

dogtales



2010 | Newsletter

Welcome to *dogtales* the official newsletter for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania operated by the Tasmanian Canine Defence League.



2010 is a special year for our organisation as we celebrate 60 years of caring for dogs.

We hope you enjoy our Diamond Edition



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From the President

2010 marks the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Tasmanian Canine Defence League and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many TCDL Council members, staff and volunteers whose dedication and tireless efforts have brought us to the present day. The challenges facing us today are very different to yesteryear, but it should not be

forgotten that efforts on behalf of unwanted dogs often involves great personal cost. I hope all our forebears would approve of the current state of the organisation and our plans for the future.

We plan to celebrate this anniversary by rehoming a record number of dogs and have set a target of 1,500 overall from the

Hobart, Devonport and Burnie Dogs' Homes. It should be said that we will not rehome dogs to unsuitable new homes to meet our target. The recent global financial crisis had a strong negative impact on our income and modest financial reserves leading to a public appeal for support. We received many welcome donations, but were still obliged to make cuts including



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staff hours. I am pleased to report that we are steering our way back to a stable position largely thanks to the skill and care of our General Manager, Katrina McDonald and Di Andoni our Office Manager. The restoration of staff hours has commenced.

In an effort to guarantee future funds we have appointed Cathy Crow to a new Fundraising position (8 hrs. per week). Cathy has hit the ground running and performed beyond expectation in this new role. We hope to be able to increase fundraising hours in the near future.

We have employed our first veterinarian at the Hobart Dogs' Home, Dr. Tering Davies is a welcome addition to the team and is currently employed three days a week. She has a long-standing affinity with dog welfare. Tering's appointment brings benefits to the smooth and efficient running of the vet room and the technical advice she is able to feed into decision making by the TCDL Board.

Our major new welfare initiative for this anniversary is "Getting 2 Zero" – towards saving every rehoming dog from euthanasia. We have just received news of our successful application for a grant from the Elsie Cameron Trust Fund to establish a foster care program. This will allow us to meet additional costs over a 12 month period involved in getting selected dogs out to foster care

homes. In particular, this program will assist us in managing the very high numbers of dogs in the winter months which currently exceeds our kennelling capacity. Our sincere thanks goes to Jan Cameron, Denise Bradley and Joy Verrinder for making these funds available to us. We look forward to a long association with dog welfare

The Devonport Dogs' Home is getting a major upgrade of facilities this calendar year. This consists of 14 new pound kennels, a new sealed wash bay area for Council vehicles (important for disease containment), new roads and paths to remediate trip hazards and a new office/reception building. Our Devonport facilities have deteriorated markedly over the years and are no longer adequate. I would like to thank our Devonport benefactors who wish to remain anonymous and the Devonport City Council with Kentish and Latrobe Councils, who have supported and funded these important upgrades.

In closing, I would like to reflect on the excellent staff we have in all positions. We run a very lean operation with minimal staff hours and heavy work demands. Our staff are dedicated and bring skill and inventiveness to their roles. Right across the organisation our staff are thoroughly committed to achieving the best possible care for dogs in need of our services.

Geoff Clarke • President



Foster Care

Cathy Crow, pictured with Hope, is our Foster Care Co-ordinator. In this new position Cathy will work with our staff, vets and foster carers for the best possible care for selected dogs and puppies. Hope was fostered with Cathy for a short while and has since been adopted into a home of her own.

Devonport Dogs' Home



The long awaited up-grade to the Devonport Dogs' Home began in May and this is great cause for celebration! We are enjoying watching progress take shape.

Vaccination Recommendation



Sam

**From our vet
Dr. Tering Davies**

Vaccinating our puppies and dogs is a great way to prevent contagious, dangerous and/or deadly diseases. They don't only benefit your dog but also work towards controlling these diseases in the local community. Contact your local veterinarian and make an appointment to protect your four-legged friends.

WE PLANNED CELEBRATORY EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR AND WE HOPE OUR FRIENDS, BOTH TWO AND FOUR LEGGED ENJOY THE FUN.

WE WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR WE HAVE HAD SO FAR...

