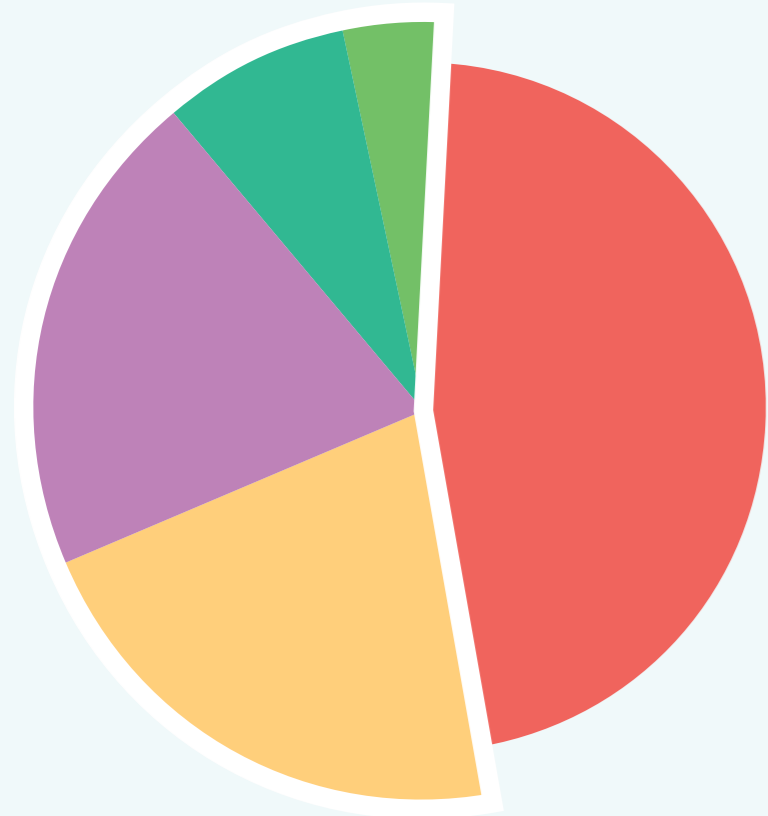


Saving lives and second chances

Your donations help the RSPCA Sydney Vet Hospital provide life-saving medical procedures to animals who deserve a second chance at healthy, happy lives.



Figures from 13/14 financial year.



Guardian Angel

Become a Guardian Angel this Christmas and watch over one of the thousands of animals spending the festive season at an RSPCA shelter.

Your donation can make a real difference: you can help to fill tummies, provide safe, warm beds, and generally help make time pass more easily during the busiest time of all for our shelters.

When you don your wings, you will see exactly which animal you are supporting, right through to when they are adopted.

You can also bestow angel status on someone else. This makes a wonderful gift and the recipient will receive an e-card advising them of your generosity and their special animal.

What better way is there to add an extra glow to your halo?

Visit rspcaguardianangel.com.au to become a Guardian Angel to a shelter animal and see the animal that will have a happier and safer Christmas thanks to you.

Did you know? Project Guardian Angel has been helping pets in need for the last seven years. In that time, over 10,000 animals have been given a happier and safer Christmas because of you.

Reigning Cats and Dogs

There are so many videos of cats on the Internet; how do you choose which ones are worth watching? RSPCA NSW has solved the problem with its first ever International Internet Cat Film Furstival.

On Sunday 5 October at Bicentennial Park, Glebe Foreshore, from 8pm, sit back under the stars and watch our collection of the best of the best cat videos. General admission is \$20, but upgrade to the Cat's Meow Club and enjoy preferred seating in supplied beanbags and a movie munchies picnic basket for only \$50 per adult. A Cattoo Purrloir will also be open on the night where you can adorn yourself with temporary feline tattoos. Gates open at 6pm and tickets are limited – book now at rspcansw.org.au.

However, now if you're a dog person, then head to Bicentennial Park on Saturday 4 October for Rescue Me – a mass dog rehoming day that brings animal rescue groups together to find new owners for as many dogs as possible. If you are looking for a new furry companion, or just like being around dogs, this is the day for you. There will also be plenty of other activities on the day and you are welcome to bring your four-legged friend. It will be dog lover's heaven!



