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Dear Friends and Supporters

In the film *'Four Weddings and A Funeral'*, following the funeral, one of the friends says to the other "Surely if this has taught us anything, it is that..."

The line is a great precursor to many thoughts. So often over these past disastrous weeks of the covid-19 pandemic it has come into my mind. That surely if the terrible events of the pandemic have taught us anything it is to reaffirm the special co-dependent relationship between ourselves and our companion animals.

When so much has appeared to shake the foundations of our modern culture and expectations become unfirm beneath our feet, our cats and dogs have been there with us in our isolation and uncertainty. They have consoled and loved us, been a source of entertainment and distraction, and often our only source of fellowship on our lovely walks

So much that is really worthless in our lives has, during this time, been swept aside by necessity but the things of real value, such as our relationships with our animals have proved, beyond measure to be invaluable.

Together with other essential services Save-A-Dog Scheme has risen to every challenge imposed by the pandemic and proved to us all that our work of saving companion animals is so important and of great worth.

Thank you to our shelter manager Margie, all other staff, volunteers and supporters for their undiminished loyalty, hard work and devotion to our cause during such a testing time.

Now as we travel into the unknown future, I ask all who believe in our important work of saving companion animals to please continue with that support, in whatever way you can.

Pamela Weaver OAM
Founder and President.

Thank you!

We'd like to say a particular thank you to those who have supported us through these uncertain and unprecedented times. While we have continued to provide our usual standard of care to dogs and cats in need in our community, it has been a very challenging period, made possible by the amazing support we've received.



We send a very special thank you to those who donated essential items that we couldn't source. This alone has helped us keep our doors open, ensuring we're able to meet health and safety guidelines and to those who donated food and items for the animals to help us keep providing them the very best of care. A big thank you also to our volunteers and staff who have gone above and beyond in the most challenging of circumstances and to all those who have offered adoption and foster care. The outpouring of goodwill from the community has been incredible! Not only has this enabled us to continue our high quality of care, but, after ensuring that any potential new homes are well considered and not a result of the covid-19 situation, we've placed a large number of animals in foster and forever homes!

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.

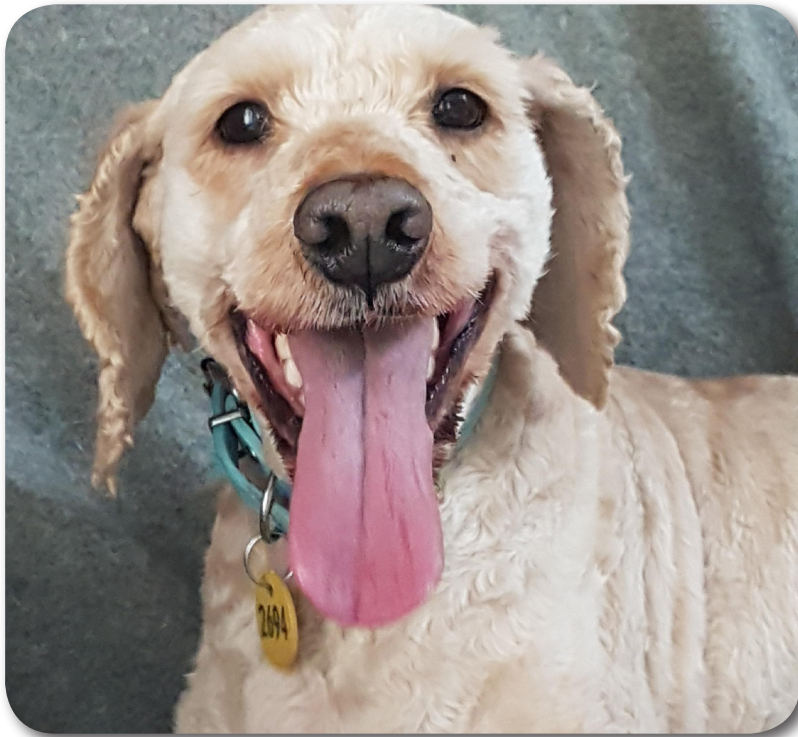
SADS has a no kill philosophy and believes that the dichotomy of a dog being "Man's Best Friend" on the one hand and an unwanted article for destruction on the other is

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.

Hodor – Finally finds “the one”!



We're not going to lie, Hodor was not an easy dog! He suffered anxiety and found new situations way too much to deal with and because if this, for most people, he was very hard work.

He settled well at the shelter, after some time, but any small change in his life, would set him back again. He'd be pacey and bark incessantly.

