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NEWSLETTER October 2009

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



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President's report:

What a month of turmoil it has been since the AGM!!! Hopefully by the time the next newsletter comes out a lot of settling down will have occurred. Even though I feel concerned at times, I do understand the tension everybody is experiencing, and can only express my thanks for all your efforts, and my belief that we will get through this difficult period stronger than ever. The inevitable changes that would have occurred following the implementation of a new committee have been exacerbated by the stress created by the break-in and its' after effects. In the next couple of months I expect that the physical environment will be back on track and that we will be making significant improvements in terms of more volunteers, improved systems aided by new computer capability, and greater volunteer satisfaction....and all of this can only contribute to the continuing and improved care of our animals. A happy workplace and happy volunteers are essential to providing the best care we can. I hope we can all work together to make this a reality.

Fran.

Shelter stats for August:

53 dogs re-homed, and 35 cats re-homed.

Animals available for adoption:

There are so many lovely animals at PAA waiting patiently for their forever homes to come along. Here are the stories of just a few of these animals. For more information, please go to the website, or contact the shelter.

Dogs:

Bella is a Staffy x female and 16 months old. Bella loves going out for her daily walks and really enjoys her obedience. She has a lot of love to give and would be a great companion. She needs to be in a single pet family as she wants all the attention - she doesn't like having to share belly rubs! Bella has been at the shelter for quite a while now.

Steven is a three year old purebred Greyhound with plenty of love to give. He is housetrained and loves to go for a daily stroll. Steven is a low maintenance companion pet. He would suit a retired person/couple.

Cats:

Jessie is a 17 month old tortoiseshell female cat; she has been with us at PAA for one year now and is still waiting patiently for her new family to come along. We absolutely love this girl and it saddens us to see her still here. Jessie will go for a donation to the right home. For more information, please contact the shelter or phone Kylee on 07 3203 1506.

Bindi is a tortoiseshell female cat, approximately 12 months old. Bindi was brought to us by the Council along with another cat and five kittens – all had been abandoned. Bindi is a sweet little cat but is a little unsure of new people to start with. She will settle into her new home in no time and will be the perfect friend. Bindi has been at the shelter for eight months. If you would like to give Bindi a home, please contact the shelter or Kylee.

Success stories:

Pippa (now Bindi) is a Maltese and she was only six months old when she was brought into the Shelter because her owners were moving house and couldn't take her with them. The Van Rhysbergen's had lost their 18 year old Maltese some months before and little Pippa had only been in the Shelter for an hour or so before they saw her and decided she was the dog for them. Here is her success story:

"Just to let all the wonderful staff at PAA know that our little ('Pippa' – now 'Bindi') girl is just perfect so long as she is in the car, on the lounge, in the bed or just out walking in the park growling at the kangaroos for being in her space. She has given us a reason to get out of bed each day and we love her to bits. We cannot thank you all enough for finding her for us. Kind regards, Jack and Pat Van Rysbergen"

Charlie the cat lived with us at PAA for one year. He was very timid and a special needs case. A very caring lady (named Natasha) who owned a few other cats adopted him. She sends progress on how he is going – here is her first progress report:

"Charlie is settling in well with time, he did not progress very much until we got him vaccinated and microchipped last week and since then he has really improved. His safety zone is under our couch but he is coming out more and more - mostly at night though. Charlie also enjoys his little black cat house and the tall cat scratcher. He does not mind our other cats but is clearly reserved with humans and it can be very hard to get photos of him (it took me a long time of waiting and creeping along the floor to get some photos). We have not seen much of his personality yet, but given more time we are sure it will surface. Regards, Natasha"

To read more heartwarming stories, go to the Shelter's website (www.peninsulaanimalaid.com.au) and click on 'success stories'. Nothing means more to PAA volunteers than seeing an animal find the perfect lifelong home.

Thank you:

To all the wonderful people that have continued to make generous donations and offer their skills and services to aid with rebuilding the shelter following the horrendous damage caused by vandals on August 23. For more information, please contact the shelter, or go to the PAA website.

Following the devastation caused to the shelter by the vandals in August, sections of the office needed to be renovated. The office is now starting to take on a new and more functional look. PAA would like to thank everyone who has made donations and offered their services to help make this possible.

PAA also now has surveillance and security in place to prevent such damage occurring again.

Upcoming event – Cocktail party!

