

# SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

### NOTE FROM CHAIRMAN

As most of you know, finding new homes for Sydney's lost and abandoned animals is what we do best. It's our key challenge every day of every year.

Our animals are happy and healthy, and our staff and dedicated team, of over 300 volunteers do the most wonderful job creating an inviting and warm environment for all of our new furry arrivals, and for our human visitors. I am proud to lead this organisation, and am extremely proud of the work our team undertakes.

We have been part of the Sydney landscape since 1946. Reuniting animals with their owners and providing care and finding new homes to those who have been left behind. Recently we held our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gala dinner to celebrate all that we have achieved in those 70 years. I am delighted to report that after all costs were deducted we raised almost \$85,000. Many thanks to our staff who worked so hard to achieve this outstanding result.

Through our community programs our shelter has also become a second home for many of our community's individuals who have special needs. A place where many have reported feeling calm and invited, accepted and needed – some for the first time in their lives.

Our disability care program has been in place for many years now, offering empowering experiences to both students, and adults living with disability.

We also have a program which works to support, and provide an outlet to students battling mental health issues. There is a synergy that can be found between rescue animals, and those with special needs, and we have been lucky enough to witness the profound effects of combining these.

We run programs that see rescue dogs and cats start a new life in aged care facilities and our volunteers also make regular visits with dogs to one particular facility in Bentley – both of these programs provide companionship, a renewed sense of purpose and happiness to elderly residents.

Last year I told you about Benji – a blind and toothless dog we placed in an aged care facility and the remarkable results since he took up residence. I am delighted to report that he is alive and well bringing much joy to the residents.

We placed a chihuahua "Lilly" in an aged care facility in the Sutherland Shire. She was ideal given that she was gentle, affectionate and out-going with new people. Her size was perfect as she could be lifted onto the beds and laps of residents, who enjoy brushing and touching her silky fur.

Lily is making a huge difference helping residents to deal with depression, loneliness, dementia and illness. We've already had reports of reclusive residents wanting to partake in social activities, and residents on the dementia ward coping better with daily struggles when Lily is in their company.

This year we have also commenced a partnership with the Australian Army, providing assistance with the rehabilitation of injured trainee soldiers and soldiers suffering from PTSD – programs that are seeing fantastic results already.

We do all of this on top of caring for the lost and abandoned animals of Sydney. Giving love to those who have been mistreated, and a new beginning to approximately 3000 animals per year.

As most of you know we have to leave our premises at Carlton. We see this as a huge opportunity, but that opportunity will come at an enormous cost. All of our community programs are as vital as they are unique. With our new shelter we will be in a position to expand the programmes we currently run and to instigate new community based programmes that will reach a broader cross section of our community.

Raising the money needed to build a new shelter is no easy task, but a new Home will allow us to grow our intake of animals in need, and expand our community programs to better meet the demand, and to us, it's a cause that is well worth the hard work and effort.

With the need to raise in the vicinity of \$10M to build our new home, whilst still continuing our day-to-day operation, it is a daunting task, but with supporters like you we know we can get there. We thank you for your dedicated and generous support and look forward to sharing the journey ahead with you.

Wendy Langley  
Chairman of the Committee of Management

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wendy Langley – Chairman  
Mark Waterhouse – Treasurer  
Pamela Staines – Secretary  
Dr Mark Westman  
Roger Johnson  
Adam Furner

### ADOPTION PARTNERS

PetO  
Pets Palace  
PetStock  
Urchin Books

### GRANTS

BNP Paribas  
NSW State Government – The Department of  
Aging, Disability and Home Care.  
(volunteering)  
Department of Social Services – Community  
Programmes and Volunteering

### BEQUESTS/TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS

Estate of Adell LittleJohn  
Estate of Kerry McLeod  
The Rona Ellis Foundation  
The Denise Langley Foundation

### LETTER FROM CEO

#### Letter from Dr Christine Cole Shelter Veterinarian and CEO

This year's intake was a little lower than the previous financial year, but our results remained steady. We received 904 dogs, which was 158 down on 2014/15; however our reclaim rate was almost identical to last year at 63% and our dog adoption rate was up 3% on last year at 28%. As last year, 1% were transferred for rehoming via specialist rescue groups.

