



Second Chance Animal Rescue

2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT

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companion animals by reducing
overpopulation, increasing
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of the community.*

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ABOUT SCAR

Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR) was founded in 2008 after vet nurse and local shelter volunteer Marisa DeBattista witnessed first-hand how many beautiful animals needed help, versus how little resources were available.

Knowing she could make a change, Marisa launched SCAR with a few vet nurse friends and a handful of animals. Since then, we've grown into a network of hundreds of foster carers and other volunteers, with just as many cats and dogs in care. We're proud to say that by

the end of 2016 over 8,000 animals had been rescued from not-so-pleasant fates in pounds and shelters throughout Victoria, and are now happily settled in new homes around the state. (Of course, our adopters will tell you, the question remains about just who saved who!)

SCAR is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. We are registered as a domestic animal business in the City of Hume.



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OUR VISION

To be an outstanding animal welfare organisation in caring for homeless and unwanted dogs and cats and in enhancing the responsible ownership of these animals in the community.

We look forward to a society that no longer views adoptable companion animals as a disposable commodity and where all companion animals have a loving home where they are treated with compassion and respect.

OUR MISSION

Enriching the lives of companion animals by reducing overpopulation, increasing adoptions and engaging the hearts, hands and minds of the community.

We will fulfil our mission by:

- Providing optimal services to maximise pet adoptions for sick, injured, abused and abandoned adoptable companion animals.
- Reducing overpopulation of cats and dogs via desexing programs within our community.
- Providing education and resources to the public in all aspects of responsible pet ownership.
- Employing passionate staff and providing them with training opportunities and professional development to advance their skills and careers in an equal opportunity work environment.
- Promoting public awareness for Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc., our Vision, Mission and Core Values.
- Providing a quality and professional service to all clients, customers and requests for services from the public.
- Cooperating and liaising with like-minded animal welfare organisations.
- Fostering a safe, healthy and environmentally sustainable workplace for the public, our staff and the animals in our care.
- Managing our financial resources effectively and with transparency such that we continue to be financially viable.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the SCAR management team, staff and volunteers for their outstanding performance in 2015-2016!

Mahatma Gandhi once said "If you want to change the world, be the change." This defines the ethos of Second Chance Animal Rescue. We strive to better the world for animals and their owners using a fundamental approach that will have a long-term positive impact in the community, rather than just a band aid method that is commonplace in the animal welfare sector.

2015-16 has been a hectic and productive year! We celebrated our first year in our new shelter facility in Campbellfield, had hundreds of vulnerable dogs and cats come through our doors, 480 volunteers gave their time and we helped countless pet owners in the community to care for their beloved pets, preventing these vulnerable animals entering the busy pound system.

Over the past year we focused on forging our long-term vision to drive the future direction of our organisation. We envision a community that values positive human-animal relationships and is proactive in creating an environment that promotes happy, healthy pets.

Strategic initiatives were undertaken to work toward a more sustainable future for our organisation so that we can address the deeper social issues that are leading to the increasing number of homeless and unwanted animals in our community. I am pleased to report that the SCAR team has created the Hume Outreach Pet

Marisa Debattista
CEO/President



Program - a ground breaking, whole community approach to improving animal welfare, and we are ready to source funding in the new year to see this innovative program take flight. We will be applying for funding for this program through HUME budget and grants.

Strengthening our shelter processes and operations were also key activities this year and significant improvements were made in both areas.

Our priorities for 2016-17 are to strengthen our engagement with the public and grow our organisation to meet the needs of companion animals and their owners in our community. One of our major challenges is the cost involved in outsourcing our animals' veterinary work. In the upcoming year we plan to establish an internal vet room in our shelter to save valuable funds which will, in turn, allow us to assist more vulnerable animals in the community.

