



SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE

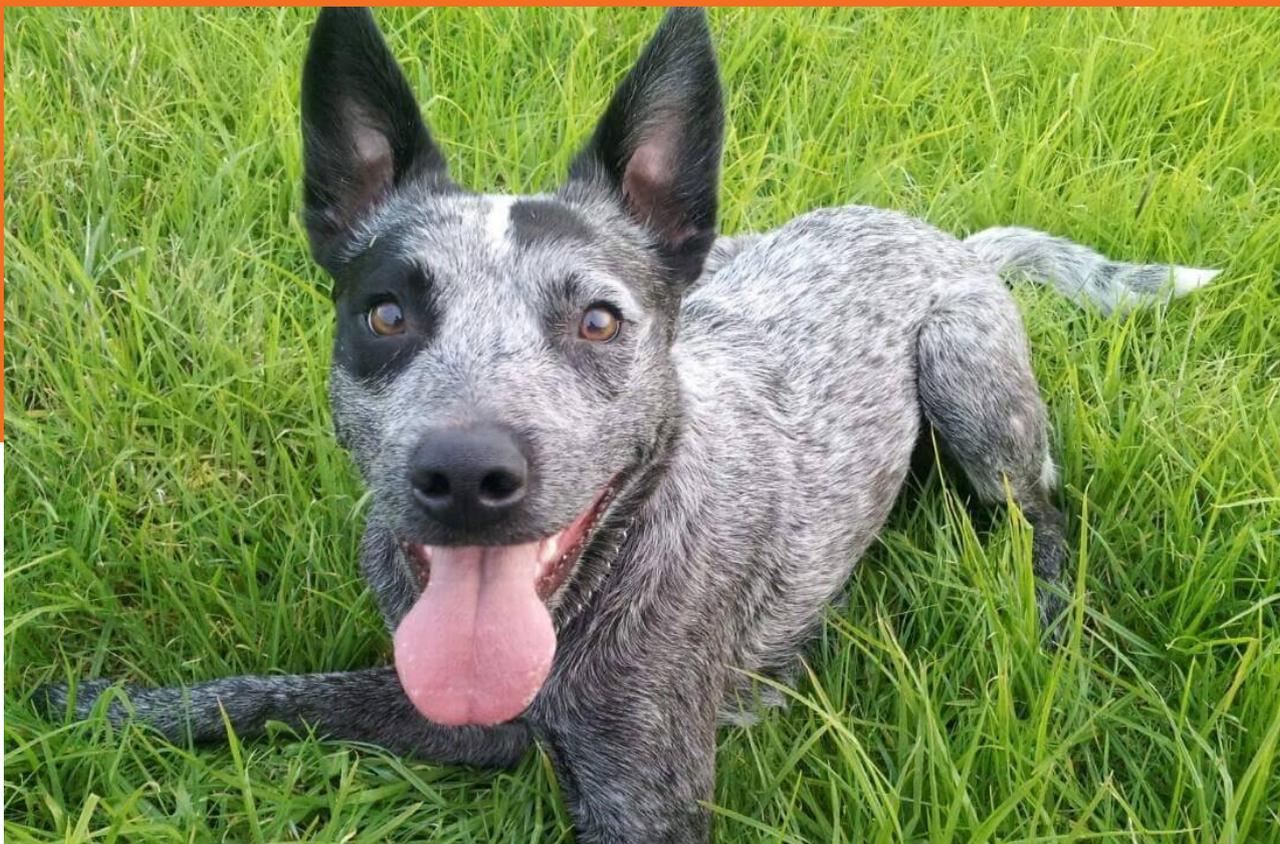


ANNUAL REPORT
2018 - 2019

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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 2019 financial year, thousands of animals have 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.

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 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.



CEO MESSAGE

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 our pet outreach program for free to pet owners doing it tough. However, we have a plan!!

This year we were able to open a small shelter veterinary clinic to take care of our own rescue veterinary needs as well as offer outreach clinic services to pet owners in need. It has been amazing to see how much our small shelter clinic has already helped our organisation run more effectively in general, as well as helping to grow the Hume Outreach Program. 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.

We are very excited to have locked in a location for an even bigger and better community animal hospital facility that will give us the ability to make an even bigger difference in the community for pets and the people who care for them. This clinic will not only help the underprivileged pet owners that contact us for assistance on a daily basis, but any surplus 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 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. I also look forward to 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.

CEO
Marisa Debattista



HAPPY ADOPTIONS





UNCLE TREV'S STORY

We rescued Uncle Trev from a local pound, he had not had the best starts to life but we were determined to ensure that he got the second chance he deserved.

