

# second chance



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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, SCAR has 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 the 2018 financial year, thousands of animals have been rescued from not-so-pleasant fates tin 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.



#### **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 fulfill 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 provid-ing 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 ser-vice 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 environmen-tally sustainable workplace for the public, our staff and the animals in our care.

• Managing our financial resources effec-tively and with transparency such that we continue to be financially viable.

#### HAPPY TAILS PRIMROSE THE CAT



Gorgeous Primrose has been through a lot. We picked her up from the pound after she had suffered a de-gloving wound on her front foot. We don't know what caused the injury but it was very bad and had been left for some time, so we made the decision to amputate her front leg.

Primrose has taken it all in her stride and is now adjusting to her new tripawed life. She is an amazingly clever and friendly girl and does all the things every other cat can do. She found an amazing inside only home to keep her safe from the outside world and her new parents love her with all of their hearts!





# CEO MESSAGE

I would like to begin by acknowledging our wonderful staff, volunteers and supporters who make Second Chance Animal Rescue the amazing organisation it is today. I am truly impressed by their passion, commitment, and dedication to improving the lives of animals throughout the community.

#### "The entire SCAR family is genuinely inspiring."

I truly thank everyone who has helped us make a tangible difference to the lives of the many animals in our care.

I wear many hats in this organisation but to be founder and CEO of SCAR is a privilege that I don't take lightly. I am excited by the opportunities, the challenges and glorious outcomes for the animals that lie ahead.

This year we finally were able to open our shelter veterinary clinic which has been running at full speed since inception. It has been amazing to see how much it has already helped our organisation run more effectively in general, as well as helping to grow the HUME outreach program.



#### **CONTINUED...**

In the next 12 months to come, we will be focused on sustainable growth: we are not trying to be the biggest, but we are certainly trying to be the best that we can be. Financially it has always been difficult for us to stay afloat especially while caring for so many animals in need and providing the outreach program. However, we have a plan!! The next step in our 5 year strategic plan is to focus our efforts on opening a Community Animal Hospital within the Hume municipality that will be focused on offering affordable veterinary care to those that need it most. This clinic will not only help the underprivileged pet owners that contact us for help on a daily basis, but any profit made from this clinic will help our shelter services continue to offer refuge and second chances to homeless animals in need - a win win all around.

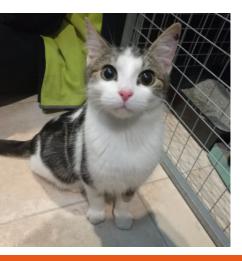
We will strive to deliver welfare support services to more animals at higher standards, ensuring that their individual needs are met. We want to provide best practice care for animals, and by doing this, we continue to look for ways to improve our business as a whole and the processes and procedures that ensure a successful and smooth running organisation.

I am greatly enthused by what lies ahead for our organisation, and am blessed with exceptional staff and volunteers who ensure our animals are in the very best of hands. I look forward to seeing what lies ahead and meeting more of our supporters in the year ahead and hearing your thoughts on how we all can work together to achieve our common goals of protecting and helping our much loved animals.

On behalf of the leadership team, I sincerely thank you for supporting SCAR.

Marisa Debattista

CEO



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## **SHELTER NEWS**



We had a visit from Fiona Pattern MP to discuss the work we do at SCAR.

Hume City Council Mayor, Cr Geoff Porter ran a Mayor's Pet of the Week segment on social media to help promote SCAR animals looking for homes



We are starting our plans to fundraise for the new SCAR Community Animal Hospital

CEO Marisa Debattista won the Westfield Local Hero competition which saw SCAR receiving a wonderful \$10,000 donation towards our outreach program!



#### AMBASSADOR NICOLA CHARLES



You might remember Nicola from her role as Sarah Beaumont in the classic Australian show Neighbours! She will be helping us in promoting our fundraising efforts for the hospital and we are super excited to have her on board!

Nicola is a total animal lover and we are excited to have her onboard! Please join us in welcoming Nicola on to the team!

# PET OUTREACH PROGRAM

It's not always easy to ask for help but our Pet Outreach Program wouldn't be possible without our volunteers and donations.

One of the people we helped through this program, was Vicky (pictured centre). For people like Vicky, the support that this program provides is a real lifesaver in a time of crisis. For Vicky, things haven't always been easy. She has experienced homelessness, survived domestic violence and other hardships throughout her life.