Nick & Virginia Tzimas, PAA volunteers and 'Specs' the dog, invite you to a Cocktail Party! To be held in the Garden at The Golden Ox Restaurant (330 Oxley Avenue Margate, phone 07 3283 1833), on Thursday evening 15th October at 6.30pm. Tickets \$50 per head (Please book tickets via The Golden Ox). RSVP 8th October 2009. Proceeds raised from the night will go to PAA.

Happenings at the shelter:

Members recently attended a 'brain storming and planning' evening where lots of wonderful ideas were discussed. All who attended were encouraged to get involved by making the most of everyone's skills and interests! If you would like to volunteer at the shelter or assist with cleaning pens, walking dog or some of the secretarial and other 'behind the scenes' work, please contact PAA. Trish Brighton will be managing all volunteer enquiries and rosters.

Memberships and meetings:

PAA membership is \$10 per year. If you would like to join (or know of someone that would) or renew your membership, please enquire at the office (or fill in the form on the last page of this newsletter). To remain a financial member, membership fees are due on the 1st July each year. All members are most welcome to attend our monthly meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month (at 7pm) – please contact PAA for details. The next meeting will be on the 11th November.

Receive your newsletters via email!

If you would like to be environmentally friendly (and at the same time reduce the Shelter's postal expenses), you could receive your newsletter via email. Please contact paa_newsletter@hotmail.com. Contributions towards the content of the newsletter are also welcome! We would love to share your animal stories with all of our readers! Newsletters will now be produced quarterly starting from next month (November, February, May, and August).

Merchandise for sale:

Bandannas (\$6 each), shopping bags (\$3 each) and bumper stickers (\$1 each) are available for purchase. Please enquire at the office.



Seeking loving homes for domestic drakes and rooster:

We are looking for loving homes for four domestic Muscovy drakes (boy ducks) and one rooster – as pets only – not for eating or breeding. The animals will need a safe enclosure from predators at night time. They will make fantastic pets! PAA is an animal shelter for re-homing domestic dogs and cats, although is often called upon to assist with the re-homing of various other animals. If you may be able to assist with the re-homing of these animals, please email paa_newsletter@hotmail.com or phone Claire on 0421 960 612 or Elizabeth on 07 3283 2907.

Did you know?

The tallest dog living is Gibson, a harlequin Great Dane, who measured 107 cm (42.2 in) tall on August 31, 2004 and is owned by Sandy Hall of Grass Valley, California, USA. *Source: www.guinnessworldrecords.com*

The fastest time a dog has unwound a non-electric car window is 11.34 seconds. This was achieved by Striker, a border collie owned and trained by Francis V. Gadassi (Hungary). The record was set on September 1st 2004 in Québec City, Canada. *Source: www.guinnessworldrecords.com*

Book review:



The book *Lucky for me* (by Frank Robson) is sure to warm the hearts of all dog lovers! It is the story of the adventures of a rescued seafaring, cat-hating, tree climbing dog! What makes the story really special is that most of the book is set on the Redcliffe peninsula, so a lot of people will certainly be able to relate to a lot of the local tales. Also, keep an eye out for the sequel book *Lucky Goes to Sea* coming out soon. For more information, visit the website: www.luckyforme.com.au

Quirky quotes:

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole - Roger Caras

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue - Aerosmith

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace - Jimi Hendrix

Share a smile:

Two men were walking their dogs together. The first guy with a Chocolate lab and the second a Chihuahua

The first guy says, "Hey, you want to get something to eat?" The second guy replies, "Yeah, but they all have signs that say 'No Dogs Allowed'."

The first guy with the lab puts sunglasses on and hands the other guy a pair. "Follow my lead," he says.

As he walks into the restaurant a waiter stops him and says, "Sir, no dogs allowed." The man replies, "It's O.K., this is my seeing eye dog." The waiter apologizes and leads the man to a table as the second man enters.

The same waiter stops him but the guy says, "This is my seeing eye dog. I'm with the other guy."

The waiter replies, "Sir, you can't fool me, you have a Chihuahua."

The man freaks out and says, "A Chihuahua? They gave me a Chihuahua?!"

Source: <http://www.cleanjoke.com/humor/Chihuahua.html#>

Sponsorship of PAA pens available:

Dogs:	Isolation pens	\$250 per year
	Pens	\$350 per year
Cats:	Female pen	\$350 per year

With your signage on pens (your name/family name or business name).

Pen sponsors of cats:

John and Cheryl Purser. (Male cattery)
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