Great Moscow Circus



*Dr Tering Davies, General Manager
Katrina McDonald; Vet Nurse Tracey Heenan,
Animal Carer Ashlee Jackson*

On 2nd January the Great Moscow Circus held a Charity Night with half the proceeds of the discounted tickets donated to the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. Our General Manager, Katrina McDonald, had great pleasure in accepting the cheque for \$10,500. A raffle and donation tins raised additional funds of over \$700.00. Dogs' Homes of Tasmania banners were displayed in the Big Top together with photos of dogs awaiting adoption. We sincerely thank Mr Michael Edgley, Alderman Ron Christie, Hobart City Council and our Dogs' Homes staff who carried out many and varied tasks on the night.

This was a remarkable start to our year.

Dog Day Afternoon

In February for the first time dogs with their families were invited in to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens to attend Dog Day Afternoon, hosted by the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania to thank the public for their support over the past 60 years.

Approximately 1,000 people and 400 dogs attended on a perfect summer's afternoon, picnicking under the trees in a relaxed atmosphere. St. Bernard provided excellent music and it was lovely to see many of the dogs sporting

"I am a Dogs' Home dog" blue ribbons.



*Alderman Ron Christie introducing
Cathy Crow and Hope with Organiser
Anne Boxhall looking on.*



St. Bernard

Dogs' Breakfast at Sisters Beach

More than 30 dogs and 60 people enjoyed a beach walk, breakfast and mingling together at this happy event in January. Messages on Responsible Dog Ownership were given by our Cathy Crow and ideas were shared on how to minimise disruption to shore birds habitat. It is recommended to walk our dogs on the wet sand rather than on the higher dry sand where birds may nest. Thank you to Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management for hosting this very enjoyable event.



60th Anniversary Raffle



Photo courtesy of The Mercury

We sincerely thank the wonderful folk who donated the following prizes in support of our dogs.

- 1st Prize – A Quilt that every dog lover would be delighted to own, donated by the Quilt-Inn group, measuring 1.67 x 1.99 m called 'Walkies'. This dog inspired work of art won First Prize at the Hobart Craft & Quilt Fair and is valued at \$1,700
- 2nd Prize – Painting of a horse by Eliza Frey valued at \$900.00
- 3rd Prize – Hand-made wooden chest valued at \$120.00
- 4th Prize – Big cuddly brown bear valued at \$60.00

One of these great prizes could be yours – tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each and available from our three Dogs' Homes. The raffle will be drawn 19th November 2010. If you would like to sell tickets to help raise funds for our dogs, please call Cathy on 0488 776 072.

Pure Diamonds

When we think of 60 years we think of diamonds. As diamonds are valued, so too are the people who have made countless contributions to our organisation and the dogs in our care.



Pat Rogers

One of these diamonds is Pat Rogers the President of our Auxiliary. As an animal lover Pat joined the Tasmanian Canine Defence League more than 20 years ago and was a regular dog walker at the old Hobart Dogs' Home, where she experienced first hand knowledge of the not-so-good conditions at the Home. Pat said "I adore dogs and I recognized the need for the humane, caring treatment of all dogs.

My best memories are the days I adopted my dogs Katie and Samantha and the joy of the opening of the new Hobart Dogs' Home. The League had worked so hard and for so long to get this Home established despite many setbacks."

Pat is still a regular dog walker and loves to see dogs go off with their new families and believes she can see smiles on the dogs' faces as they leave.



Betty Shepperd

Another diamond is Betty Shepperd, a long time member who has seen a great number of changes. We asked Betty what inspired her in continuing her work for the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania and Betty replied "Miss Rawson was my inspiration with her tenacity and determination when trying to get a better deal for dogs. Her enthusiasm for certain projects was relentless - she never gave up. This is evident by the establishment of the Burnie, Devonport and Hobart Dogs' Homes. I am so proud to be associated with this organisation".

Our other true diamonds who continue to shine in our hearts and minds are our Dogs' Homes staff. We thank the past and present loyal and dedicated staff for what they have done and what they continue to do for the stray, unwanted and abandoned dogs in Tasmania.