We received 90 fewer cats than last year, at 1234. As is usual across the industry the reclaim rate was and is pitifully low, however discounting feral and untreatable cats from our intake (as these cats are wild) the reclaim rate was 8%, significantly better than last year's 3%. Also greatly improved on last year was the cat adoption rate, which was 54% compared to 46% in FY 14/15.

We continued to utilise the relationships we have built with like-minded retail partners to rehome cats, kittens and pocket pets. Using SDCH's responsible rehoming policies and procedures these outlets reach into the wider community to promote adoption of animals in need. We are unique in this practice and are very proud of our achievements in this area.

On the (increasingly rare) occasions when we have room on shelter we have availed ourselves of these opportunities to source animals from more crowded shelters including RSPCA Hunter Valley and Campbelltown Council Pound and taken on some of their more challenging animals for rehoming, including pregnant animals listed for euthanasia at their facility. We have placed these animals into foster to raise their offspring and then homed them all.

Also in the last financial year we further developed our community programs including a new partnership with the Army. Our work with aged care and disability groups has continued to reap dividends with manpower provided to us and a safe space to assist with rehabilitation being of great value to those in need and service to the community.

In the last financial year we have desexed 254 dogs and 503 cats, provided medical and surgical procedures to countless animals to render them ready for adoption including dental care, orthopaedic procedures including fracture repairs, cancer surgeries, x-rays, plastic surgery to address congenital respiratory and eye and ear issues, treated wounds and allergies, mange, asthma and undertaken investigative procedures such as biopsies and ultrasounds. Three dogs have had cardiology specialist investigation and have been rehomed as special needs.

In the 2016 calendar year to date we have provided free or affordable vet care (including but not limited to desexing) to around 80 animals in urgent need whose owners otherwise could not have afforded it, enabling them to stay with loving owners, who have then become avid supporters of SDCH.

We have found homes for 14 bonded pairs – these are dogs or cats with close friends that they have grown up with and are strongly attached. Unlike some other shelters, when these dynamic duos come in, we endeavour to find them perfectly matched homes where they can stay together as a ready-made family.

### COUNCIL AREAS SERVICED

Bayside (Botany)  
Bayside (Rockdale)  
Georges River (Hurstville)  
Georges River (Kogarah)  
Innerwest (Leichhardt)  
Innerwest (Marrickville)  
North Sydney  
Randwick  
Woollahra

### CORPORATE PARTNERS

Benny and the Pets  
Bruce Notley-Smith MP  
Chandlers Cat Litter  
Digital Pacific  
For the People  
Hill's Pet Nutrition  
J. Water Thomas Sydney  
Julian Midwinter and Associates  
Merial Australia  
Savourlife  
Sydney Pet Photos

### SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Surplus or Deficit and other comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2016	2016 \$	2015 \$
Total Revenue	1,595,689	1,517,111
Total Expenses	1,173,086	1,047,804
Surplus for the year	396,603	469,307
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	396,603	469,307

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2016.	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash equivalents	944,181	673,580
Trade and other receivables	147,019	87,941
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,091,200</b>	<b>761,521</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Plant & equipment	11,424	10,501
Leasehold improvements	190,741	176,895
Total non-current assets	202,164	187,396
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,293,364</b>	<b>948,917</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	55,930	55,531
Provisions	72,481	63,528
Government Grants	23,599	68,819
Total current liabilities	137,345	187,878
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>136,345</b>	<b>187,878</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,157,019</b>	<b>761,039</b>
<b>FUNDS (unrestricted funds)</b>	<b>1,157,019</b>	<b>761,039</b>

Statement of Changes in Funds	Total Unrestricted Funds \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2014</b>	<b>291,732</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	468,684
<b>Balance at 30 June 2015</b>	<b>760,416</b>
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Total comprehensive income for the year	396,603
<b>Balance at 30 June 2016</b>	<b>1,157,019</b>

