

SYDNEY  
**DOGS  
& CATS**  
HOME



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2021**



# THE BUSINESS

## Business Owner

The Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated

## Trading Name

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home

## Business Structure

Incorporated Association

## Postal Address

PO Box 4105, Kogarah Bay NSW 2217

## Carlton Shelter Phone

02 9587 9611

## Strathfield Vet Clinic Phone

02 8789 0193

## Email

info@sydneydogsandcatshome.org

## Date Registered

Carlton Shelter 1946  
(active from 01 Nov 1999, registered from 01 July 2000)

## Date Registered

Strathfield Vet Clinic 2019

## Location Registered

New South Wales

## ABN

16 943 464 585

## CFN

16738

## ASIC

Y3013408

## Rehoming Organisation Number

R251000234

## Business/ Shelter Location

77 Edward Street, Carlton NSW 2218

## Business / Veterinary Services Location

442-446 Liverpool Road,  
Strathfield South NSW 2136

## Business / Future Development Location

69 - 83 Sir Joseph Banks Drive,  
Kurnell. Lot 1153 DP 752064

## Products / Services

Independent not for profit council pound and rehoming facility.

## Target Market

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home has identified councils, pet owners and pet adopters across Greater Sydney as our available target market.

## Our Vision

To be a leading organisation in companion animal welfare, positively impacting our animals and our people.

## Charity Tax Concession Status

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated is a Charity endorsed to access the following tax concessions:

Tax Concession	From
GST Concession	01 Jul 2005
FBT Rebate	01 Jul 2005
Income Tax Exemption	01 Jul 2000

## Deductible Gift Recipient Status

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from 01 Jul 2005. It is covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1*.

## Domain Names

www.sydneydogsandcatshome.org

## Facebook

www.facebook.com/sydneydogsandcatshome

## Instagram

www.instagram.com/sydneydogsandcatshome

## Twitter

twitter.com/sydneydogscats

## Tik Tok

www.tiktok.com/@sydneydogsandcatshome

## Trading Hours

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm  
Saturday, 9am - 4:30pm  
Sunday, 9am - 2pm  
24/7 access to council's authorised officers for impounding.





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# VISION STATEMENT

To be a leading organisation in companion animal welfare, positively impacting our animals and our people.



## MISSION STATEMENT

To responsibly reunite, rehome and rehabilitate companion animals in our care, whilst providing the highest level of service to the wider community.

## VALUES



Compassion



Trust



Collaboration



Impact



Responsibility



Dedication



Growth

## OBJECTIVE STRATEGIES

- 1 Provide companion animals in our care with the best practice care.
- 2 Provide engagement programs that benefit companion animals, SDCH and the community.
- 3 Attract and retain mission motivated talent.
- 4 Sustainable financial, systems and resources.

## UNDERPINNING OBJECTIVE

Ongoing good governance and compliance practices.

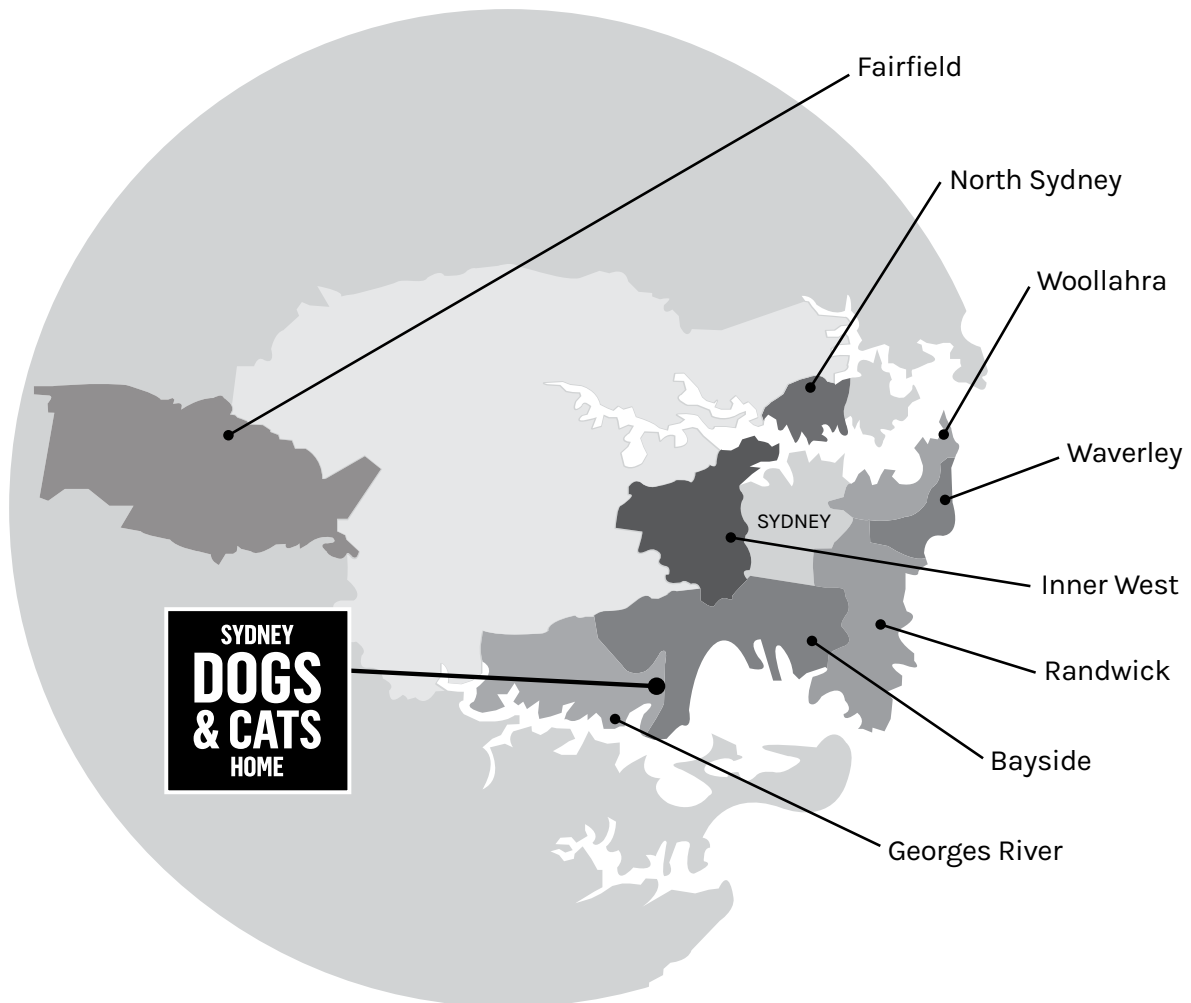
## CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

- 1 Be a leading organisation in companion animal welfare, positively impacting the animals in the care of SDCH;
- 2 Achieve zero euthanasia of all healthy and treatable cats and dogs;
- 3 Responsibly reunite and rehabilitate companion animals in the care of SDCH, whilst providing the highest level of service to the wider community, and
- 4 Provide and participate in engagement programs that benefit companion animals, SDCH and the community.

# ABOUT US

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home is Sydney's only charity pound and community facility and is owned and operated by The Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated.

The Home has been taking care of Sydney's lost, abandoned and neglected pets since 1946. We open our doors to up to thousands of pets each year, servicing multiple council areas across Sydney, including those listed on the map below:



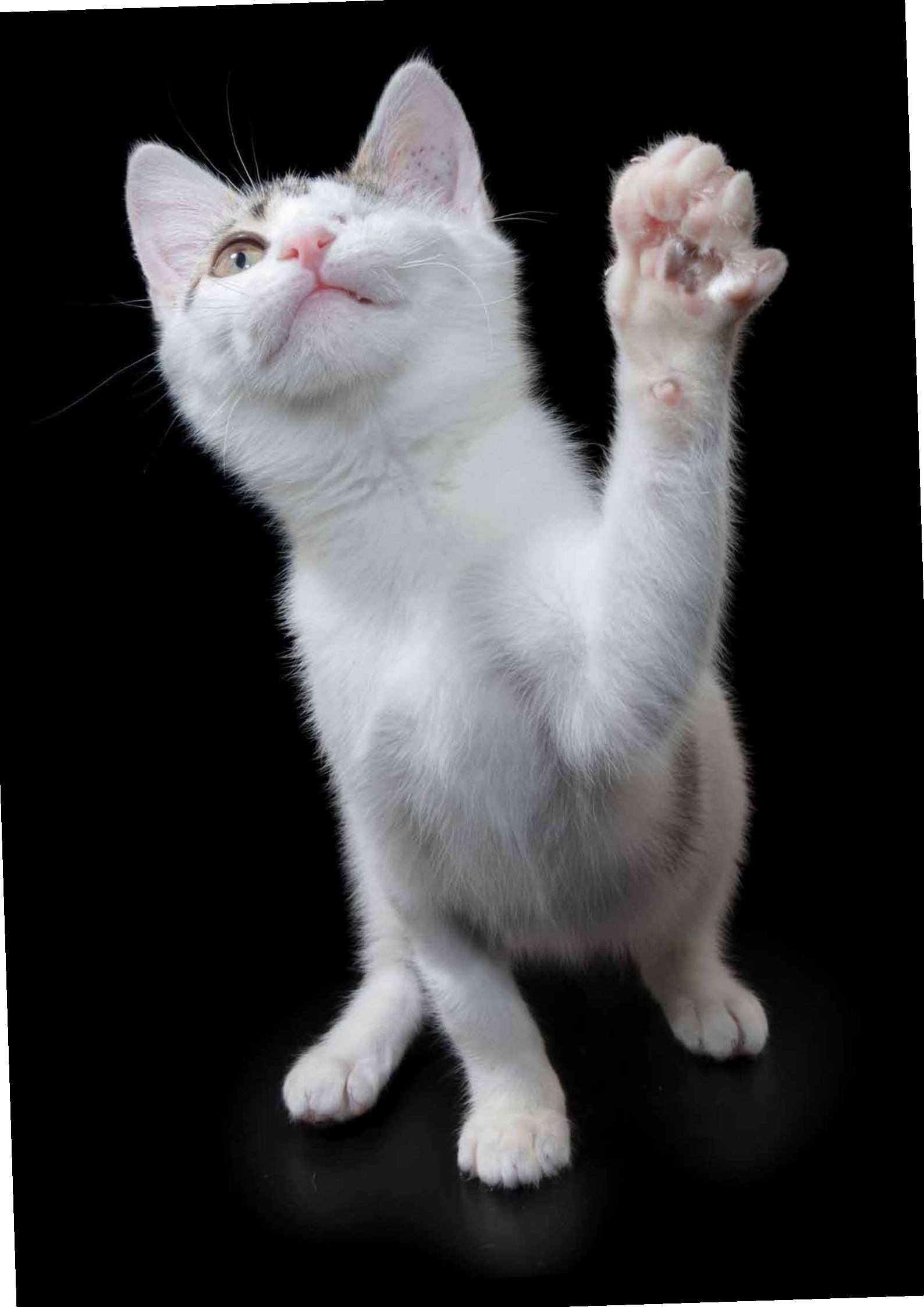
We aim to provide shelter, food and veterinary care to lost, homeless and abandoned animals, primarily dogs and cats, in association with the local councils of Sydney. We act under the [NSW Companion Animals Act 1998](#) and the associated [Companion Animals Regulations and Codes of Practice](#) and care for pets until a time when such animals can either be reunited with their owners or found a new, suitable home.

We support the [Getting to Zero](#) movement, which means we strive to rehome every healthy and treatable animal that comes through our doors, and we never place a time limit on any animal awaiting adoption.

We also deliver a range of successful mental health-focused [community programs](#), creating a lifeline to both the animals we care for and those in the community who need it most.

We are a member of [Companion Animal Network Australia](#) (ACAN formerly AWLA), which comprises six member agencies, each aiming to make the world a better place for pets. Through national campaigns, partnerships and initiatives, we celebrate the human-animal bond and promote responsible pet ownership. We use our national voice to campaign for the humane treatment of all companion animals, and we rally support for programmes that deliver high welfare standards.







# OUR PEOPLE

## BOARD MEMBERS

Name	Position	Dates acted
Peter Sharp	President / Public Officer	January 2020 - Present
Melissa Penn	Vice President	January 2020 - Present
Michael Glendinning	Treasurer	November 2020 - Present
Rebecca Swinfield	Secretary	November 2020 - Present
Jayne Morley	Director	November 2020 - Present
Mark Hearnden	Director / General Manager	August 2020 - Present
Stefanie Yaeger	Director	November 2020 - Present
Amanda Stokes	Director	November 2020 - Present
Alison McGulgan	Director	January 2020 - October 2020
Karen Kirton	Director	January 2020 - November 2020
Alyssa Carter	Director	January 2020 - November 2020
Eilla Eaton	Director	January 2020 - November 2020

## EMPLOYEES

Name	Position	Dates acted
Mark Hearnden	General Manager	August 2020 - Present
Rebecca Beare	Head of Fundraising & Marketing	March 2021 - Present
Faith Harrsen	Marketing & Fundraising Manager	April 2018 - 13 January 2021
Dr Michelle Smith	Head Veterinarian	August 2019 - 26 February 2021
Dr Renae Jackson	Animal Care Manager	November 2017 - Present
Dr Michelle Nancarrow	Operations Manager	November 2017 - Present
Laura Sharp	Digital Marketing & Fundraising Executive	March 2020 - Present
Sue Pickering	Volunteer Coordinator	May 2016 - Present
Dr Laura Taylor	Head Veterinarian	March 2021 - Present
Jen Harker	Head Veterinary Nurse	June 2021 - Present
Tavia De Ruvo	Animal Care Team Supervisor	January 2017 - Present
Isabella Polizzi	Foster Care Coordinator	May 2021 - Present
Natalie Megna	Animal Attendant/Veterinary Nurse	April 2017 - Present
Jessica Said	Interim Animal Care Team Leader	November 2017 - Present
Fatima Asano	Animal Attendant	December 2016 - Present
Rori Weston	Animal Care	November 2019 - Present
Elizabeth Sutherland	Customer Care/Animal Attendant	April 2018 - Present
Emma Eastwood	Customer Care	May 2021 - Present
Bronwyn Evans-Millar	Veterinary Nurse	June 2021 - Present
Bradley Southwell	Animal Attendant	March 2012 - Present
Dr Hannah MacAdam	Locum Vet	February 2020 - Present
Hannah Turner	Animal Care Team Leader	April 2017 - Present
Dominika Sidor	Animal Attendant	June 2018 - 30 June 2021
Sonya Vaughan	Receptionist & Animal Care Attendant	March 2019 - 30 June 2021
Sabrina Gabrielle	Foster Coordinator	September 2014 - 21 May 2021
Kylie Grech	Customer Care Team Leader	July 2020 - 23 April 2021
Nicole Brito	Vet Nurse	August 2020 - 15 March 2021
Sandra Costa	Animal Attendant	September 2020 - 7 March 2021
Zoe Wright	Locum Vet	February 2020 - 31 January 2021
Suzanna Richards	Locum Veterinarian Surgeon	March 2020 - 31 January 2021
Stuart Paine	CEO	November 2017 - 9 December 2020
Ana Serra Sousa	Head Veterinary Nurse and Practice Manager	September 2020 - 2 October 2020
Rebecca Harmer	Veterinary Nurse	March 2020 - 31 August 2020
Katharine Babatzanis	Animal Attendant	December 2017 - 10 August 2020
Siobhan Jones	Receptionist	April 2017 - 5 August 2020
James Davidson	Animal Attendant	November 2011 - 1 July 2020



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Peter Sharp**

President of Sydney Dogs & Cats Home

As we fast approach the end of 2021, I write this reflecting on the year that has passed. This time last year we were preparing for what we hoped and thought was going to be an easier twelve months than what we experienced in 2020. I don't think anyone predicted that 2021 would be even more challenging than the year that preceded it.

It will come as no surprise that COVID-19 has continued to have a significant impact on our organisation. The Home has continued to face numerous challenges; however, these have been very different to the ones we faced in 2020. Before I talk of the accomplishments over the last twelve months, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Leadership Team of the Home, the staff, the volunteers and my fellow Board members. The incredible work you all do deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated. It is truly an honour to represent you both as the President of the Board and as an Ambassador for this wonderful organisation.

When elected as the President of the Board, my promise was to provide open, honest and transparent communication. Last year I shared with you the difficulties we inherited, and with this in mind, I would like to share with you the steps that have been taken to rectify these issues:

- The Home is now operating under a Board approved budget
- For the 2020/21 Financial Year the Home had a surplus of \$18,380
- The DA for the Home was approved in late 2020 and since then we have been working on the final architectural designs in conjunction with a capital campaign to fund the tender and construction process
- We have work-shopped and developed the Home's first Strategic and Business Plan through a consultative process between the Board and the Leadership Team
- The Home is meeting its legal obligations as set out by the ACNC and the Association Incorporations Act. The Board have implemented policies and procedures to ensure that the Home is never put in the position it found itself in back in 2019.

- The sale of the Carlton site to a developer is due to settle in February 2022. We are in the process of executing a plan to move the core operations of the Home to the Strathfield site whilst utilising both our foster care network and offsite kennels for animals that cannot be housed at our Strathfield site. To mitigate the impact this will have on the Home's operations, we are looking to move prior to Christmas this year.

Despite the challenges we continue to face with COVID-19 restrictions and the ever-changing nature of the rules and requirements around these, I am pleased to report that our team has continued to respond with great speed. This has ensured that the Home has never closed its doors. Despite the constraints placed on our operations, we have remained open all year.