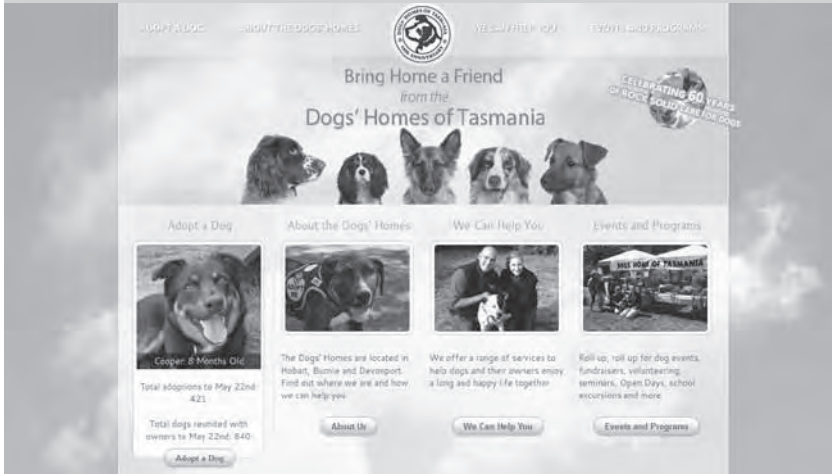
We remember the diamond efforts of those in our earlier days. Sybil Wilson and Janet Adaway were names synonymous with the Devonport Dogs' Home for over 20 years, working for dogs in the greater Devonport area. Billie Jenkins and her dog Della worked tirelessly for the Burnie Dogs' Home. Billie was on site when the first sod was turned to begin building and Della helped raise much needed funds by allowing cash donations to be placed under her collar.

So many pure diamonds...
where would we be
without them!



Della

Dog - On



As part of our 60th anniversary year, we are excited to announce the launch of our new-look web site.

The new design is the result of hard work undertaken by web designer

Alex Green, who generously donated his time and expertise to create a very appealing and user friendly site. Visitors to the new site can access information on Dogs' Homes services, events and

programs with ease. The home page offers a continuous photo loop of dogs awaiting new homes. Stories and quotes from happy adopters will bring a smile, there's useful information on providing your dog with the best possible care, an on-line donation facility and much more.

Photos of dogs for adoption are regularly updated thanks to Rodney Squires and his team at Choose Employment who continue to make an enormous contribution to the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania web presence. Thanks also to Warwick Smith for his technical advice along the way.

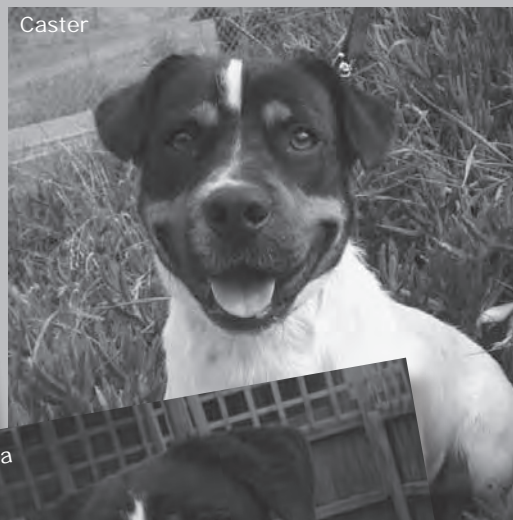
🌟 Diamond Anniversary Adoptions 🌟

The Dogs' Homes aim to adopt 1,500 dogs to caring homes during this Diamond Anniversary year so come and meet them at our three Dogs' Homes or on the web at www.dogshomesoftas.com.au

Why not bring home a friend from the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania in 2010.



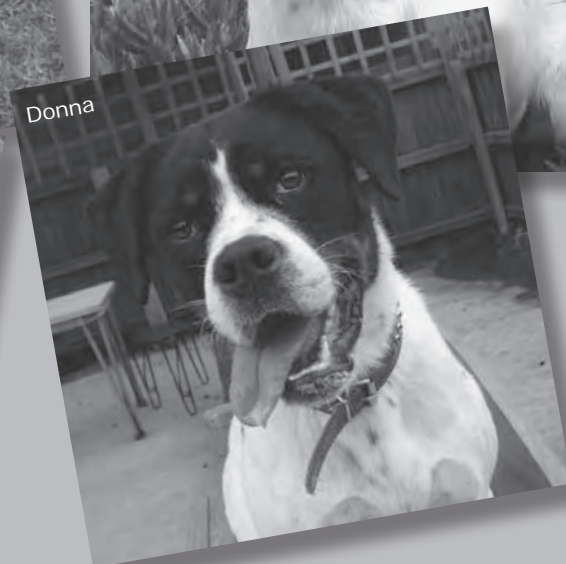
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Auxiliary

We have often mentioned our dedicated Auxiliary who work to provide 'extras' for our dogs and support to the Dogs' Homes at Burnie, Devonport and Hobart. In their 23rd year, members are still enthusiastically working away for our dogs.