Statement of Cash Flows as at 30 June 2015	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<i>Receipts</i>		
Customers	699,655	889,584
Donors	823,238	747,968
Interest income	6,104	6,889
<i>Payments</i>		
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,225,749)	(1,089,672)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	303,249	554,779
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for plant and equipment	(32,647)	(11,222)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(32,647)	(11,222)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	270,602	543,557
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the FY	673,579	130,022
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the FY	944,181	673,579

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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Auditor's Independence declaration (s.307 of the Act)

Attention:  
Management Committee  
Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated  
77 Edward Street  
Carlton NSW 2218

Dear Management Committee

We have audited the financial statements of Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2016. As lead engagement partner for the audit engagement, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

No contraventions of the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

GEORGE S HAJOS

Chartered Accountant

Sydney  
Dated 24 / 1 / 2016

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## Animal Statistics | 1st July 2015 – 30th June 2016

### OUR MISSION

Is simple – to prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of healthy, loving, domestic pets, young, old or with special needs by re-homing them and giving them a second chance at life, and to provide meaningful experiences for at-risk members of the community.

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**ANIMALS  
ARRIVED**



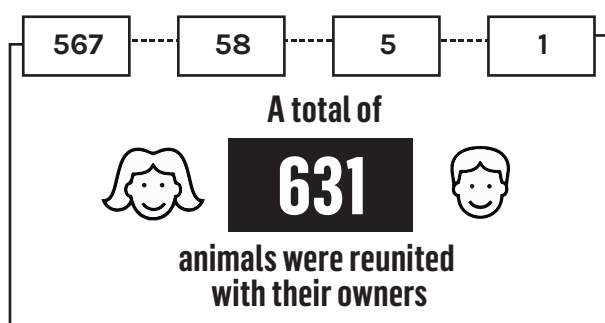
Dogs  
904  
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Cats  
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Birds  
58  
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Pocket Pets  
67  
V

Other  
4



**909**

Adopted  
from the  
shelter  
682

Adopted  
through  
partners  
92

Transferred to  
rescue - for  
rehoming  
46

Awaiting  
homes, as at  
June 30  
87

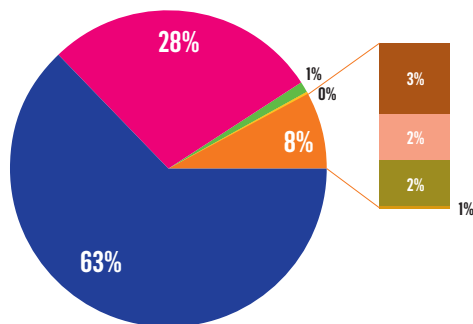
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SAVED**

### ANNUAL STATISTICS

#### DOGS



- Reclaimed
- Adopted
- Transferred
- Other (eg; on hand)
- Euthanised:
  - untreatable sociability
  - untreatable health
  - declared dangerous
  - restricted breed

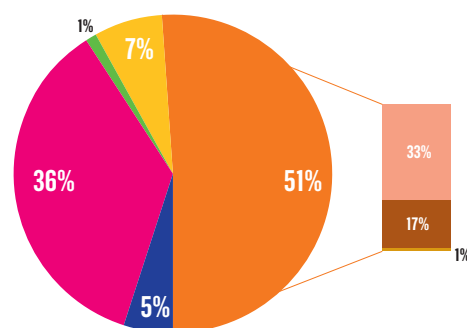
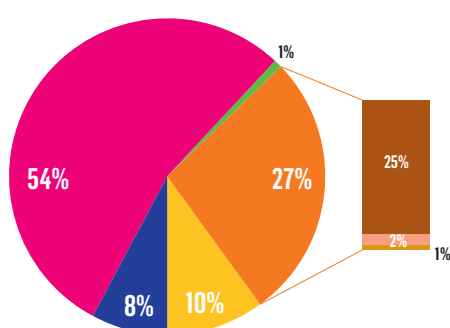


#### CATS



Not including untreatable  
sociability, ie: feral/wild

Including untreatable  
sociability ie: feral/wild



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  - treatable sociability
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  - treatable health

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- Adopted
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  - untreatable health
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  - declared dangerous
  - treatable sociability
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