Unfortunately, the importance of focusing on the Kurnell build, the Capital Campaign, the relocation to Strathfield and the changing nature of COVID-19 restrictions has meant that we needed to deprioritise a number of tasks this year. As communicated earlier this year, one of those tasks included the updates to the Constitution discussed at last year's AGM. It is our intention to re-prioritise and finalise the Constitution changes as soon as possible.

With that said, the Board has worked tirelessly again this year and I am proud of what we have accomplished in collaboration with the Leadership Team, to achieve the outcomes above. While we have come a long way, there is still a lot of work to do to ensure that the Home has a secure future ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Hearnden for his contribution to the Home. Mark has tendered his resignation and will be finishing on 22 October 2021. The Board are working with the Leadership Team of the Home to support them through the recruitment process and our objective is to have the role filled prior to Christmas.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the year ahead. We remain grateful to our community and thank you for all of your continued support and dedication to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home.

As restrictions ease in NSW over the coming months, I sincerely wish you all a healthy and safe, festive season.



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

**Mark Hearnden**  
General Manager

The last 12 months was a challenging period for our nation and for our Sydney Dogs & Cats Home community. Whilst we navigated the constantly evolving COVID-19 regulatory landscape which included occasional casual contacts, the Home operating within an 'LGA of Concern' and the need to constantly clean, wear masks and socially distance, animals continued to come through our doors where they received the care and attention they so richly deserved.

As Sydney went back into lockdown, our day-to-day operations became more difficult as movement across LGA's became more restricted and this certainly made finding new homes for our furry friends just that little bit more challenging. Our staff and volunteers were unperturbed though and rose above these challenges to deliver contactless adoptions, video meet and greets and even home deliveries!

It is important that I acknowledge the hard work and contribution of our staff and our volunteers. Firstly, our wonderful, selfless and generous volunteers. You just keep putting your hands up and we are so blessed to have you as part of the SDCH community. In all manner of roles, be it shelter repairs, gardening at our Strathfield clinic, washing, cleaning, walking, comforting, fostering, transporting, preparing grant applications, office administration, strategic plan workshops and design etc. volunteers are critical to the success of SDCH. Thank you.

To the SDCH staff team. Thanks for your tireless efforts. For your perseverance and resilience throughout the year. Despite resourcing shortages and challenges over the past 12 months, particularly in the veterinary care area and more recently due to lockdown and the need to operate in split teams and work from home, your dedication to the delivery of high-quality animal care, operational support and innovative fundraising initiatives is to be commended.

In addition to business-as-usual activities the organisation has been working on a number of important projects including project management of the detailed design phase of the Kurnell development, planning for the Capital Fundraising Campaign (for Kurnell) and strategic and business planning for future years. I'd like to recognise the hard work of the Leadership Team and also the SDCH Board for their support and contribution to these projects.



Financially SDCH achieved a profit which was a pleasing result, however it should be noted the SDCH did benefit from COVID-19 financial support from government. Fundraising continues to be a critical revenue source for SDCH and we greatly appreciate the generosity of our supporters. My thanks to our Fundraising & Marketing team for the great work that you do to promote the Home.

SDCH continues to deliver animal impound services for eight Sydney councils and we thank these councils for their ongoing support. We also benefit from the generosity of numerous commercial partnerships including pro-bono support from professional service providers. Our thanks to you also.

The next 12 months will be one of significant change for SDCH as we leave our Carlton home of 75 years and relocate the bulk of our operations to our Strathfield clinic. Some animal care services will be relocated, however SDCH staff and volunteers will continue to deliver the critical care and support services to our furry friends. We will also launch the Capital Campaign to raise sufficient funds to develop our new home at Kurnell. These are big projects and they will require plenty of hard work and commitment by many throughout the organisation together with the support of the broader SDCH community of volunteers, donors and followers.

Finally, I would like to recognise the tireless efforts and contribution of the SDCH Board of Directors, several which are probably not well known to members. They too are volunteers, and they too give many hours of commitment to the Home. Each has contributed to the continuing success of the organisation over the past 12 months. Personally, I thank them for the support they have provided to me in my role. It is greatly appreciated.





# ANIMAL CARE & VETERINARY REPORT

**Dr Renae Jackson** BAppSc BVSc MANZCVS GradCertMgmt  
Animal Care Manager

The Animal Care Team at Sydney Dogs & Cats Home are responsible for looking after the animals in our care, reuniting them with their owners or finding them loving new homes. 1330 animals were cared for in 20/21; 444 were reclaimed by their owners and 623 adopted into new homes. Throughout this year, animals were cared for using best practice fear-free and low stress techniques for optimal welfare outcomes. The team was made up of a dedicated group of staff with numerous animal care qualifications and an immeasurable love for animals and overseen by myself, a passionate shelter veterinarian.

Our priority was to reunite animals with their owners, and we achieved this by going above and beyond the legislated requirements. Our staff were frequently out in the community posting lost animal signs, following leads to track down contact details and conducting detailed searches through 'lost pet' communities on social media to find lost animals' owners. By providing assistance with veterinary care, animal care advice and behavioural counselling, we were often able to address the underlying reasons for the animals coming into our care in the first place. Our aim continues to be for every owner to leave SDCH better informed and more capable of caring for their animals than when they arrived.

When we were unable to reunite animals with their owners, they were placed into new homes. To support our goal of matching the right animal with the right family, we conducted adoption counselling sessions, formulated tailored animal care information packs and provided advice and guidance to adopters throughout the process.

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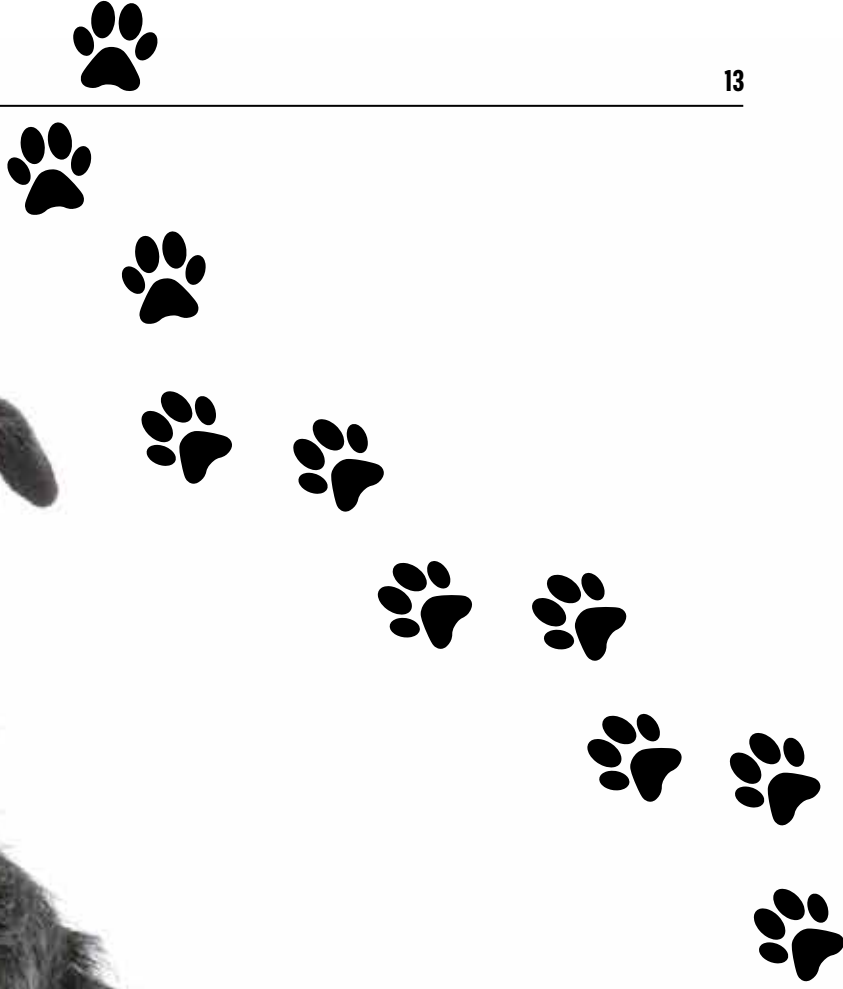
We upheld our belief that barriers to adoption should be reduced as much as possible, both to decrease the amount of time the animals stay in the shelter and to give all people a chance to adopt a beloved pet.

COVID-19 provided a significant challenge to the adoption process. We were able to maintain a high rate of adoptions while minimising exposing our staff and customers to COVID-19. Face-to-face meetings with animals were replaced with video calls, visitors were prohibited from entering the shelter and 'home-delivery' options were developed to combat the difficult conditions.

The foster program continued to expand and improve, with 827 foster placements this year. Foster care is a vital part of caring for the animals; our goal is to have as many animals in foster homes as possible. Our ongoing focus is on recruiting and training carers for special needs animals; large dogs, animals with infectious disease and neonatal kittens.