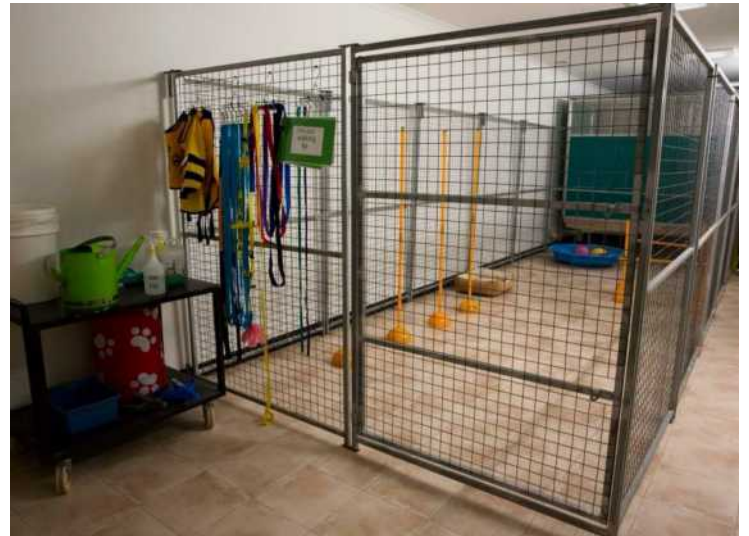
I would like to thank the SCAR management team, staff and volunteers for their outstanding performance in 2015-16. Together, we have created a solid foundation upon which we can grow so that we can continue to provide these essential services for our community.

Most importantly, I truly thank and formally acknowledge the contribution from our supporters and donors. Your commitment to our mission in 2015 reinforced our existence as a valuable organisation. Without you we would not be in the position to help the number of vulnerable animals that we do.

SHELTER NEWS

In 2015-16, we purchased a company vehicle to transport rescued animals and celebrated our first year in our new shelter facility in Campbellfield. This has enabled us to save more animals and gives potential adopters the chance to meet animals in a happy, relaxed space.

Over the course of the year, 293 people volunteered their time and expertise to our organisation, and 182 people provided foster care for an animal while we worked to find them a permanent home.



SHELTER RESCUE SERVICES



1,000 pets were placed in FOSTER CARE while we sought a permanent home

1,008 pets were ADOPTED into a permanent home

70% of these animals were RESCUED FROM OTHER FACILITIES where they otherwise would have been put down

As a not-for-profit organisation that receives no government assistance, we rely on compassionate animal lovers for the financial assistance we need to continue saving homeless animals in Victoria. We think it's important for you to be aware of where donated money goes.

Did you know that almost all animal shelters in Victoria act as pounds, which often requires them to euthanise healthy animals to make way for other strays?

At SCAR, our purpose is to keep all treatable animals safe, healthy and happy until they find loving homes. That means that your donations

pay for essential veterinary care, life-saving operations and rehoming services for homeless animals instead of funding high numbers of euthanasia procedures.

Unfortunately, for a few animals with untreatable aggression or illness, putting them to sleep is the only option. This was sadly the case for 38 of our animals in 2015-16. At SCAR, euthanasia is an absolute last resort. We never euthanise animals that have the potential to be rehabilitated and we are proud to have one of the lowest euthanasia rates (of 3.5%) of animal shelters in Victoria.

SHELTER VETERINARY SERVICES

WE AIM TO

- provide optimal services to maximise adoptions for sick, injured, abused and abandoned companion animals
- reduce overpopulation of cats and dogs via dessexing programs within our community

This year...

1,372
VACCINATIONS
WERE PROVIDED

980
DOGS AND CATS
WERE DE-SEXED

683
OTHER
SURGERIES WERE
PERFORMED

30
EMERGENCY
TREATMENTS
WERE
PROVIDED



SHELTER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

WE AIM TO provide education and resources to the public in all aspects of responsible pet ownership.

This year, we ran
**20 EDUCATIONAL
SESSIONS**

including community education events and kids programs.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Animal Adventures is a half day school holiday activity program for children 6 – 12 years of age. The program offers a range of animal related activities that are designed to be fun and hands on while also teaching children respect for animals and how to responsibly care for them.

Children are given the opportunity to learn how to care for companion animals with hands on activities and by interacting with our animals, under the supervision of our trained educators.

