

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 70th 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 “Lily” 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.

With thanks and regards,

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 Parabris
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 SDOH'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 either could not have afforded it, enabling them to stay with loving owners, who have then become avid supporters of SDOH.

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.

We have facilitated the removal of animals from neglectful homes, when necessary working in conjunction with RSPCA, and found them wonderful loving new homes and transformed their lives.

We have put 9 cat interns (nearly all of whom had special medical needs, including one very asthmatic cat seen at the gala event photographed in person) through our office cat program where they learn a sense of entitlement and confidence and are rehabilitated from their traumatic life events and when they are ready to run a busy household and an appropriately qualified family has applied they too have been placed.

Going forward into 2017 our greatest challenge yet is to find suitable premises for our operation to continue its lifesaving work. With the continued support of our donors, volunteers and small, hard-working team, and the support of our board I have great faith that we will soon find our own forever home.

Yours sincerely

Dr Christine Cole
Shelter Veterinarian and CEO

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 \$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	944,181	673,580
Trade and other receivables	147,019	87,941
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,091,200	761,521
Non-current assets		
Plant & equipment	11,424	10,501
Leasehold improvements	190,741	176,895
Total non-current assets	202,164	187,396
TOTAL ASSETS	1,293,364	948,917
Current Liabilities		
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
NET LIABILITIES	136,345	187,878
NET ASSETS	1,157,019	761,039
FUNDS (unrestricted funds)	1,157,019	761,039

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

Statement of Cash Flows as at 30 June 2015	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
<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
Cash flows from investing activities		
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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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

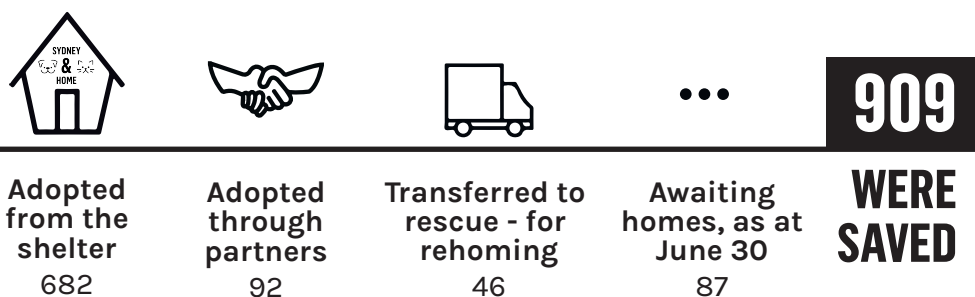
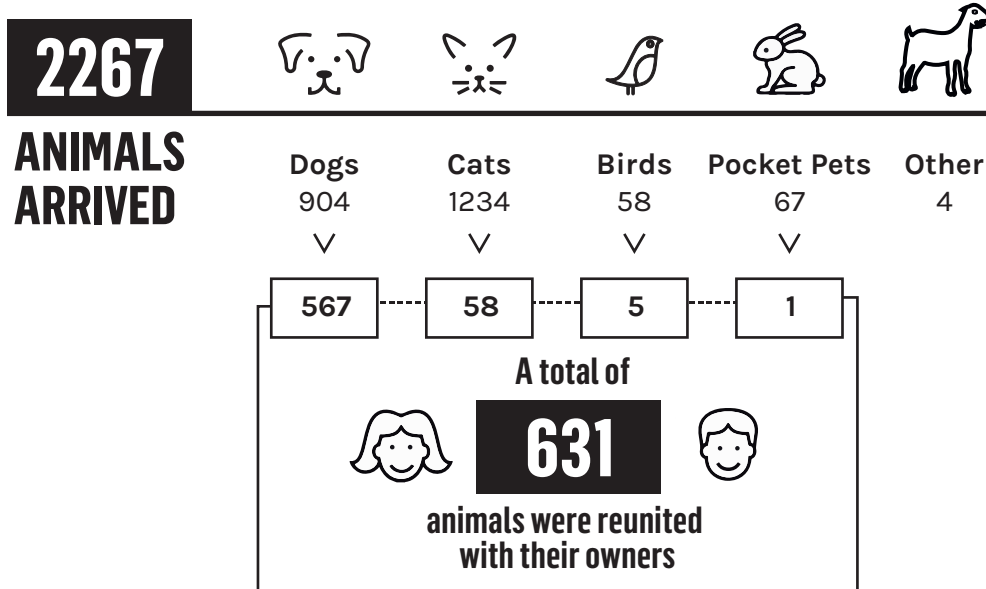
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Dated 24 / 11 / 2016

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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.



ANNUAL STATISTICS

DOGS

