

# NEWSLETTER

## February 2010



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The animal shelter is staffed entirely by voluntary workers – dedicated to the care & re-homing of stray & abandoned cats & dogs.

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### President's report.

I think that in this newsletter, the team that has worked so hard to rejuvenate the cattery deserves a special mention. Insulation installed, painting done, a new cupboard, decorations, and reorganization. All looks wonderful and we now have a pleasant environment for the cats and their carers. Thanks so much for all the extra hours, effort and enthusiasm. Congratulations to you all on your tremendous work. Thanks too to Bunnings for donating paint, rollers and brushes.

Also thanks to all those who filled in extra days over the holidays to cover for those absent. It has been a chaotic time as always at this time of year. Happy New Year to all and I hope this year sees the shelter and all (human & animal) associated with it prosper.

Fran.

### Shelter stats.

November: 22 cats (1 reunited with family), and 42 dogs adopted

December: 42 cats and 50 dogs adopted

January: 45 cats and 75 dogs adopted

*"Saving the life of one animal may not change the world, but the world will surely change for that one animal"*

### Animals seeking loving homes.

🐾 OAKEY is one of our beautiful senior dogs – she was found tied to PAA's fence. She gets along with the other dogs. Oakey would love someone to spend her twilight years with – comfortably inside curled up watching TV. She will be a dear companion.

🐾 Little BENNY is a Golden Oldie, he is a Beagle X – he has come in as a stray. Benny is a friendly little fellow who loves to going for walkies and being part of the action! Can you help this darling to find a new loving home?

🐾 BLACKY is a 2 year old black male Semi Long Hair. Blacky was dumped at a vet surgery and no one has come looking for him. He is a sweet boy who likes a chat. He is a little nervous around the other boys but he is settling in very well. Blacky is quite a big fluff ball and is very affectionate and does not mind being held.

🐾 GEM is a 2 year old female Tortoiseshell she was adopted from the shelter in July/August last year. Unfortunately she has been returned to us due to a slightly bad habit.. her owner has told us Gem has been eating all her geckos and mice etc; which she was not impressed with. Gem has been taught to walk on a harness but has been kept inside which she apparently did not like much. Gem needs room to run and be free but also kept out of reach of small creatures. She is a lovely girl who needs a second chance.

🐾 Lots of beautiful little KITTENS are currently patiently waiting for their forever homes to come along! They are available in a variety of breeds, colours and ages. Some kittens are at the shelter, and others are in foster care. If you would like to welcome a little furry baby into your home please contact the shelter or Kylee on the details below.

To learn more about these animals or other animals at PAA seeking loving homes, please go to the website or contact the shelter. Alternatively, please contact Lynne for dog enquiries (0447 841 927 – after 1pm), and Kylee for enquiries about cats/kittens (07 3203 1506 or 0438 786 713).

### Happy ending!

*"It's Teaka and Sasha Matjac here. Our Cat Mum, Ebony, came to PAA when we were still in her tummy. Kylee and Sheryl looked after us so well at their house and then our new Human Mum, Sarah, came to adopt us. We are sisters, so Mum thought it would be good to keep us together to be company for one another when she's out. We have lots of great toys to play with here and a HUGE cat tree to climb, scratch and wrestle on. Mostly we like cuddling, getting a pat or a brush and chasing our toy mice around the house. Oh, and we love food too! We really believe that we rule the house (as all cats do) and like to sleep and play on the dining table (which Mum doesn't seem to like too much!) Our Mum took us to meet her Prep class this one time and we loved all the attention and pats we received from the kids there. We have made good friends with our Canine Aunts and Cousins and love taking car trips over to Nan and Grandpa's house. The trips to the vets aren't quite as much fun and Teaka has had a couple of overnight stays in emergency after the worm tablets and her first vaccination made her very very sick. But she's ok now. We want to say Thank You to PAA for looking after our Cat Mum so well and giving us such a great start to life! We might not be here if it wasn't for you and our Mum wouldn't have the joy of giving us cuddles every day!"*

*Love Teaka and Sasha Matjac (Our Mum Sarah says 'Thank You' too!)"*

To read more touching stories like Teaka's and Sasha's (and see the heartwarming photos that go with them), visit PAA's website and click on 'Success Stories'.

### Thank you!

👉 To everyone who has helped with the renovations and improvements at PAA – including the donations from Enviro Queensland and CSR of the insulation/sheeting – this has helped the animals over summer, the lovely ladies who made and decorated (with paw prints) the beautiful curtains for the office and tea room, one of our wonderful volunteers that donated a new hose for the cattery, and East Coast Signs for kindly donating the new PAA signs for the entrances.

🐾 The December microchipping day and Christmas in the gardens was a great event – 80 photos (kindly donated by Abbeyphotographics) were taken of pets with Santa! PAA raised over \$1200 on the day. Thank you to everyone that participated and much credit is owed to all the volunteers that worked so hard – including Santa Stan and Elf Chrissie who delighted the children.

👉 Thanks to everyone involved in the Harcourts PAA charity auctions that helped make them such a success! Due to your generosity nearly \$1600 was raised! These funds will greatly assist to enhance the lives of many animals.

### Upcoming fundraiser – sponsors/donations needed for 2011 PAA calendar.

PAA has begun planning its first fundraising calendar for 2011! To make this a successful fundraiser, we are currently seeking sponsors (or donations) for each of the 12 months of the calendar. It would be a fantastic advertising opportunity for a group, organisation or company – not to mention the contribution you would be making to such a worthy cause! Sponsorships and donations are also very welcome from individuals and families. All donations made are tax deductible. Professional photography of the animals to feature in the calendar has been kindly donated by Wet Nose Fotos (wetnosefotos.com). If you would like to contribute towards our calendar, please contact Claire via email (paa\_newsletter@hotmail.com) or phone Elizabeth (07 3283 2907).

