures, including vaccinations and desexing, were provided for these animals and over 300 parasite treatments were administered.

The Pets in Crisis Program has also established emergency pet care enclosures at four women’s shelters in the Perth metro area, so pets can be cared for temporarily on site, allowing victims of domestic violence to escape these dangerous situations sooner.

RSIPCA WA President, Lynne Bradshaw AM, said RSPCA WA was truly grateful for the funding support.

“The extension of the Pets in Crisis Program means that we can continue to provide assistance to families and their pets at a very difficult time in their lives, and they can rest assured that their beloved pets are safe from harm,” she said.

“Reuniting pets with their families has been truly rewarding, and I’d like to thank our dedicated foster carers for their help in achieving this.”
Itchy, Irritated and Ignored... Franky Needed Someone to Care

For months, Franky had been tormented by the constant itching of his skin. He was in desperate need of urgent medical care and relief.

As well as a skin infection that reached from his head to his tail, both of Franky’s ears were infected and his eyelids were so inflamed that he could barely open his eyes to look at Inspector Flo when she rescued him.

But Franky’s story isn’t unique - last year, 763 animals like Franky were surrendered to RSPCA WA Inspectors.

When no one else cares for them, we do.
But we can’t do it alone.

Help us give these animals the care their owner’s couldn’t. Send your care for the animals today.

Donate using the coupon and envelope provided, or call 9209 9311 to donate by phone.

Thank you for your support.

Ready for a New Home

Posh was pregnant and vulnerable when she was found abandoned and brought to the RSPCA. She had lost a lot of hair and her coat was infested with fleas. With plenty of love and TLC, Posh has transformed into a beautiful fluffy cat. This one-year-old girl is a bit sensitive and shy at first, but would thrive in a quiet and calm household with no other animals. Despite being let down in the past, Posh is a purr-machine and is very affectionate once she comes out of her shell. If you can give Posh the second chance she deserves, visit our Shelter in Malaga to meet her.

Bella the Boxer is part-goofball and part-sweetheart. She’s got lots of energy and would make a great running buddy, but once you settle in for the night she’ll make it clear how much she loves a cuddle. This four-year-old girl can be a bit wary of new people and situations, so she would need a family who’s willing to be patient and allow her to settle in at her own pace. Bella has good manners and is very treat-oriented, so her new family should have no trouble continuing her training. If you have the perfect home for Bella, come and meet her today!

Handsme Quack was brought to the RSPCA after being abandoned at a property east of Perth. Now he’s looking for a new home on a rural or semi-rural property, where he can partake in all his favourite hobbies – like preening his rainbow feathers and taking a nice swim. Quack will need a secure pen to keep him safe and a diet which includes lots of grains and fresh veggies. If you have room for Quack, come meet him, and don’t forget to bring a carry cage so you can get him home safely.