Being a popular cross breed, he had many well-meaning people wanting to adopt him, but most were not equipped to deal with poor Hodor's issues, his anxiety, his vocalisation if he was stressed. We did trial him on adoption, and he went to three foster homes but sadly things just didn't work out, even the kindest and most well set up of people found him difficult to deal with when he did have anxious episodes – or, if they didn't, the neighbours did.

So, Hodor spent a very long time with us, out at our Yarrambat property. Here, we were careful not to change his environment or routine. He's had vet and behavioural treatment and we were careful to keep Hodor happy and calm by avoiding his known stressors and triggers. Still, occasionally, something would happen out of our control, that would trigger his anxiety again. Although doing very well, a home was still what we needed for him. A home with someone who was around a lot, who could manage his anxiety, not have close neighbours in case he became vocal, provide him with routine and understanding.

Finally, incredibly, that home came along, someone understanding, experienced, on a property, we hit the jackpot. They were warned, that, the long car trip home may be a very noisy one (this had been a past experience), but to our amusement, Hodor was silent, until arriving at the McDonalds drive-through where he loudly expressed that he was hungry!!! He has settled in beautifully and we could not be happier for a dear boy who has waited for so long for just the right person, just the right circumstances, just the right time.

Hodor is just one of the dogs that, in line with our No-Kill philosophy, no matter how long it takes to find a home, are safe with us.

Home schooling hiccups

Some of us are not only home schooling our kids, but our puppies as well.

A friend of ours, Alice, has a puppy called “Dax” – a real little character!

He had been a bit rough playing with one of the kittens and she let him know it wasn't OK, then went into the kitchen to get supper. He followed her in, gave a little bark to get her attention and when he had full eye contact, maintaining it, peed on the Lino and then walked out.

Dax, evidently isn't very interested in food, so treats don't necessarily work for long. Alice and Dax currently have training sessions online (home schooling isn't just for humans you know). She gives him a treat if he does the right thing. This continues until he has had enough school, he suddenly sits down, spits out all the treats which he has stored in his cheeks, and goes to sleep.

End of home school for the day!



Photos of 'Dax' taken by Alice Marno



Animals for Adoption

See saveadog.org.au for more new friends.



Leah

Source Number: BR100902
Fox Terrier X Female ~7 years old
Microchip Number: 956000010262278

Leah loves to be around people but can be a bit unsure around other dogs so will need more canine socialisation. She is searching for an adult home and someone who likes to lead a reasonably busy life that Leah can be a part of as she is not wishing to hang around the house all day without activity. She would like to be an only dog and does not want to live with a cat



Ozzy

Source Number: BR100902
Blue Heeler X Male ~10 months old
Microchip Number: 956000010896621

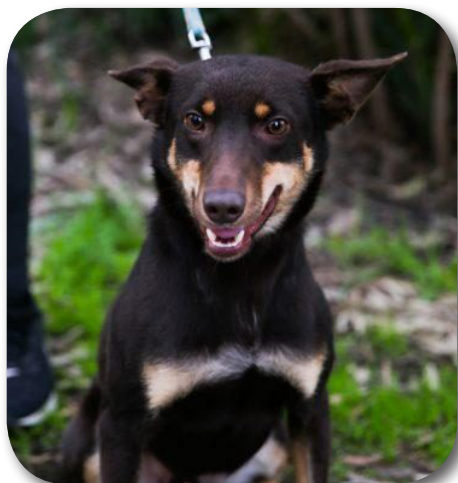
Ozzy is bursting with youthful energy and the desire to be on the move. To do date he has had no training and is not for a young family or a home that does not have extensive experience training dogs. He loves to play with other dogs but is still learning how to interact with them but could possibly live with another active medium size female canine . As he is so eager to learn he will be very rewarding to train and will soon form a strong bond with his new human companion



Frank

Source Number: BR100902
Bloodhound Male ~4 years old
Microchip Number: 956000007361315

Frank has a pure bloodhound nature! He needs canine company (must be a medium size strong athletic dog) as he will not settled living alone and his human companion will also need to be around as much as possible. He has a beautiful personality but is strong willed and determined. Being a scent hound he most likely will never be able to roam free in the park as his nose will take him wherever it picks up a scent! Frank does not want to live with a cat



