



Save-A-Dog Scheme News



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Dear Friends and Supporters

As I write this editorial SADS is experiencing an unprecedented number of animals being relinquished into its care. For several months the number of "voluntary surrenders" has, for no apparent reason, reached far beyond the norm. These dogs have not been disproportionately represented by breed, age, catchment area, behavioural or veterinary problems so the situation remains an enigma.

What is apparent, is that SADS is able to rise to any occasion where extra help is needed, ensuring that our beautiful companion animals can always be cared for. The capacity for intake has been augmented as SADS has grown with now two shelter premises, as well as foster homes. This has been possible through the ongoing generosity and support of yourselves, and we speak not only on behalf of ourselves but of the animals who are the recipients of your generosity, when we say THANK YOU.

SADS needs to continue to grow, hence the redevelopment of its Yarrambat property, which is at present underway. Please continue with your help and support...because SADS does the work you believe in.

My heart rejoices at the success of what SADS achieves for our companion animals and I invite you to join in this celebration.

Pamela Weaver OAM
Founder and President.



We'll be offering Pen Sponsorship soon.

We will be offering sponsorship/naming rights of the new animal pens, being built at the Yarrambat shelter soon. Not only will it be a big help in funding the build, but it can be a lovely way to honour someone in loving memory, to give as a gift, or to have your business or charity acknowledged. Full details will be released soon.

Heartbreaking – Used as dog fighting bait Beau's story

Beau the pure American staffy, at just 18 months old, was found wandering the streets with massive wounds to his ear and right side of his face and neck. He was in a terrible state. He was taken to the vet and thankfully, microchipped, his original owners were contacted and went to collect him.



Beau's original owner had rehomed him when he was a young pup to a friend. His friend left home and his mother found him another home at some stage. We believe he was handed on again during this time and thankfully, still microchipped to his original owner, who was able to claim him and have him treated.

In the vet's opinion, due to the massive amount of scarring, some old, some more recent, some healing, as well as his new injuries, Beau had been used as a bait dog, for dogs in training for dog fighting.

The vet treated his severe injuries, stitched him up and sent him home with antibiotics and anti inflammatories. Five days later, he returned to the vet, with severe infections of the face and ear needing further large doses of antibiotics, but later that evening was rushed back to the vet, as his ear had split due to the infection and swelling. Examination showed the ear pinnae completely necrotic and needed amputation.



Beau was surrendered to SADS a week later and is now doing very well. He still has some inflammation in his ear but is almost resolved with the

ear medication.

He is the sweetest dog – he absolutely adores people. He has lived with another dog and cat prior to coming to us, but he is now wary of other dogs he doesn't know, for very obvious reasons.

We cannot imagine what poor Beau has been through, but we're here for him now.



Our gorgeous *2020 Calendar* is still available - while stocks last.

Again, it's been photographed by the amazing Simon Carrol from Living Image, Founder and Photographer of the very popular coffee table book "Shoot the Dog" and graphic design work by Naomi Jones from Najo Design.

It is full of beautiful images of SADS animals.

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DOGS FOR ADOPTION



Rita

Rhodesian Ridgeback X
Female
~3 years old

Rita loves the company of people and is searching for a home where her new human companion is home most of the time. She does not search for canine company and while she will happily walk through the park where there are other dogs she does not want to interact with them. Rita is toilet trained



Paddington

Border Collie X
Male
~2 years old

Paddington is big and strong. He could well be crossed with a rottweiler. He still loves to play like a puppy with his human and is loads of fun, but will need an adult home. He doesn't understand the rules with children. He is happy to meet other dogs but will likely need to be an only dog at home. He is



Nellie

Beagle X
Female
~18 months old

Nellie was quite timid when she first arrived at the shelter but has come along in leaps and bounds! She will need a home with another medium size active dog to help her make the adjustment into home life. She will also need an experienced dog owner to help her overcome the fears she

Microchip Number:
956000006722759
Source # BR100902

searching for a human
who has training
experience and a no cat
household.

Microchip Number:
900113000882513
Source # BR100902

has from time to time.

Microchip Number:
956000012225242
Source # BR100902

CATS FOR ADOPTION



Flynn

Domestic Short Hair
Male
~2 years old

The fabulous Flynn is a friendly social boy who loves to be around you, but also an independent cat and not really a lap sitter. He's got lots of energy, loves to run and play - particularly with string, yet he's a relaxed and confident cat whos not afraid of meeting new people and very inquisitive.

Microchip Number:
956000007814309
Source # BR100902



Charley

Domestic Medium Hair
Female
~2 years old

Charley is a high energy, curious girl who loves playtime. Ping pong, toys and a few adventurous activities will make her very happy, as will attention from you (and teenage kids if you have them). Charley is an indoor/outdoor cat, and she'd prefer to be your only feline friend.