### PAA hydrobath.

Come down to PAA on a Saturday and have your dog hydrobathed by the dedicated team of volunteers for only \$5 per dog! All proceeds raised go to the shelter. The hydrobath runs every Saturday morning, from 8am to 12 noon.

### Memberships and meetings.

To become a PAA member simply complete the form on the last page of this newsletter. Membership fees (\$10) are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July each year. All members are invited to attend our monthly meetings – currently held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Please contact the shelter's office for more information.

If you would like to receive your quarterly newsletters (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) via email, or would like to be provided with copies of PAA newsletters to display at your business or workplace please contact Claire (paa\_newsletter@hotmail.com).



### PAA merchandise for sale.

PAA has a range of quality products available, including: bumper stickers (\$1), shopping bags (\$3) and bandannas (\$6). Why not make a purchase today and support your local shelter? Please enquire at the office.

### Keep your pet happy – no matter what their situation!

☛ Does your dog have a disability (eg. degenerative joint disease) that causes him/her difficulty walking?

Well, there are now a range of products available to assist moving about easily – including: rear support chairs, quad chairs and support slings. For more information, go to [www.doggon-au.com](http://www.doggon-au.com) (07 4692 6214) – *Doggon' Wheels* is located in Cooyar.

☛ A new safe treatment is available for canine osteoarthritis, called *AdiCell*. The treatment involves an accredited veterinarian removing a small sample of fat tissue from your dog's abdomen. Certain cells in the tissue are then prepared and reinserted into the arthritic joint. Your dog's natural regeneration system goes to work to restore the joint. Results show 100% of dogs improved after an *AdiCell* treatment. To learn more, visit [www.regenus.com.au/arthritis](http://www.regenus.com.au/arthritis) (07 3347 33337) – the Brisbane office is located at Macgregor.

☛ Would you like to give your cat the best of both worlds? Allow him/her to go outside safely at will and protect the environment (including native birds and marsupials) at the same time? Well now you can. There are a variety of cat enclosures on the market to suit every situation. Check out [www.catmax.com.au](http://www.catmax.com.au) (07 3392 2555), or [www.catnip.com.au](http://www.catnip.com.au) (1800 639 998).

☛ For all cat owners – great furniture savers are the cardboard block scratch boxes for cats (eg. *Pet Life – Scratchy Box*) – your cat will love them and you will too – they will never use your furniture to sharpen their claws again! Available in pet shops, pet sections of large shops (eg. Kmart, Woolworths), and many online pet stores.

**Did you know..** It is illegal to abandon/dump domestic animals? This includes leaving domestic ducks at creeks – they simply do not survive in the wild and suffer immensely, they often starve or are attacked by predators. Abandoning an animal can result in one year's imprisonment (*Animal Care & Protection Act*). For assistance rescuing/rehoming domestic ducks please contact Elizabeth (07 3283 2907) or Claire ([paa\\_newsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:paa_newsletter@hotmail.com)) – we are also currently desperately seeking foster carers and permanent homes for abandoned and unwanted roosters and ducks/drakes.

### Share a smile!

A dog walked into a bar and said to the bartender "Give me a rum and er..... coke mate."  
The bartender handed the dog the drink and asked "What's with the long pause?"  
"Oh I guess I was just born that way" said the dog.

### Volunteer at PAA!

Have you got some spare time on your hands? There are so many different jobs available at PAA including cleaning, handyman work, walking dogs, feeding the animals, and driving the PAA van. We are urgently seeking helpers to work with the cats (please speak to Fay at PAA, or phone Elizabeth on 07 3283 2907). Volunteers are also needed to assist with fundraising sausage sizzles at Bunnings, Rothwell (on Saturdays). Bunnings is a wonderful ongoing supporter of PAA. If you would like to help, please contact Lynne at the shelter.

### PAA pen sponsorships available.

- Dog isolation pens \$250/yr
- Dog pens \$350/yr
- Cattery \$350/yr
- Your signage will be placed on pens.

### Our truly wonderful pen and general sponsors.

The Purser family in loving memory of Cheryl, Rotary Club of Redcliffe City, Triple J Earthmoving, Darren Gill, Alethea Goodwin, Roger and Glory Marshall - 'sponsored in loving memory of Teddy, Bubby & Meggs Marshall', WGT Mining, Alison Scoffell – Europcar Redcliffe, Graham and Lia Egan and the Brisbane Bulldogs Tug of War Team, ANA Autos – Car Sales and Car Detailing, Virgin Blue, Toys Mufflers, Martin Davis – Mavlab Vet Pharmaceuticals, Ashley Printers, Pet Café – Redcliffe, Suncoast Asphalt, Donna Kennedy – Pet Pacific, Belvedere Social and Sporting Club, Marion Halliday – Go Maz Mobile Hydrobath, Robert Davidson – Hills Hoist Approved Repairer, Redcliffe Oxley Meats, Dog Tech, and our PAA van is supplied and maintained by Northstar Motor Group.

PAA find-a-word.

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PAA	Save
Unconditional	Affection
Love	Adore
Shelter	Bond
Rescue	Walk
Care	Park
Vulnerable	Defenseless
Forever	Refuge
Eternity	Protect
Nurture	Volunteer
Devotion	Loyalty
Foster	Cherish
Bark	Trust

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Please post this form with your membership fee to:

**P.O. Box 163, Margate Qld 4019 OR**

Drop into the shelter at:

**Western End of Duffield Road, Clontarf**