Activities included:

- A behind the Scenes Tour of the S.C.A.R shelter
- Rotational small group activities
- Cat and kitten enrichment time
- Animal craft play
- Animal reading program
- Dog Training and tricks
- Vet play





Bailey's Bucket List

*Sometimes Second Chances
come in different pathways...*

Bailey was rescued by the team at Second Chance Animal Rescue from the pound in early February 2016, but his 'second chance' didn't go as smoothly as expected.

The staffy cross had big tumours all over his body which were diagnosed as aggressive Mast Cell tumours, which meant he didn't have very long to live. He had already had a big operation to remove all his tumours but

the vet said that they were likely to grow back quickly.

The SCAR vets gave him between a few weeks and a few months to live, so Bailey was placed in our End of Life Program.

SCAR decided to give Bailey a bucket list so that he could live his remaining days to the fullest. With input from our supporters and the general public, we came up with a list of 30 amazing things to make Bailey's last days as much fun as possible.

With the help of the community, Bailey ticked off an incredible 17 experiences, including...

*Hanging out with the team at
a radio station*

BEING FEATURED IN THE LOCAL PAPER

Riding in a police car!

Sitting on a Harley...

SAT IN A FIRE TRUCK

RODE IN A CONVERTIBLE

**Helped other dogs in
need by raising \$8,000**

MADE IT ONTO THE TELLY!

Had a Doggy Birthday Party

Six months later Bailey passed away after his brave battle with cancer in the arms of his foster family, in a room full of people that loved and truly cared for him. The pup had been fostered by Craigieburn women Jess and Elaine, who helped carry out many of his bucket list activities.

To honour this beautiful boy, we came up with the idea of our other shelter dogs who don't have homes of their own, completing his unfinished bucket list items. This way - other dogs get to have some amazing experiences too, and maybe even find a new home in the process!



Rest in peace, little guy.





Davey's story

This special little pup was rescued from rural Victoria in October 2015 where he was found starving, skeletal and with broken bones. In one of the worst cases of neglect that SCAR has ever seen, he was severely malnourished and suffering from a broken leg as a result of being abused.

Davey was four months old when he was found by a ranger and handed over to SCAR. It's no wonder he was a little tired after such a rough start to life.

Davey was named after rock band, the Foo Fighters' front man, Dave Grohl who broke his leg in a stage fall!

His malnourishment and injuries were so severe that we didn't expect him to survive, but Davey surprised us all. Despite his condition, he regained his appetite and began eating so fast that we needed to feed him multiple times a day! Davey still needed expensive surgery to fix his injuries, and with the help of many generous SCAR supporters who donated toward Davey's care, we were able to ensure this beautiful pup was given the second chance he truly deserved. And he is worth every cent.

Davey is now living out his life, very happily, on a large farm with his loving parents and many other animals that he loves to hang out with!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2015-2016 Financial Year

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

REVENUE

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Donations and Fundraising | \$173,184 |
| Adoption Fees | \$265,728 |
| Interest | \$1,638 |
| Other Income | \$10,262 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$450,812 |

EXPENDITURE

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Veterinary Expenses | \$169,186 |
| Pet Food | \$10,757 |
| Equipment Hire | \$8,815 |
| Rent & Outgoings | \$27,015 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$12,245 |
| Equipment, Depreciation & Maintenance | \$17,224 |
| Administration & Corporate Expenses | \$23,692 |
| Travel and Transport Expenses | \$6,056 |
| Wages & Employee Related Costs | \$192,692 |
| General Expenses | \$2,804 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$470,486 |
| NET PROFIT FOR YEAR (LOSS) | (\$19,674) |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and Other Equivalents | \$93,508 |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | \$69,934 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$163,442 |

LIABILITIES

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Wages & Employee Benefits | \$10,585 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$10,585 |
| NET ASSETS | \$152,857 |

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We'd like to acknowledge the significant contributions of our partner

Hill's Pet Nutrition

for donating food to feed our animals in foster care and the shelter,
and our many volunteers without whom we could not provide this essential community service.

In particular, we thank

Yulia Illinov
Candice Bosher
Susan Call
and
Alexa Black

who made outstanding contributions to SCAR's work in 2015-16.

Thank you for doing what you do!



Second Chance Animal Rescue

...because they all deserve one

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