Sydney Vet Clinic recognised

RSPCA NSW has received an award from the University of Sydney for Educational Partner of the Year.

The RSPCA's Sydney vet hospital won the inaugural award, formally acknowledging the gratitude of students and University staff, while reinforcing the underlying theme of the program: working together to produce outstanding veterinarians for Australia and the world.

The RSPCA veterinary hospitals at Tighes Hill and Rutherford have been awarded

Small Animal Practice of the Year 2014, as voted by the University's students. The award recognises the RSPCA's strengths in and commitment to teaching and mentoring undergraduate veterinarians.

RSPCA NSW Chief Veterinarian Dr Magdoline Awad said it's a tremendous honour. "The RSPCA veterinary staff is dedicated to working with the University of Sydney to produce exceptional veterinarians that will promote animal welfare into the future. This is now very much part of what we do."



Have your say

Through your support of RSPCA NSW, we know that you appreciate all we do to give animals a second chance.

It also means that we appreciate what you think about what we do.

Soon you'll receive a survey in the mail asking your opinions on various aspects of RSPCA NSW – what we do well and where could we improve. In less than five minutes, you can help guide us to new and better ways of making a positive difference to the animals in our care and animal welfare in general.

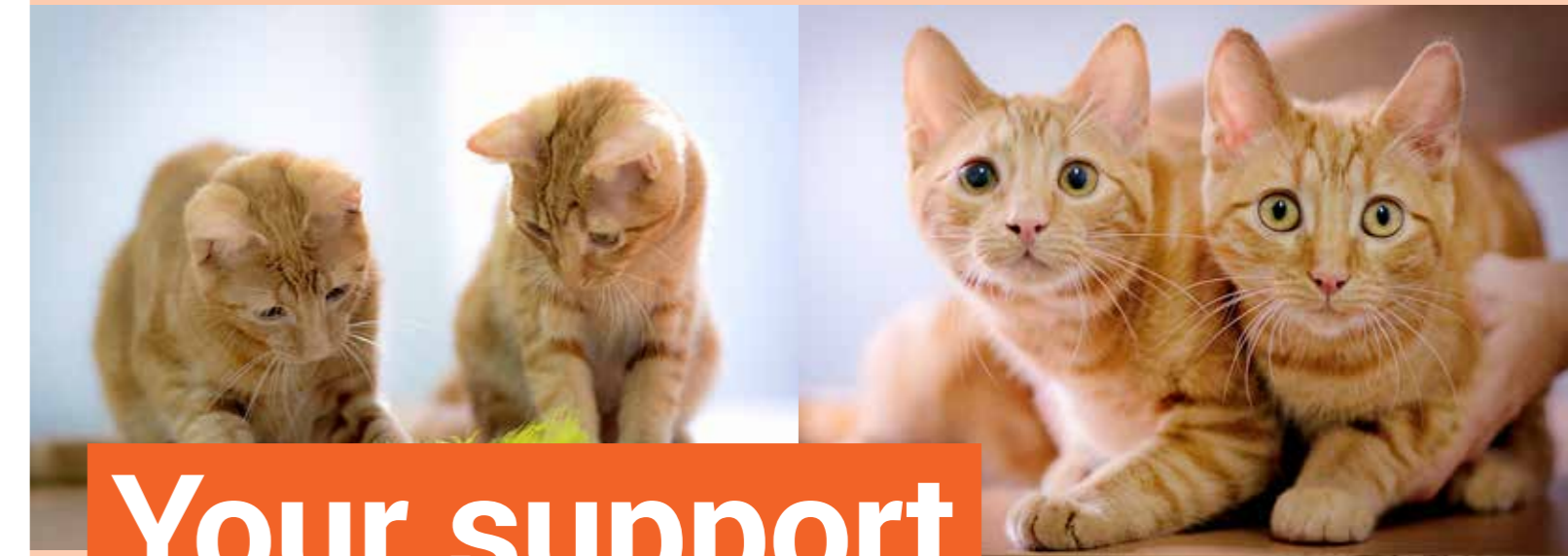
We look forward to reading your responses, and thank you in advance for contributing yet again to animals that need our help.