The veterinary team faced extreme challenges this year; with the veterinary industry in crisis, recruiting much-needed vets and nurses was an almost impossible task. Assistance from other veterinary clinics allowed us to continue caring for our animals despite not having a clinical veterinarian for a significant portion of the year. Despite that, we were able to perform surgeries and ensure that every animal adopted from us was provided with essential treatments, desexed and had any health issues addressed. Recently, we have been successful in recruiting a Head Veterinary Nurse and an experienced and dedicated Head Veterinarian. The veterinary team still have some gaps and the focus for 21/22 will be on establishing a fully staffed, permanent veterinary team.

After a difficult year, I am pleased that we were able to deliver high quality animal outcomes despite enormous challenges. It is a credit to the staff and supporters of SDCH who maintained a positive and hard-working attitude, with the animals the number one priority, throughout it all.





# OPERATIONS REPORT

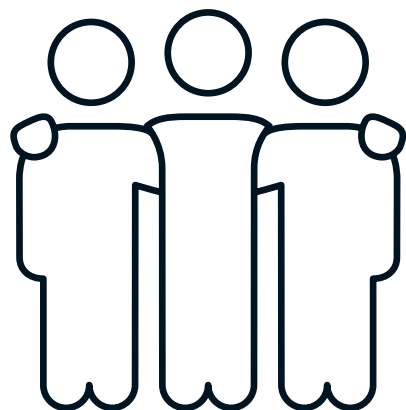
**Dr Michelle Nancarrow**  
Operations Manager

Last financial year saw SDCH maintain existing relationships with 8 Councils (Bayside City, Fairfield City, Georges River, Inner West, North Sydney, Randwick City, Woollahra and Waverley Councils) with all signing new 12-month contracts and accepting fee increases. COVID has had a significant impact on intake and drastically reduced the number of animals brought in through Council. Price increases for animal impounding, and the work that we have been doing with some Councils around better educating members of the public and local vets about grounds for seizure, has also likely driven the intake numbers down through changes in their processes. Discussions are underway to keep our relationships on solid ground through the transition out of Carlton.

	Bayside	Georges River	Fairfield	Inner West	North Sydney	Randwick	Waverley	Woollahra
Dogs In	117	185	208	48	4	21	12	6
Dogs Reclaimed	99	157	85	27	4	12	9	4
Dogs Adopted	12	25	94	19	0	7	3	0
Cats In	250	258	29	0	11	4	7	4
Cats Reclaimed	10	30	0	0	0	0	2	0
Cats Adopted	159	146	20	0	4	1	3	3

## Community Service

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home provides opportunities for people to complete their hours of service to the community. We typically have 10 individuals in this Program in any given week helping out at the shelter. However, we have had to place out Community Service programs on hold during COVID-19 lockdowns. With many of our animals finding homes quickly or entering foster care we have seen low animal numbers and therefore extra help has not been required.



## Aged Care

The Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Aged Care Program gives nursing home residents at Bexley Care Centre the opportunity to be visited from a canine friend. Research has shown that such programs increase resident self-esteem, activity and mental functioning. Each fortnight, two trained volunteers take a shelter dog to visit the care centre for pats and play. The dogs visit individuals in their rooms, and also visit the common area where residents gather. This is one of the highlights of the residents' week, when they can interact with our dogs and get lots of licks and tail wags in return. This enables residents to recall memories of their own pets and allows the opportunity for sensory interactions which some residents otherwise miss.

The program also provides a welcome break from the shelter for our dogs and the chance to interact and socialise with humans outside of shelter staff and volunteers. Like all our community programs, the focus of the Aged Care Program is on mental health and wellbeing. COVID restrictions have had a major effect on our aged care program, as we have not been able to visit the facility as much as we would have liked.



In November 2020, utilising a tablet device, we were able to conduct virtual visits using Zoom from the front veranda of the shelter, our first venture into the world of virtual visits.



During the first half of 2021, when restrictions lifted, SDCH were able to conduct five face-to-face visits between February thru to May 2021. Two of these visits were with our dog resident at the time, Margarita who was featured in the Network 10 Pooches at Play episode. Our next two aged care visits were with Geranium, before the COVID restrictions hit again at the end of June 21.

## Corporate Volunteering and Airbnb

Corporate Volunteering at SDCH recommenced at the end of 2020, with two small groups of two people each in December 2020. During the first half of 2021, we had five corporate groups visit the Home from Atlassian, JMAF, Aurec Group, NAB and Cambridge Associates.

In total, SDCH had 7 corporate groups, which included 24 guests at the end of 2020 and during the first half of 2021. We look forward to inviting corporate volunteering back to SDCH once COVID restrictions are completely lifted and it is safe to do so.

In March and April 2021, we had two groups volunteering from Airbnb. Both of these groups included two guest each.

## Shelter Volunteering Hours

In the 2020 and 2021 financial year, volunteering hours logged at SDCH were approximately 6000 hours. Volunteering included in the kennels and cattery, at events and aged care visits. When we include furcations, transportation and general maintenance, these hours increased to a total estimate volunteer hours 6,500 hours for 20/21 FY.

These hours have reduced from previous year due to the impact of COVID lockdowns and restrictions and the introduction of rostered only volunteering due to low animal numbers. SDCH active volunteer count for shelter and associated activities is approximately 295 total active volunteers.

## Foster Care Volunteering

Number of foster movements in 20/21 FY: **827**

Number of foster homes/carers in 20/21 FY: **303**

## Army Program

Currently, our Army Program is on hold due to COVID and low animal numbers means there was no requirement for extra help.

## Youth Mental Health School Program

Our Youth Mental Health School Program resumed in February 2021 with small student groups of 2-3 students accompanied by a teacher. Students attended on the last Thursday and Friday of each month.



We had visits from:

1. Woniara Rd School, Hurstville attended 4 times with 2-3 students including a sight and hearing-impaired student on Thursday visits.
2. East Hills Girls Technology High School attended on the last Friday of each month and were guided by experienced volunteer Carolyn Greentree. Both groups took part in supervised dog walks with a suitable dog and provided enrichment to cats in the cattery and kittens when they were available.

Each school group attended 4 times during 20 -21.

## Student Placements

1. School of Life and Environmental Sciences (SOLES) Animal and Veterinary Bioscience.

No placements in the last financial year. Three flagged to start in June/July but now postponed.

2. Course: ACM 20117 Certificate II Animal Studies, TAFE Ultimo
  - 6 students enrolled
  - 3 active volunteers with SDCH









# FUNDRAISING & MARKETING REPORT

**Rebecca Beare**  
Head of Fundraising & Marketing

As I write this report, I note that I have just surpassed the 8-month mark. I want to say what a pleasure it has been working with you all since beginning here back in March 2021. Thank you for making me feel welcome. Your collective energy, passion and dedication to the ‘Happy Pound’ is very much present. I have learnt so much about animal care over the last eight months and I look forward to learning more about the animal welfare industry and what it is that we all do to at the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home over the coming years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of Laura Sharp who single handily held down the fort after Faith Harrsen’s departure and in the absence of a Head of Fundraising & Marketing earlier this year. This is Laura’s second year with us at Sydney Dog & Cats Home. In this time, Laura has steadily increased our engagement with stakeholders across our website and all our digital media platforms. Laura has also taken on the creation of all campaign assets in house, which has resulted in a fantastic increase across all of our campaign return on investment for the Kitten Kitty and End of Financial Year campaign in the 2020-2021 financial year.

Campaign 20	Raised \$	Donations #	ROI %
Senior Pet Project	\$8,105	146	574.44%
Christmas Appeal	\$105,615.48	733	357.93%
Kitten Kitty	\$49,678	324	2458.62%
EOFY	\$182,068.52	957	1685%

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home had a great year in the media, with our ‘12 Kittens of Christmas’, blood donor dog Chestnut and young Return & Earn fundraising superstar Vaughn finding themselves in the local newspaper or TV to spread awareness for the Home and its furry residents.

COVID -19 restrictions stopped many of our scheduled and planned events in the 2020-2021 financial year. However, we managed to represent Sydney Dogs & Cats Home at North Sydney Council’s Bark in the Park as the charity partner and Pound Paws Dog Day. We also managed to relaunch our Corporate Snuggle program, which saw our team supported by many volunteers engage with many corporate community stakeholders while cuddling various adorable puppies.

The following financial year ahead sees our Fundraising & Marketing team grow with Tessa Miles, who joined the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home staff team in July as our Events & Community Engagement Executive. Tessa’s professional background is in communications, events, and marketing. She is excited to design and deliver a variety of community engagement initiatives and events, including our Gala event in the coming year as COVID-19 restrictions lift.

While Laura and Tessa will deliver the business-as-usual campaigns over the coming financial year, I will concentrate on delivering our Capital Campaign project plan, which sees us tasked with raising \$15 million to build stages one and two of our new purpose-built shelter at Kurnell. This campaign will see us lobby the Federal, State and Local governments for support and approach various corporate and philanthropic organisations and our community stakeholders to help fund the project. I am excited to share the campaign’s assets developed over the last six months with you in the 2021-2022 financial year.