Uncle Trev had been badly mauled by another dog before being dumped at the pound, as you can see from the scars that run all across his body. He required ongoing medical care to help his wounds heal and lots of TLC from his loving foster home.

After a few months of healing he was ready for adoption and found a loving new family to call his own.



SHELTER UPDATE

New shelter location sourced in Craigieburn and building has begun!



10,000th ADOPTION

We hit our 10,000th adoption!!!!
Bowie the kitten was our 10,000th and left the shelter with his amazing new family. We were honestly still shocked that we have hit this milestone, it doesn't feel real! From the bottom of our heart... to all staff, volunteers and supporters - you are all doing an AMAZING job and this could not have happened without your help!

Thank you so much to everyone who is involved with SCAR in some way!

AMBASSADOR

LARA SHANNON



Lara Shannon has jumped on board as proud ambassador for Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.

A certified dog trainer and behaviourist, Lara Shannon is the Executive Producer and Host of Pooches at Play on Channel 10 and editor of Poochesatplay.com.

As a passionate animal welfare advocate, Lara has been the spokesperson for organisations including the World Wide Fund for Nature, Planet Ark and Keep Australia.

Lara has been a regular on Australian TV screens and radio for over 20 years and in between her TV show and dog training commitments,

Lara is still regularly featured in the media and can also be seen presenting on stage at pet expos, seminars and events throughout the year with her cheeky rescue dog 'Dynamite Darcy' by her side.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

TROY AND CHARLIE

One Friday in late 2018 we were contacted by a local Church group that had learnt about a man and his dog in need of some help. Troy has fallen on hard times and has found himself without a home. His best mate Charlie (an 11 y old ridgeback cross) was in need of urgent medical attention but Troy was without the means to help her.

After talking to Troy he told us that Charlie has been with him since she was 6 weeks of age she used to be carried around in his pocket!

The love that he has for his dog was evident to everyone in our clinic, and he was overwhelmed that SCAR was so eager to help his best mate for nothing in return.

Charlie is unfortunately suffering from some pretty serious health issues; she had a very nasty mammary lump that needed further examination and a few other medical issues going on.

After a thorough examination by Dr Kylee, we took some blood tests and then waited for results so that we can work out the best course of action to help Charlie and Troy. Turned out that her lumps were not cancerous and we were able to remove them for her in our clinic free of charge for Troy and offer her ongoing support throughout her recovery. We also dropped off a few months worth of premium dog food for Charlie to ensure that she has a supply of food and to help Troy while he gets back on his feet.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

HUME SENIORS PET VISIT

This year we have visited the lovely people at the Hume Seniors club around 8 times. Each time we visit we bring a selection of friendly dogs that are happy to meet new people and get lots of cuddles.

Many of these seniors have owned pets during their lives and miss the animal interactions that they no longer have- to see their faces light up when they see our shelter animals is absolutely heart-warming.

These visits are not only great for the people we meet but it is also great social interaction for our shelter pets looking for new homes.



We held an external pet outreach event in Sunbury where we were able to offer free veterinary care, advice and pet food to pet owners doing it tough.

We were able to give out 20 desexing vouchers, distribute over 50 bags of cat and dog food, gave our 40 flea/worming preventatives, microchipped 9 pets, vaccinated 13 pets and conducted 29 free vet checks on community animals.

These events are vital in our community as many of these animals may not have received this critical veterinary care if we weren't able to offer this event.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

OUTREACH EVENT SUNBURY



EVENTS

FIRST PATRONS EVENT

The lovely owners at Clooney Kitchen & Bar in Port Melbourne donated their time and space to help this event take place. The beautiful Fem Belling entertained our crowd of supporters with her amazing voice and helped us raise some much needed funds to continue our life saving work for animals in need.





EVENTS

DOG WALK & PET MARKET

We held our first dog walk and pet market day fundraising event on Sun 3rd March, 2019 and despite the sweltering heat on the event day it was a huge success!

We ran free pet competitions, had visits from some amazing Dingos from the Australian Dingo Foundation, ran a huge raffle and had some really great pet stalls in our market area for people to browse after their walk along the Maribyrnong River!

EVENTS

PET FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

Nurse Anna with the help of some of our SCAR volunteers ran 8 Pet First Aid workshops around Hume as a part of our outreach program's education pillar. We want to ensure that pet owners have the know-how and understand what resources they have available to them whilst looking after their pet's needs and to help empower pet owners in the time of a pet related emergency.



AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

CEO AND VET 17 HOUR FUNDRAISING WALK

CEO Marisa Debattista and Dr Kylee Woods donned their walking shoes and walked a staggering 77kms (approx.) to raise some much needed funds for SCAR. The 17 hour journey saw them walking from the shelter in Campbellfield all the way to Mornington Pier!!

Their pedometers hit a staggering 96,000 steps and they defiantly felt every inch on their bodies the next day but they were able to raise lots of awareness about SCAR with their trip and raised around \$6,000 to go towards the care of homeless animals in need.



JETPETS FINALIST IN 2 CATEGORIES



SPONSORS

Chandler



Transforming Lives

SHELTER VET

HOBBLES' STORY

We recently rescued a litter of 11 x 5 week puppies from an owner that could not offer them the care they needed... one of these puppies was named Hobbles.

When we first met Hobbles we noticed a deformity on one of his front legs, our vets decided that the leg was not causing him any discomfort so the decision was made to let him grow for a few more weeks to see how the leg changes and then work out a plan of action from there.

Hobbles went to live in a loving foster home where he thrived into an adorable and rambunctious young puppy. Our vet re-checked Hobbles deformed leg once he hit 10 weeks old and it was decided that the best course of action was to amputate the leg as corrective orthopaedic surgery was not an option in his case.

After his amputation, Hobbles made a wonderful and very quick recovery which was amazing to see... not long after he found an amazing new home with another doggie sibling that looked just like him, 3 legs and full of energy!



THIS YEAR...



**501 PEOPLE
VOLUNTEERED
THEIR TIME AND
SKILLS**



**2,061 SURGERIES
PERFORMED
(IN THE SMALL CLINIC)**



**863 ANIMALS
WENT INTO OUR
FOSTER SYSTEM**



**3303 MICROCHIPS
IMPLANTED**



**1013 ANIMALS
WERE ADOPTED
INTO THEIR NEW HOMES**



**2,933
VACCINATIONS
GIVEN**

THIS YEAR...

71%

THE PERCENTAGE OF
ANIMALS RESCUED FROM
POUNDS ACROSS VIC

29%

THE PERCENTAGE OF
ANIMALS RESCUED FROM
PRIVATE SURRENDERS

Note: We had less shelter intakes and adoptions as we had to reduce intakes due to moving into our new facility and focused more on grassroots approach of stopping animals entering the pounds in the first place via our desexing, vaccination, microchipping and outreach events.

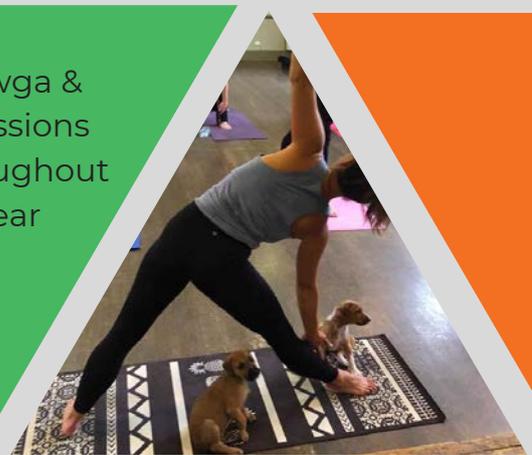
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We attended 30 pet events around Vic (pet expos and outreach events).



35 Meowga & Doga sessions held throughout the year



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2018 - 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

INCOME

Donations	\$185,418.00
Fundraising	\$86,373.00
Adoption Income	\$225,675.00
Interest	\$104.00
Other Income	\$46,380.00
Government Grants	\$279,454.00
TOTAL GROSS INCOME (LOSS)	\$823,404.00

EXPENDITURE

Administration and Corporate Expenses	\$18,547.00
Donations and Sponsorships	\$122.00
Equipment Hire	\$3,441.00
Equipment, Depreciation and Maintenance Fundraising Expenses	\$21,465.00
Fundraising Expense	\$23,057.00
General Expenses	\$2,867.00
Legal Expense	\$497.00
Rent and Outgoings	\$39,062.00
Travel Expenses	\$2,582.00
Veterinary Expenses	\$128,538.00
Wages and Employee Related Costs	\$429,698.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$669,876.00
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR	\$153,528.00

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ASSETS

Cash and other Equivalents	\$ 210,361.00
Property, Plants and Equipment	\$56,978.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$267,339.00

LIABILITIES

Wages and Employee Benefits	\$19,929.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$19,929.00
NET ASSETS	\$247,410.00



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