We are here because you support us so your opinion matters greatly. Please help us provide the best service for the animals and you.

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ACTION REPORT

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Your support lead to a purrfect result

Late last year, a litter of stray kittens was brought into RSPCA NSW's Sydney Shelter and two of the smallest were Marty and Ollie, two skinny little ginger boys.

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How you helped Marty and Ollie find their forever home

Five kittens arrive as strays at the shelter

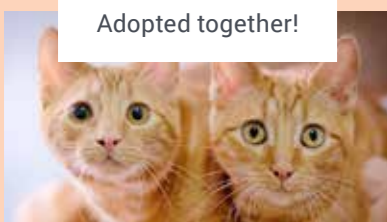
Kittens moved into foster care

Three kittens ready for adoption

Marty and Ollie visit the vet for some tests

Marty and Ollie are ready for adoption

Adopted together!



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Marty was the runt of the litter: his chest was abnormally narrow but tests showed his heart was working normally.

One of the Sydney Shelter's large network of foster carers was called upon to look after the kittens until they were ready for new homes (in the past financial year, 542 foster carers have looked after 3,523 animals).

However, the foster carer noticed something else was wrong with Marty: he didn't seem to be able to see things close to him, such as toys. Sydney clinic vets established that Marty had problems with his eyes and could only see objects far away.

Lucky for Marty, he had Ollie by his side.

After five months in foster care, guided by specialists from the Sydney vet clinic, Ollie had grown into a confident and talkative older kitten, and a very special brother for Marty, who was a little bit shy. Ollie would always go out ahead of Marty to check everything was safe for him, and literally became his seeing eye cat. It became obvious that the pair had to be rehomed together.

"When I saw their photographs, my heart went out to them. To discover that one brother helped the other was the clincher."

—Monica

It took some time to find someone who was willing to adopt them both and take on a kitten with special needs, but finally the two brothers were adopted from the Sydney Shelter by Monica Cooke.

"When I saw their photographs, my heart went out to them. To discover that one brother helped the other was the clincher. Here were beautiful little animals helping one another rather than disregarding the one in need. I wish more humans were like that," said Monica, who had recently lost her previous RSPCA cat after 13 years together.

Monica said the pair have "settled in beautifully" and follow her everywhere.

"I get dozens of kisses a day from them and lots of purrs. I am really very happy to have adopted them. Now I run home at the end of the day to see

my little 'bobbies'."

Marty, Ollie and their brothers are now enjoying their new lives thanks to RSPCA supporters like you whose generosity allowed us to provide the services they needed.



Paddy

Breed: Domestic short-hair crossbreed

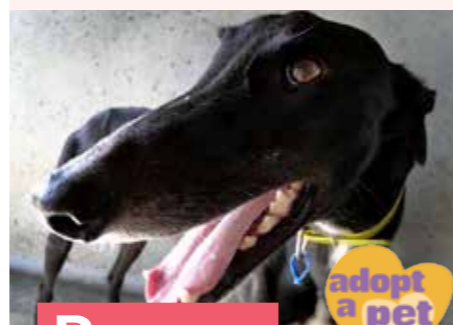
Age: Four years

Gender: Male

Hi! My name is Paddy and I'm looking for a new home. I love good cuddles and strokes. I'm a lovable guy who is looking for his furever home. I have not been around many children, so it's probably best that I am rehomed somewhere with no children.

I am at Petbarn Penrith. Come down and meet me soon!

Can you help me?
adoptapet.com.au



Romeo

Breed: Greyhound

Age: Three years

Gender: Male

Hey! My name is Romeo and I'm a friendly boy looking for a loving home. I'm not very playful but I am interested in toys and like to lie around cuddling and chewing my toys. I am not a very active dog but I do like to go for walks everyday to explore the world.