# KURNELL PROJECT SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

**Melissa Penn**

Kurnell Project Sub Committee Chair

With the DA Approval being announced in October 2020, we have spent this year working through the detailed designs to get us ready to go to tender for Construction. This has involved weekly meetings with the architects and project manager (Therian) and a lot of work within our team to ensure we have everything considered for the functional requirements of the new home. All our design decisions have been made ensuring best practise (and beyond) is adopted for the ideal experience and outcomes for the animals in our care.

We are incorporating environmentally sustainable and energy saving solutions to future proof our home and reduce ongoing operational costs, such as:

- Solar Panels for energy usage
- Rainwater harvesting for cleaning, toilets and irrigation
- Using energy efficient LEDs
- Infrastructure to implement electric car charging stations
- Use of recycled materials where possible
- Green building design to maximise natural cooling and ventilation.





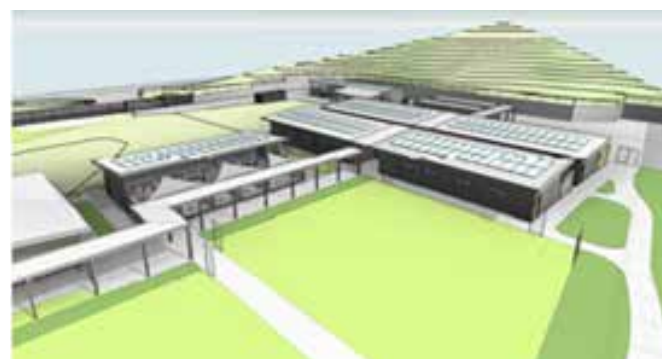
Careful consideration has been put into the use and flow of the site, to ensure staff, volunteers and visitors feel they are in a comfortable and safe environment, enabling easy and efficient interaction with our animals.

October 2021 we are submitting a modification application to Sutherland Shire Council to include covered walkways between kennels and offices, and shade sails for the outdoor yards on the kennels - to ensure staff, volunteers and animals have protection from the weather. We are hoping this will be approved early in 2022.

To progress past the detailed design work and move to tender and construction, we will need the funds in place.

To recap, Stage 1 will comprise the following inclusions:

- Temporary reception/administration/vet clinic
- Temporary cat pavilion
- 5 of 6 dog kennel buildings
- 3 exercise yards
- Maintenance shed (will act for Stage 1 as the impound facility, food prep, washing facilities and will include a shower and toilet)
- Car parking for 31 cars.





# TREASURER'S REPORT

**Michael Glendinning**  
Board Treasurer

What a year we have just experienced. Like many other organisations, the SDCH has experienced the ups and downs that go hand in hand with a global pandemic.

Notwithstanding this, the result for the year shows a breakeven position for the year, which under the circumstances is extremely pleasing. More importantly, operating results have shown a good result from December 2020 through to June 2021 where the home generated a surplus of approximately \$130K, demonstrating that when there is a degree of normality, the home can generate a reasonable surplus.

The summary of the result is as follows:

Item	FY21	FY20	Comment
Revenue summary	\$1,770,202	\$2,196,132	
One off items	\$261,000		COVID Government Support
Overheads	\$1,822,262	\$2,310,867	
Net Surplus	\$18,380	(\$114,735)	

As noted above, one of the key contributors to the Result for the year is the contribution that came from government grants, the largest of which was JobKeeper. These were one off income contributions, and clearly is no longer applicable in FY22. However, we will of course continue to apply for any applicable grants that are offered as support during these COVID times.

In terms of focus for the coming year, it should be noted that a lot of effort has been input into resolving operational issues, whilst also planning for the longer-term build of our new home. The challenge for FY22 will be to ensure that the SDCH ensures:

Business as usual income generation (including fund raising and bequests) is sufficient to ensure that day to day overheads are covered, and ideally we can generate a surplus for the year;

Resource needs are aligned to the funds able to be raised – the staff and volunteers perform an extraordinary job to run the home, however, it is clear that we are under resourced in key areas of veterinary space and administrative support, in particular with CRM. This will be a constant challenge as the home will need additional support and the Senior Leadership

Team and the Board are constantly considering how to ensure that resources are balanced between cash and "in kind" whilst delivering the key objective of the home.

Relocation from Carlton such that we have consolidated the home into the one location, whilst ensuring that the Board and the Senior Leadership Team can concentrate on the Kurnell relocation project. It's worth noting that it is likely that staff will be located across at least the following locations once we depart Carlton:

- Strathfield
- An animal boarding location
- Work from home as not all staff will fit at Strathfield. Once consideration is that we may need to consider leasing shared office space (not budgeted for)
- Capital raising for the Kurnell construction.

In terms of cash, we finished the financial year with a cash balance (cash and term deposits) of \$972,264. This of course is to be split between the relocation project, and day to day running of The Home.



# FINANCIAL REPORT



**SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME INC**  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

The Executive Committee members present the financial report of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2021.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The names of the Executive Committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Peter Sharp	Rebecca Swinfield (appointed Oct 2020)
Melissa Penn	Alison McGulgan (retired Oct 2020)
Alyssa Carter (retired Nov 2020)	Eilla Eaton (retired Nov 2020)
Karen Kirton (retired Nov 2020)	Michael Glendinning (appointed Nov 2020)
Jayne Morley (appointed Nov 2020)	Stephanie Yaeger (appointed Nov 2020)
Amanda Stokes (appointed Nov 2020) 22/10/21)	Mark Hearnden (appointed 25/8/20 retired)

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were:

The provision of care for abandoned and neglected pets across Sydney and to responsibly reunite, rehome and rehabilitate the companion animals in our care. Offering a range of mental health focused community programs helping both the animals in care and members of the community.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**OPERATING RESULT**

The surplus (loss) after providing for income tax amounted to \$ 18,380 (2020 Loss \$114,735)

**LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS**

The Association will relocate from its Carlton premises over the next 6 months and will operate primarily from its Strathfield site. Some animal boarding services will be delivered offsite via contracted 3<sup>rd</sup> party arrangements; however, animal care will continue to be delivered by staff of the Association. The above changes may affect the operations of the Association over this period.

**INSURANCE OF OFFICERS**

During the financial year, the Association paid a premium to insure the Association for legal liability in respect of the activities of the Association.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Association.

Chair:

Dated this

10<sup>th</sup> day of

October

2021

Peter Sharp | President



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS and BUSINESS ADVISORS

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

SYDNEY DOGS AND CATS HOME INC.

### Opinion

We have audited the attached financial report of Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. ("the entity") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of recognised income and expenditure, cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the Executive Committee.

In our opinion, except for the matter referred to in the Basis of Qualified Opinion below, the accompanying financial report of Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. is in accordance with Div. 60 of the Australian Charities and not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Div. 60 of the Australian Charities and not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013 .

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

Cash from fundraising events is a significant source of revenue for Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. Although the Committee have implemented systems of controls to ensure the monies received are properly recorded in the accounting records, it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of revenue from these sources prior to entry into its financial records.

Our audit procedures with respect to revenue from these sources had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records, As a result, we are unable to express an opinion as to whether revenue from fundraising is complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Executive Committee in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ACNC Act and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our opinion.

### Responsibilities of the Executive Committee for the financial report

The executive committee members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 The executive committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the members determine in necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the members are responsible for assessing the Committee's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the members either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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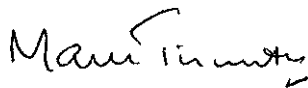
### **Auditor's responsibility**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Committee's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members' use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Committee's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieved fair representation.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



**MARK TINWORTH**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

Dated this 10th day of October 2021

**SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME INC**  
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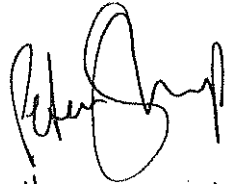
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Association the financial report, as set out on pages 7 to 24 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 and

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by:

Chair:



Peter Sharp | President

Dated this

10<sup>th</sup> day of October

2021



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**STATEMENT BY THE BOARD IN RESPECT OF FUNDRAISING APPEALS**

We the Executive Committee of the association declare that to the best of our knowledge and having regard to internal controls and audit procedures undertaken at the company, we are satisfied that:

- (a) the Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income gives a true and fair view of income and expenditure of the association with respect to the fundraising appeals; and
- (b) the Statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fund raising appeals conducted by the association; and
- (c) the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations under that Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with; and
- (d) the internal controls exercised by the association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organization from any of its fundraising appeals.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee.