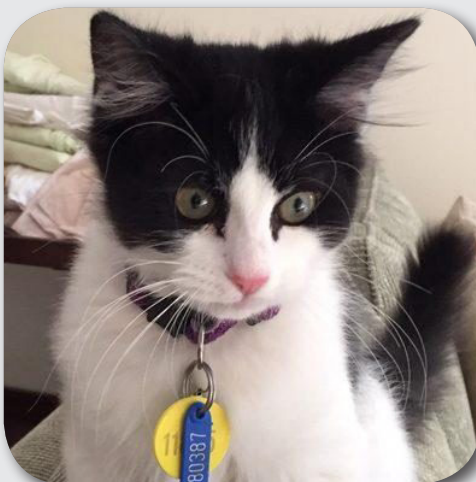
Arrow

Source Number: BR100902
Kelpie X Male ~18 months old
Microchip Number: 956000012175286

Arrow is a busy, intense and intelligent kelpie. We do know a bit of his past and he can be fearful and reactive to dogs bigger than himself. He will need a home with someone very experienced with canine behaviour to help him gain the confidence he needs. If he does not respect his human companion he will feel insecure and will react accordingly. With the intelligence of his breed he will need stimulation during the day and will not suite a home where he is alone for more than a short time

Discover the joy of helping one of our very special needs.

Animals that have medical issues, no matter how small linger longer in the shelter, even if their treatment is easy or inexpensive. We'd like to ask you to consider, if you're looking to long term foster, or adopt, if you could be "the one" for one of our very special, "special needs" animals.



Kevin

Ragdoll x Male ~5 months old
Microchip 956000007854297
Source Number: BR100902

Kevin is the sweetest lively little kitten, who is bursting to play with other kittens or cats. He loves nothing more than a tumble with a pal.

When Kevin arrived, he was having regular seizures, now, on medication, Keven very rarely has an episode. He lives a happy normal life.

Kevin is looking for a home with another cat or kitten. Long term foster or adoption will be considered.

Cedar

Ragdoll x Domestic Short Hair ~11 months old
Microchip 956000012252144
Source Number: BR100902

Cedar is so very sweet. She loves to be near you and will often perch herself on the back of the couch as close to you as she can or on your shoulder!

Cedar has a condition called flat chested kitten syndrome. Some young kittens don't survive this condition, but the older they get, the better their chances of leading a long life. Flat chested syndrome is a deformity of the ribs and sternum, which means she can't expand her lungs properly, and the heart and other organs can get a little squished. While we're uncertain of how things will go for Cedar in the future, right now, she is clinically well, a very happy, sweet and deserving little soul, hoping for a chance of a family of her own. Long term foster or adoption will be considered.



Location and Hours of Shelter

36 Weir Street Glen Iris (Past Tait Timber off Carroll Cres.) (Melway 59 F5)

Open 7 days: 9am to 5 pm

(Please refer to our website or phone for hours on public holidays) (Animal Viewing: 10am to 4pm)



Mrs Hubbard

Source Number: BR100902
Domestic Short Hair Female -3 years old
Microchip Number: 956000007393227

Mrs. Hubbard is a very sweet cat who is searching for a home where she can receive all the love and attention she deserves! She will not want to be left alone all day while human companions are out at work so one member of the family will need to be around most of the time. As we know her at the moment she will be happy to live without another animal



Hagrid

Source Number: BR100902
Domestic Medium Hair Male -2 years old
Microchip Number: 956000010097111

Hagrid is a happy friendly cat who loves to be with you. His new human companion will need to be at home with him as much as possible and be happy to brush his long fur every could of days. He will more than likely share his home with a dog

Have You Become a Supporter Yet?

Annual Subscriptions are due by the end of June each year. Please fill out the subscription form below and post to:
Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc. Central Park P.O. Box 2325 Malvern East 3145

Single \$15 Family \$30

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

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Phone: Email:

Subscription \$.....

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EFT - A/c Name: Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc
BSB: 083-298 A/c No. 792-025-571

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I would like to make a monthly donation of \$.....

Tick this box if you require a receipt. Receipts will only be issued for donations under \$50.00 if a stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed

Tick this box if you wish to receive Newsletters via email.

Tick this box if you do not wish to receive any other information about the shelter which we believe will interest you.

Form of Bequest: If you care to donate money to SADS in the form of a bequest, the following bequest clause is recommended for insertion in the wills of potential benefactors to Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc. "I BEQUEATH to SAVE-A-DOG SCHEME INC. A0004567T, ABN 71 887 339 646 ('the Association') the sum of (AMOUNT IN WORDS) dollars (AMOUNT IN FIGURES) free of all duties, to be Applied by the Association in pursuit of the purposes provided for in its Constitution and I DECLARE the receipt of the Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of the Association shall be complete discharge to my Trustee for any monies paid to the Association."