I am at the Hunter shelter.

Can you help me?
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Willow

Breed: Chicken (crossbreed)

Age: Juvenile

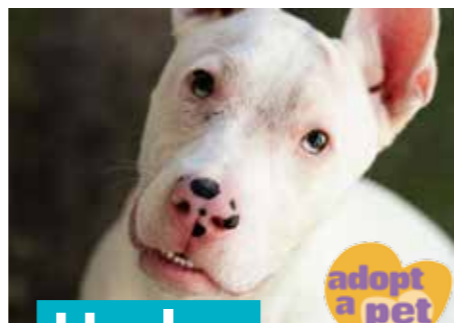
Gender: Female

Hi! My name is Willow and I am looking for a new home somewhere with lots of room to roam around.

I'm at the shelter with some of my feathered family and we'd love to go to our forever homes and scratch around!

My friends and I are currently at the Yagoona Shelter.

Can you help me?
adoptapet.com.au



Hurley

Breed: Staffordshire bull terrier crossbreed

Age: One year

Gender: Male

Hi! My name is Hurley and I am looking for my new home. I am deaf, and during my time here at the shelter I have been taught sign language.

I would suit a home where my new owners are also interested in learning sign language and would continue to help me with my training.

Can you help me?
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Rocky

Breed: Rabbit (crossbreed)

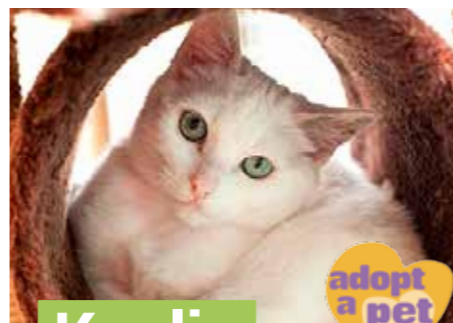
Age: Six months

Gender: Male

Hey! My name is Rocky the rabbit, and I'm looking for a new home! I'm a good-looking guy who likes to roam around and explore, and I'd love to find a new place to call home!

Come down to the Yagoona Shelter and meet me and my fellow furry friends in our new hutches!

Can you help me?
adoptapet.com.au



Kaolin

Breed: Domestic short-hair crossbreed

Age: Five months

Gender: Male

Hi! My name is Kaolin and I'm a very special cat looking for my new furever home. I'm a cuddly little guy, but I do have a few health problems, so I need to go to a home who can look after me. Due to my health problems it's best that my new owners chat to the vet about my health needs. I'm currently at the Yagoona Shelter.

Can you help me?
adoptapet.com.au

Building a better future for animals



Your contribution makes a big difference to the animals and staff at the RSPCA every day, and now you have a way to help improve the care we are able to provide, and be permanently recognised for your dedication to animal welfare.

RSPCA NSW's Sydney Shelter at Yagoona is currently being significantly renovated to enhance the comfort of the animals during their time with us. As part of the new entrance, we will commemorate people like you. You have the opportunity to have your name set

in stone on the pathway that will lead to a dog-friendly water feature located in front of the main entrance to the shelter.

For only \$120, or 12 x \$10 tax-deductible monthly donations, your customised paving stone will form the foundation

of the pathway that thousands of animals will walk over on their way to a new life. And the funds will go directly to improving facilities for the animals in our care.

Securing a paver is also the perfect gift for a friend or family member, or even as a way to remember a special pet that gave you so much.

Find out more by calling 1300 777 221 or visiting rspcansw.org.au.

Help keep a roof over their heads at RSPCA's Sydney Shelter

13,089
animals entered the shelter for care and protection

1,466
animals transported to shelters from other RSPCA facilities

1,373
animal cruelty cases cared for at the shelter

2,961
animals surrendered by their owners

2,707
lost animals reunited with their owners at the shelter

7,199
lost animals brought into the shelter by the public

35,000
meals served to patients in veterinary care

414
animals that required emergency boarding as owners were having personal difficulties

10,000
enrichment toys and treats given to animals in care