Chair:



Peter Sharp | President

Dated this

10th day of October 2021

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue from continuing operations	2	2,025,735	2,185,935
Interest received		5,467	10,197
Administration expense		(110,408)	(119,856)
Cost of goods sold		(152,400)	(191,678)
Fundraising expenses		(183,972)	(293,987)
Employment expenses		(1,164,696)	(1,287,666)
Finance expenses		(34,670)	(39,253)
Occupancy expenses		(318,934)	(321,219)
Operational expenses		(38,553)	(47,627)
Other expenses		<u>(9,189)</u>	<u>(9,581)</u>
<b>Surplus (loss) before income tax</b>		18,380	(114,735)
Income tax expense	1	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Surplus (loss) for the year after income tax</b>		<u>18,380</u>	<u>(114,735)</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		-	-
Income tax expense on other comprehensive income	1	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year after tax		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u>18,380</u>	<u>(114,735)</u>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	972,264	1,123,586
Trade receivables	6	103,115	77,870
Other current assets	7	1,907	65,818
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,077,286</u>	<u>1,267,274</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	8	1,222,668	1,210,578
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSET</b>		<u>1,222,668</u>	<u>1,210,578</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>2,299,954</u>	<u>2,477,852</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & other payables	9	126,367	210,966
Lease liability	10	126,955	152,740
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>253,322</u>	<u>363,706</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITES</b>			
Lease Liability	10	484,830	570,724
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>484,830</u>	<u>570,724</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>738,152</u>	<u>934,430</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,561,802</u>	<u>1,543,422</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained earnings		1,561,802	1,543,422
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>1,561,802</u>	<u>1,543,422</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.



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**STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Balance 1 July 2018	1,612,301
Profit(loss) for the 2019 year	<u>51,473</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2019</b>	<b>1,663,774</b>
Profit (loss) for the 2020 year	(114,735)
AABS 16 Leases, cumulative effect recognised	<u>(5,617)</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>1,543,422</b>
Profit for the 2021 year	<u>18,380</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2021</b>	<b><u>1,561,802</u></b>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Members' & customers' receipts		1,214,888	1,203,227
Donors receipts		785,602	991,350
Interest received		5,467	10,197
Finance costs		(34,671)	(39,523)
Payments to suppliers		<u>(1,828,997)</u>	<u>(2,110,269)</u>
<b>Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities</b>	14	<u>142,289</u>	<u>54,982</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing</b>			
Lease repayment		(111,679)	(129,352)
Payment for plant & equipment		<u>(181,932)</u>	<u>(182,836)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>		<u>(293,611)</u>	<u>(312,188)</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		(151,322)	(257,206)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		<u>1,123,586</u>	<u>1,380,792</u>
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	5	<u>972,264</u>	<u>1,123,586</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report covers the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. as an individual entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Charities and not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial report, with the exception of the cash flow information, has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs, modified, where applicable by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the accounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**Financial Instruments**

**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the date that the entity commits itself to either the purchase or sale of an asset.

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case the transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivable do not contain a significant financing component or if the practical expedient has been applied as specified in AASB 15.

**Classification and subsequent measurement**

**Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- Amortised cost, or
- Fair value through profit and loss

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit and loss if the financial liability is:

- A contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3 applies
- Held for trading, or
- Initially designated as at fair value through profit and loss



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All other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest expense in profit or loss over the relevant period.

The effective interest rate is the internal rate of return of the financial asset or liability. That is, it is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount at initial recognition.

**Financial asset**

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- Amortised cost
- Fair value through other comprehensive income
- Fair value through profit and loss

Measurement is on the basis of the two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset, and
- the business model for managing the financial assets

A financial asset is subsequently measured at amortised cost when it meets the following conditions:

- the financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates.

A financial asset is subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income when it meets the following conditions:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income's measurement condition are subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss.

The entity initially designates financial instruments as measured at fair value through profit and loss if:

- it eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognizing the gains and losses on them on different bases.
- It is in accordance to the documented risk management or investment strategy and information about the groupings was documented appropriately, so the performance of the financial liability that was part of the entity of financial liabilities or financial assets can be managed and evaluated consistently on a fair value basis; and

It is a hybrid contract that contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows otherwise required by the contract.

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**Derecognition**

Derecognition refers to the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from the statement of financial position.

Derecognition of financial liabilities:

A liability is derecognised when it is extinguished. An exchange of an existing financial liability for a new one with substantial modified terms, or a substantial modification to the terms of a financial liability, is treated as an extinguishment of the existing liability and recognition of a new financial liability.

The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets:

A financial asset is derecognised when the holder's contractual rights to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

All of the following criteria need to be satisfied for derecognition of financial asset:

- The right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or been transferred;
- All risk and rewards of ownership of the asset have been substantially transferred; and
- The entity no longer controls the asset

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in the profit or loss.

**Impairment**

At each reporting date, the board assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**De-recognition**

Financial assets are de-recognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are de-recognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and their fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

**Depreciation of Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis. All assets are depreciated using the straight line basis so as to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life to the association. Depreciation rates used for each class of asset are:

Plant & Equipment

5% -50%

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An asset carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the assets carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

**Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability

**Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries and annual leave which will be settled after one year have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements. Contributions are made to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred. The company has no legal obligation to provide benefits to employees on retirement.

**Revenue**

Membership revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received and is brought to account on a receipts basis during the year. The membership year currently runs from 1 January to 31 December.

Interest revenue is recognised proportionally using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Service Tax ("GST").

**Goods and Services Tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the ATO, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense or for receivables or payables which are recognised inclusive of GST where applicable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables.

**Cash and Cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, net of bank overdrafts

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The Executive Committee evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group.

**Key estimates - impairment**

The Association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use or current replacement



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**Key estimates – impairment (cont)**

calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

**Comparative figures**

When required by accounting standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current year.

**New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods**

**Initial application of AASB 16**

The entity has adopted *AASB 16 Leases* retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying AASB 16 recognised at 1 July 2019. In accordance with AASB 16, the comparatives for the 2019 reporting period have not been restated as the association has chosen to apply AASB 16 retrospectively with cumulative effect. The simplified transition approach is the entity's chosen approach: thus, the comparative amounts for the year prior to first adoption are not restated. While the right-of-use assets for leases have been measured on transition if the new rules had always been applied.

The entity has recognised a lease liability and a right-of-use asset for all leases (with the exception for short term and low value leases) recognised as operating leases under AASB 117 Leases where the entity is the lessee.

The lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments. The entity's incremental borrowing rate as at 1 July 2019 was used to discount the lease payments.

The following practical expedients have been used by the entity in applying AASB 16 for the first time:

- For a portfolio of leases that have reasonably similar characteristics, a single discount rate has been applied.
- Leases that have remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 July 2019 have been accounted for in the same way as short-term leases.
- The use of hindsight to determine lease terms on contracts that have options to extend or terminate.
- Applying AASB 16 to leases previously identified as leases under *AASB 117: Leases and Interpretation 4: Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease* without reassessing whether they are, or contain, a lease at the date of the initial application.
- Not applying AASB 16 to leases previously identified as containing a lease under AASB 117 and Interpretation 4.

**New and Amended Accounting Policies Adopted by the Company**

**Initial adoption of AASB 2020-05: COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions**

AASB 2020-04: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions* amends AASB 16 by providing a practical expedient that permits lessees to assess whether rent concessions that occur as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and, if certain conditions are met, account for those rent concessions as if they were not lease modifications.

**Initial adoption of AASB 2018-6: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of a Business**

- AASB: 2018-7: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of Material*

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods (cont'd)**

This amendment principally amends AASB 101 and AASB 1008 by refining the definition of material by improving the wording and aligning the definition across the standards issues by the AASB.

**New and Amended Accounting Policies Not Yet Adopted by the Company**

***AASB 106: General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities***

- The AASB has issued AASB 1060: *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities*. AASB 1060 defines the disclosure requirements for Tier 2 general purpose financial statements, as defined by Australian Accounting Standards, and serves as a replacement for the existing Reduced Disclosure Regime.

AASB 1060 may be early-adopted and is mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2021 (and is mandatory for the Company's 30 June 2022 year-end).

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>2 REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME</b>		
Operational revenue	1,165,232	1,078,092
Fundraising revenue	832,063	991,350
Sales of goods & services	18,093	90,028
Other	10,347	26,465
	<u>2,025,735</u>	<u>2,185,935</u>
<b>3 SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		
Determined after taking account of:		
-Depreciation	169,842	175,859
-Employment expenses	1,164,696	1,287,666
-Fundraising expenses	183,972	293,987
	<u>1,518,510</u>	<u>1,757,512</u>
<b>4 AUDITORS REMUNERATION</b>		
Auditing financial report	5,000	4,800
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,800</u>
<b>5 CASH</b>		
Cash at bank	348,045	304,739
Term deposits	624,219	818,847
	<u>972,264</u>	<u>1,123,586</u>
The effective interest rate on bank deposits was 0.52% (2020 0.81%); these deposits have an average maturity of 90 days		
<b>6 TRADE RECEIVABLES</b>		
Trade receivables	103,115	77,870
	<u>103,115</u>	<u>77,870</u>

Current trade receivables are non-interest bearing loans and generally are receivable within 30 days.

**Credit risk**

The Association has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties. The following table details the Association's receivable exposed to credit risk with ageing analysis and impairment provided thereon. Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled within the terms and conditions agreed between the Association and the counterparty to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining their willingness to pay and are provided for where there are specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the Association. The balances of receivables that remain within initial terms (as detailed in the table) are considered to be of high credit quality.