Microchip Number:
956000010249617
Source # BR100902



Tarot

Domestic Short Hair
Female
~12 weeks old

Tarot loves hanging out with her siblings and would thoroughly enjoy the company of another cat or kitten at home, it will certainly help her socialisation, keep her company and be a lot more fulfilling life for her. She's lots of fun and very playful. She does love a cuddle too!

Microchip Number:
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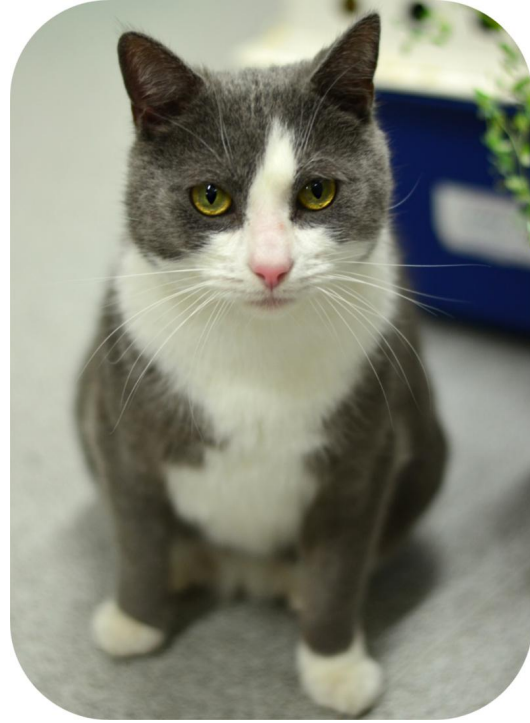
It was a long wait - but it was worth it. Albert's Story

Albert was a tricky case, he was in our care for a very long time because, well, when he wanted to be, he could be downright cranky!

You know the kind of cat that is happy to be around you, play with a toy that you jiggle in front of him, but when he'd had enough,

or if he was just in 'a mood' you'd know about it!

Around the shelter, we loved Albert, he did his thing, went outside in the cat yard in the sunshine every day, he loved being outside.



He had his favourite people, who would share some of the strawberries with him out of their lunchbox. He had his favourite toy 'worm' he would carry in his mouth, drool on and play with. He loved water, especially running water and would play with it and sit under it.

You can see why we loved him – a total character, but finding a home for an independent, sometimes standoffish and often downright cranky cat wasn't easy.



He was never going to be a smoochy lap cat and he was always going to live life to the beat of his own drum.

We did attempt a couple of homes for him, over time, but sadly they didn't work out, but we never gave up and finally, someone came along that we thought could be just perfect for our grumpy boy. Someone who would just let him be who he is, give him the facilities that would work best for him rather than him having to fit into a life that just wasn't his thing, and amazingly, Albert has found "his" place.

Albert's home was set up, so he could help deter mice, and in return, be a part of the family, without expectations. If he wanted his own space, he could have it. He could live inside the house or spend his time in the shed or outside in the connecting tunnels, if that's what he wanted. With tunnels connecting the house and the shed, he had as much freedom as he wanted, without risk to wildlife, or himself if he wandered.

Albert is absolutely thriving and loving his life. What a turnaround. He now prefers to sit inside the home, in a spot he deems most comfortable and watches his human go about her business. When her son came to visit, he firmly planted himself on his chest and made himself quite at home.

We don't know how much of a vermin deterrent Albert turned out to be, but we do know, that when you persevere, when you don't give up, when you don't place a time limit on them, there is a place for even the toughest to rehome.



May you and your loved ones, human and non-human, be blessed this coming Festive Season and throughout 2020.

DONATIONS YOU MAKE TO SADS OF \$2 OR MORE ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR ANNUAL TAX RETURN.

Save-A-Dog Scheme (SADS) was established in 1985 to offer a humane alternative to the killing of unwanted dogs, especially dogs of good temperament, that would otherwise be destroyed at pounds and shelters.

SADS is an incorporated, non-profit, community based organisation controlled and operated by volunteers with the help of paid staff. It operates as a registered animal shelter and combines this with foster care in the community. Each animal is desexed, vaccinated, wormed, microchipped, flea treated, vet checked and temperament assessed prior to adoption.

SADS has a no kill philosophy and believes that the dichotomy of a dog being "Mans Best Friend" on the one hand and an unwanted article for destruction on the other is totally unacceptable. SADS is a "coal-face" organisation, which saves hundreds of dogs and now cats each year and which seeks, by example, to provide a better way of treating non-human animals. Save-A-Dog Scheme relies on donations for its continuing existence. Donations to Save-A-Dog Scheme are tax deductible and help with the general care of the animals and the maintenance of the organisation.

The greatest expense is for veterinary treatment for the animals, which includes the care of the sick and injured. These cats and dogs are nursed back to health rather than being destroyed as they may be elsewhere.



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