





# SYDNEY DOGS & CATS HOME

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date:** 14/4/2022

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### Headline:

Sydney Animal Shelter Urgent Call Out For Foster Carers As Adoptions Drop

### Lead:

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home has seen a spike in companion animals being brought to the shelter and is urgently calling for anybody interested in becoming a foster carer for a rescue animal to reach out and help ease capacity numbers.

### Body:

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home is experiencing a spike in animals coming into the shelter and urgently calling Sydneysiders who are interested in becoming animal foster carers to reach out and foster an animal.

The shelter, which is Sydney's only charity pound, has been experiencing an increase in the number of animals brought in by council rangers who are either lost, abandoned, or neglected and are often finding they are at capacity. The influx of animals brought in each week isn't equal to how many are finding their forever homes or being placed into foster care.

The team at the shelter is sending out an urgent call to anybody who may be interested in fostering a rescue animal. Fostering an animal is an excellent opportunity to enjoy having a pet in your home without the long-term responsibility or financial commitment. Fostering an animal can be a short-term experience such as a few days to a few weeks, to a more long-term commitment. The benefits of fostering a rescue animal include giving them a break from the shelter environment and allowing them the opportunity to let their true personalities shine, helping them adjust and find their forever homes.

General Manager, Melissa Penn says "Sydney Dogs & Cats Home has a great network of foster carers, but we have seen an increase of animals coming to us over the last couple of months and are urgently needing new foster carers. We are especially looking for foster carers who can take in large dogs and shower them with the love and care they deserve and give them the best chance to find their forever homes."

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer for Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, you can learn more and apply on their website: [www.sydneydogsandcatshome.org/get-involved/foster/](http://www.sydneydogsandcatshome.org/get-involved/foster/)



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Melissa Penn, General Manager, Sydney Dogs & Cats Home

**Image:**



**Image Caption:**

Heidi the Staffy came to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home with council rangers, is one of the many dogs available to foster while waiting for their new homes.

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## 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:

- [Bayside](#)
- [Fairfield](#)
- [Georges River](#)
- [Inner West](#)
- [North Sydney](#)
- [Randwick](#)
- [Waverley](#)
- [Woollahra](#)

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.

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