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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>8 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont)</b>		
<b>Movement in carrying amounts</b>		
Movement in carrying amounts for each class or plant and equipment between the beginning and end of the current financial year		
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,210,578	373,592
Additions	181,932	182,836
Introduction of AASB 16 - leases	-	830,009
Depreciation expense	<u>(169,842)</u>	<u>(175,859)</u>
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<u><b>1,222,668</b></u>	<u><b>1,210,578</b></u>
<b>9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Trade and other payable	115,194	210,966
GST Payable	<u>11,173</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><b>126,367</b></u>	<u><b>210,966</b></u>
Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables		
Trade and other payables		
Trade and other payables	126,367	210,966
- less total employee entitlements	63,233	66,981
- less GST	<u>11,173</u>	<u>-</u>
Financial liabilities as trade & other payables	<u><b>51,961</b></u>	<u><b>143,985</b></u>
No collateral has been pledged for any of the trade and other payables balances.		
<b>10 LEASE LIABILITY</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Operating lease liability	126,955	152,740
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Operating lease liability	<u>484,830</u>	<u>570,724</u>
	<u><b>611,785</b></u>	<u><b>723,464</b></u>

**11 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Association is not aware of any contingent liabilities that are in existence at the date of the signing of this report.

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$

**12 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been significantly affecting the financial environment. There is a possibility that it will significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of these operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

As at the date of this report, it is not possible to reliably estimate the financial effect (if any) of the virus on the Association's operations.

There have been no other significant events occurring after the reporting period which may affect either the Association's operations or results of those operations or the Association's state of affairs.

**13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No Executive Committee member receives directly or indirectly any fees, bonuses or other remuneration as a consequence of their appointment to the Executive Committee. Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

**14 CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

<b>Reconciliation of profit or loss from ordinary Activities after income tax with net cash flows from Operations</b>		
Net profit (loss) after income tax	18,380	(114,735)
Depreciation	169,842	175,859
AASB 16 adjustment	-	17,190
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- Decrease (increase) in receivables	(25,245)	8,642
- Decrease (increase) in other assets	63,911	15,989
- (Decrease) Increase in trade & other payables	(80,852)	(20,508)
- (Decrease) Increase in provisions	(3,747)	(27,455)
<b>Net Cash (used in) provided by operations</b>	<b>142,289</b>	<b>54,982</b>

**15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Financial risk management**

The Association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

The Association does not have any derivative financial instruments at 30 June 2021.

**Financial Risk Management Policies**

The Executive Committee's overall risk management strategy seeks to assist the Association in meeting its financial targets, whilst minimising potential adverse effects on financial performance. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the Executive Committee on a regular basis. The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont)</b>		
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	348,045	304,739
Short term deposits	624,219	818,847
Receivables	105,022	143,688
	1,077,286	1,267,274
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade & other payables	51,961	143,985
	1,025,325	1,123,289

**i. Treasury risk management**

A finance committee consisting of senior committee members meet on a regular basis to analyse currency and interest rate exposure and to evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

**ii. Financial risks**

The main risks the Association is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

**Interest rate risk**

All financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing except for the following:  
Cash assets at an average interest rate for the year of 0.81% (2020 0.81%)

**Foreign currency risk**

The Association is not exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies

**Interest rate risk**

The Association's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and this will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments.

**Floating rate instruments**

Cash & cash equivalents	348,045	304,739
Short term deposits	624,219	818,847
	972,264	1,123,586

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Association might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities

The Association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- obtaining funding from various sources
- maintaining a reputable credit profile
- managing credit risk related to financial assets
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions
- comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets.

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont'd)</b>		
<b>Financial liability and financial asset maturity analysis</b>		
	<b>Within one year</b>	
Financial liabilities due for payment		
Trade & other payables	<u>51,961</u>	<u>143,985</u>
Financial assets – cash flows realisable		
Cash & cash equivalents	972,264	1,123,586
Trade & other receivables	<u>105,022</u>	<u>143,688</u>
	<u>1,077,286</u>	<u>1,267,274</u>

**Foreign exchange risk**

The Association is not exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies.

**Credit risk**

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the Association. Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures ensuring, to the extent possible, that customers and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness and includes utilisation of systems for that approval, granting and renewal of credit limits, the regular monitoring of exposures against such limits and the monitoring of the financial stability of significant customers and counterparties. Such monitoring is used in assessing receivables for impairment. Credit terms are normally 14-30 days from the date of invoice. Customers that do not meet the Association's strict credit policies may only purchase in cash or using recognised credit cards. Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain high credit rating or in entities that the finance committee has otherwise cleared as being financially sound.

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at balance date, excluding the value of any collateral or other security held, is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the balance sheet.

The Association has no significant concentration of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

The Association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered in to by the Association.

Credit risk related to balances with banks and other financial institutions is managed by the finance committee in accordance with approved Executive Committee policy. Such policy requires that surplus funds are only invested counterparties with a Standard & Poor's (S&P) rating of at least an A rating. The following table provides information regarding the credit risk relating to cash based on S&P counterparty credit ratings.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

AA- rated	<u>972,264</u>	<u>1,123,586</u>
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**Price risk**

The Association is not exposed to any material commodity price risk.



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	\$	\$
<b>15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont'd)</b>		
<b>Net fair values</b>		

**Fair value estimation**

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are presented in the following table and can be compared to their carrying values as presented in the balance sheet. Fair values are those amounts at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Fair values derived may be based on information that is estimated or subject to judgement, where changes in assumptions may have a material impact on the amounts estimated, Areas of judgement and the assumptions have been detailed below.

Differences between fair values and carrying values of financial instruments with fixed interest rates are due to the change in discount rates being applied by the market since their initial recognition by the Association.

	2021		2020	
	Net carrying value	Net fair value	Net carrying value	Net fair value
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash & cash equivalents	972,264	972,264	1,123,586	1,123,586
Receivables	103,115	103,115	143,688	143,688
Total financial assets	1,075,379	1,075,379	1,267,274	1,267,274
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Trade & other payables	51,961	51,961	143,985	143,985
Total financial liabilities	51,961	51,961	143,985	143,985

The fair values disclosed in the above table have been determined based on the following methodologies:

- (i) Cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are short term instruments in nature whose carrying value is equivalent to fair value.

**16 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING INFORMATION**

Total income received by the Association comprises fundraising income from other sources. The following information on income and expenses of fundraising appeals is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Best Practice Guidelines for charitable organisations.

**Fundraising Comparisons by percentage**

Cost of fundraising to total income from fundraising	22.11%
Surplus from fundraising to gross income from fundraising	77.89%
Costs of fundraising services to total expenditure	9.14%
Costs of fundraising services to total income received	9.05%

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**17 Sensitivity analysis**

The Executive Committee considers that the only material market risk arises in holding cash and cash equivalents. Should interest rates increased/decreased by 2%, the entities profit and equity would have increased/decreased by approximately \$20,941.

**18 ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

The registered office of the Association is:

SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME INC  
77 Edward Street  
Carlton NSW 2218

The principal place of business is:

SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME INC  
77 Edward Street  
Carlton NSW 2218

**SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME INC**  
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**CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

I, Peter Sharp of Sydney

and I, Michael Glendinning of Sydney

certify that:

- a We are members of the Executive Committee of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc.
- b We attended the annual general meeting of the Association held in November 2021
- c We are authorised by the attached resolution of the Executive Committee to sign this certificate
- d This annual statement was submitted to the members of the Association at its annual general meeting

Dated this        day of                    2021.

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Peter Sharp (President)

.....  
Michael Glendinning (Treasurer)

# TINWORTH & Co

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS and BUSINESS ADVISORS

## COMPILATION REPORT

### TO SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME INC

On the basis of information provided by the Executive Committee of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc., we have compiled in accordance with APES 315: 'Statement on Compilation of Financial Reports', the special purpose financial report of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2021, as set out in the attached Detailed Profit and Loss Statement.


The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is to provide private information to the Executive Committee. No Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements have been adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial report.

The Executive Committee is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to satisfy the requirements of the Executive Committee.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, into a financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the association, may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the special purpose financial report without having an audit or review conducted.

The special purpose financial report was prepared for the benefit of the association and its members and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.