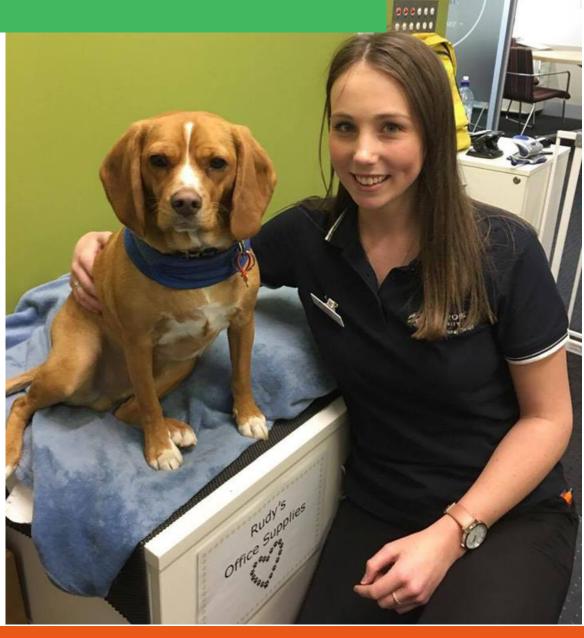
Her love of animals has helped her through many hard times, and her beloved kitten BouzBouz is a valued member of her family.

Vicky contacted us about as she could not afford the full veterinary fees to desex, vaccinate and microchip him and the thought of her kitten becoming sick or lost was terrible to her and her family. She wanted to do the right thing by him, but it was out of reach. Thanks to our supporters and the SCAR Pet Outreach Program we were able to take care of all of this little guy's medical needs and also send him home with a big bag of yummy cat food to keep his happy tummy full.

#### HAPPY TAILS RUDY THE THERAPY DOG

Rescue animals are truly amazing. Adopting and giving an animal a second chance at a new life means they can do some pretty awesome things... and you never know where you'll run into them!

"Hey SCAR, Hope you've been well. I'm at the Royal Melbourne Hospital at the moment doing placement and ran into this little guy. Rudy was adopted a few years ago from SCAR as a puppy and now is training to be a therapy dog. Just thought you'd like the update and to see what a good life he has now. He is definitely spoilt rotten and living the best life." Great work Rudy!!



# SHELTER RESCUE SERVICES





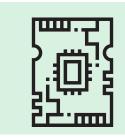
501 people volunteered their time and skills 1,487 animals were adopted into their furever home



Unlimited love supplied

# THIS YEAR...

1,012 animals went into our foster system



2,490 microchips implanted

2,004 Vaccinations given

1,561 Surgeries were performed in the shelter clinic



73% is the percentage of animals rescued from pounds across Victoria

We ran 29 kids programs and community education workshops 32 school tours through the shelter



#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT** 2017 - 2018 FINANCIAL YEAR

#### 2017 - 2018 Statement of Financial Performance

INCOME	
Donations	\$172,184.00
Fundraising	\$104,505.00
Adoption Income	\$305,799.00
Interest	\$166.00
Other Income	\$14,961.00
Government Grants	\$3,000.00
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	\$600,615.00
EXPENDITURE	
Administration and Corporate Expenses	\$37,856.00
Assets	\$3,744.00
Donations and Sponsorships	\$156.00
Equipment Hire	\$761.00
Equipment, Depreciation and Maintenance	\$22,737.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$26,713.00
General Expenses	\$1,976.00
Pet Food	\$5,943.00
Rent and Outgoings	\$ 35,888.00
Travel Expenses	\$5,860.00
Veterinary Expenses	\$168,448.00
Wages and Employee Related Costs\$311,991.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$622,103.00
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR (LOSS)	(\$21,488.00)
STATEMENT IF FINANCIAL POSITION ASSETS	
Cash and other Equivalents	\$37,982.00
Property, Plants and Equipment	\$67,447.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$105,429.00
LIABILITIES	
Wages and Employee Benefits	\$11,547.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,547.00
NET ASSETS	\$93,882.00

#### HAPPY TAILS WALLY'S STORY

We picked gorgeous Wally up from the pound back in February after he'd been potentially hit by a car and was suffering from radial nerve damage. Wally spent just over a month in foster care in order to help him recover from his injuries before he found his forever home! Every week, dogs and cats just like Wally come through our doors at Second Chance Animal Rescue and they begin their journeys to their second chance and a forever home.

Check out Wally's pound photo and his happy adoption photo - what a difference!



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We;d like to acknowledge the significant contribution of our partners



A big thank you to our many volunteers without whom we could not provide this essential community service.

You are all vital to the successful running of SCAR - and helping to ensure we can continue operating.

#### SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE

Because they all deserve one

For more information or to donate, please visit our shelter or contact us at

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