**MARK TINWORTH**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

North Sydney, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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# INFOGRAPHIC STATS

In the 2020-2021 financial year, Sydney Dogs & Cats Home achieved the following:

## INCOMING MOVEMENT



**618**  
DOGS  
46.4%



**645**  
CATS  
48.49%



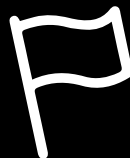
**67**  
ALL OTHER  
5%



**1330**  
TOTAL  
INCOMING



**1250**  
FROM COUNCIL  
94%



**80**  
SURRENDERS  
6%

## OUTGOING MOVEMENT



**444**  
OUTGOING  
RECLAIM  
33.38%



**623**  
OUTGOING  
ADOPTION  
46.84%



**1067**  
TOTAL  
OUTGOING

## OTHER



**827**  
FOSTER CARE  
PLACEMENT



**303**  
FOSTER CARE  
HOMES



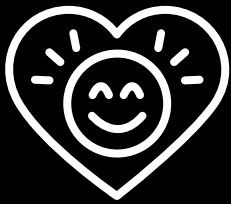
**6500**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

## EUTHANASED



**107**  
TOTAL  
8.04%

Decrease by 12% from previous 19/20 FY year (20.7%),  
12% 18/19 FY (20.62%), 19% 17/18 FY (27.83%)



# HAPPY TAILS JASPER

## Hurricane Jasper

When Jasper (previously Jammie) arrived as a 4-week old kitten, he had fleas and a ruptured right eye. Despite the fact his eye was bulging from its socket, he was a bright little boy who was affectionate and friendly, rubbing against our veterinary staff like nothing was wrong.

We had to act fast to help Jasper. Our vets started him on pain relief and flea treatment and booked him in for surgery for his eye. Suspected to be from an advanced case of cat flu, Jasper's eye was unviable and had to be removed to relieve his discomfort and swelling.

Jasper got stitched up and spent his recovery in a comfy foster home with our Volunteer Coordinator Sue, who gave him all the time and creature comforts he needed to heal. He started experiencing mild discharge from his nose, indicating he still had cat flu so he was treated with antibiotics in foster care, which resolved swiftly.

Jasper didn't let his ordeal slow him down. Throughout the rehabilitation process, he was playful, cuddly and even learned to walk on a harness and lead in Sue's backyard.

Last week, after just seven weeks of rest and recovery, Jasper the one-eyed kitten found the purrfect forever home with Stacey, Mark and their senior Kelpie Angus. They recently lost their senior cat and wanted to give a home to a cat who needed a little extra love.

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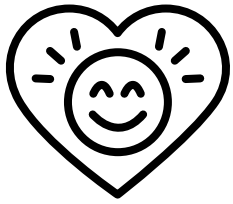
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Within a day, Jasper was right at home. He's made best friends with Angus and has earned himself the nickname 'Hurricane Jasper'. He has not let his disability slow him down. In fact, with his parents working from home, he's taken to jumping on their desks, typing emails and knocking office supplies onto the floor – all in a day's work.

Stacey tells us she and Mark are completely in love with Jasper and he's the perfect cat. He might be bouncing around like crazy one minute and snuggling on their lap the next.

Jasper is one of many cats who arrive at the Home with complications caused by cat flu. If you'd like to help provide the resources we need to rehabilitate pets like Jasper, please make a donation today:  
[www.sydneydogsandcatshome.org/donate](http://www.sydneydogsandcatshome.org/donate)





# HAPPY TAILS KING

## King Adopted After Nine Months In Care

King was one of the Home's longest-standing feline residents, spending nine months in our care before finding his forever home in March this year.

For a very long time, King was a crabby kitty and didn't want anything to do with humans. He'd come from a colony where he clearly had minimal human interaction. He spent a few months in the cattery at the Home getting used to the sights and sounds, hiding away in his boxes. Month by month he would gain a little confidence and eventually he started to explore the cattery. Four months on, he was accepting pats from his favourite people. Everyone else would receive his 'boxer paws'. It wasn't long before he learned to play. He particularly loved using his boxing skills on wand toys.

Almost nine months into his stay and King ruled the cattery. He knew what he liked, what he didn't, and especially what he loved – food. We had never seen such an insatiable cat.

Our Animal Care Team had to 'King proof' the food containers and put him on a special diet. King wasn't receiving much interest when visitors met him in the cattery. He tended to be aloof with new people and has Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). While cats with FIV often live long and healthy lives, they sometimes have difficulty finding a family willing to monitor potential symptoms associated with their weakened immunity.

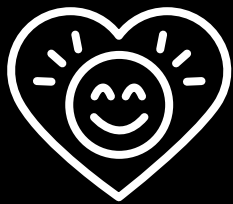
To give King a taste of home life, the Animal Care Team decided to send King into a foster home. He went home with one of our office staff Laura, who noticed swift changes in his behaviour: "For the first few days he wouldn't come out from under the furniture and I was worried he'd regressed. My partner and I used food to coax him out for short periods, which worked a treat. Within two weeks he transformed from a shy, angry kitty who 'King hit' us when we tried to touch him to an affectionate, confident companion who actually enjoyed our company."

Shortly after King went into foster care, the Home received an unexpected application from Yvetta, who was interested in adopting King. We organised for Yvetta to meet King via Facetime and she decided instantly he was the right fit for her home. "He sounded like a bit of a challenge. He also looked cute yet serious," Yvetta said.

"For the first few weeks, King was very timid. Even after he got more used to the place he seemed to be quite scared of us. But now he's much more comfortable, friendly and playful, and a lot more receptive to pats. Other than eating, King really enjoys playing with us. Although he mostly ignores the toys we've got him and prefers just a piece of string. He also loves to lie in the morning sun that shines through our lounge room window."

King is one of the many furry reasons why the Home supports the [Getting to Zero](#) movement and never places a time limit on any animal awaiting adoption – so we can achieve amazing outcomes for pets like King!





# HAPPY TAILS CHESTNUT



## Chestnut The Staffy Saves Poisoned Puppy

Chestnut the Staffy saved a Kelpie puppy's life, after providing a blood donation to help cure the effects of rat bait poisoning.

The 10-week-old puppy named Blu had been rushed to the vet hospital next door to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, where they discovered she had consumed rat bait poison before she was purchased, and was suffering breathing difficulties and internal bleeding that would normally be fatal.

Blu desperately needed a blood donation, so the vet hospital made an urgent call to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, and our vet team sent over Chestnut the Staffy.

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Animal Care Manager Renae said it was a carefully considered decision to send Chestnut to help save Blu.

"We of course made certain that Chestnut's health and welfare would not be compromised by donating blood and we provided all the care and support she needed to recover," she said.

"This was an unusual situation for us but we're glad that we could help save the life of a young pup. There is a real shortage of animal blood donors so we would encourage all pet owners to consider whether their pet could donate blood and be a hero too," she said.

Thanks to Chestnut's blood donation, Blu has been in full health and is keeping her owner Corey on his toes with her newfound energy.

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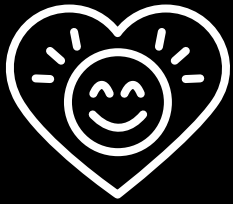
Chestnut has also recovered well and has since been happily chewing away at the veggie pigs ears kindly donated by Blu's owner Corey.

Corey has also enquired about adopting Chestnut, but she's had to respectfully decline as she prefers to be spoiled as the only dog in the home.

Chestnut was one of Sydney Dogs & Cats Home's longest-standing canine resident in care, having arrived as a lost dog in December. She was adopted in early April 2021.

Chestnut may be short in stature, but she's big in personality and has lots of energy for walks and adventures in her new home.





# HAPPY TAILS APRICOT

## Pets Like Apricot Come To Us Lost And In Desperate Need Of Help

Apricot the Mini Poodle-x arrived at Sydney Dogs & Cats Home in April, lost, scared and clearly in a lot of pain. Her ears were swollen and filled with thick discharge, she was urinating blood every few minutes and her skin was red, inflamed and scabby with patches of fur missing around her chest and paws.

To minimise stress, Apricot had to be sedated for a full exam and pathology, which revealed she had dental disease, a skin allergy, ear infections and bladder stones. She required a great deal of veterinary care, but with our vet team half of what it was before the pandemic, we had to outsource her surgeries to an external vet clinic.

We're fortunate to work with external vet clinics that provide heavily discounted rates, so we can continue to treat pets like Apricot. With their assistance, we were able to quickly diagnose and relieve her discomfort.

We invested more than \$3,350 to transform Apricot during her first month of care, which included an ear flush, dental surgery and a procedure to remove the stones in her urinary bladder.

Apricot went into a foster home where she could recover in comfort. This is where her playful personality started to shine. Within days of her bladder surgery, she was like a new dog, racing around and fetching things like a young pup.

Less than two weeks later, Apricot was adopted by her foster family, where she can receive ongoing treatment for her life-long skin allergies.

As Apricot learns what it's like to be loved, pets just like her are arriving at our doorstep, equally as scared and in just as much pain as she was on the day she first arrived at our door.

We want to thank our community for helping us raise \$180,000, which will allow us to continue to provide animals arriving at Sydney Dogs & Cats Home with the essential veterinary treatment they so often require.

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOU

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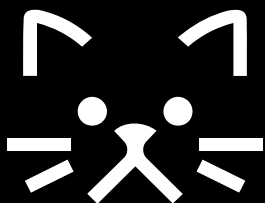
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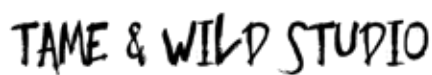
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