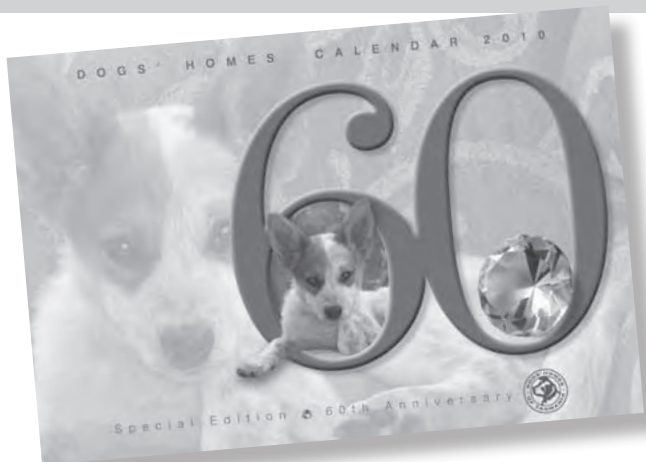
A special member who has attended every meeting for 15 years, is Tammy. Now in her 17th year, Tammy started attending meetings soon after she was adopted from the Dogs' Home. Tammy had been at the Home for a while as she was nursing a litter of puppies. It was only after they were adopted that Tammy went home with Margaret Cox, who kindly provides the venue for Auxiliary meetings.



Tammy helps Margaret welcome members and happily participates in afternoon tea.

A glass of champagne to toast our Diamond Anniversary preceded afternoon tea at the May meeting.

2011 Dogs' Homes Calendar



Do you have a recent photo of your Dogs' Home dog? If so, we would love you to send it in for our 2011 Calendar Competition by the 23rd July.

Please Note: We now have a special Post Office box for the photo entries. Send to P O Box 377 Moonah Tas. 7009 or e-mail cbarryz@bigpond.net.au. The family of the dog whose photo is chosen for the cover receives a water colour portrait of their dog, painted by artist David Bishop. Calendars on sale from our three Dogs' Homes and selected outlets from October for \$10.00 each.



What a wonderful keepsake this will be! Marianne Phillips, a member of the Eastern Shore Needlework Club, has hand-stitched our 60th Anniversary logo which will be on display for the Clarence City Council's 100th Anniversary.



Lost & Found

If you have lost your dog, or found a dog, please phone your nearest Dogs' Home promptly to give us the best chance to re-unite dogs with their families.

Heating for Burnie and Devonport Kennels



Our dogs at the Burnie and Devonport Dogs' Homes will be warmer in the colder weather when new kennel floor heating is installed. Some kennels will also have heat globes for puppies, older dogs and dogs recovering from illness or surgery.

These improvements are being made possible by contributions of \$7,000 from the Dogs' Homes Auxiliary, \$3,000 from a Quiz Night at Kingston and \$2,000 from Rio Tinto. Sincere thanks to everyone who is contributing to this wonderful project.

Heated sleeping areas were installed in each kennel at the Hobart Dogs' Home when the Home was built in 1991.

The installation of the heating is a one off cost; the running costs are ongoing.

If you would like to send a Winter Heating Donation to help keep the Dogs' Homes dogs and puppies warm, please forward it to P O Box 7 Lindisfarne Tas 7015. If you would like to support a particular Home, please advise which Home when sending your donation. Thank you to those who choose to support our dogs and puppies in this way.

**Give the dog a phone...
and help him find a home**

*For every mobile phone donated,
the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania
will receive \$5*

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Mobile Phone Drop Box locations are –

Burnie, Devonport and Hobart Dogs' Homes, Magnolia Café in South Hobart, The Media Centre in Hobart, Citrus Moon Café at Kingston Beach and Gloria Jeans at Eastlands and Kingston.

Adopted and Adored



Another first in our 60th year is the pride of having one of our Dogs' Homes dogs appearing on an official stamp issued by Australia Post entitled 'Adopted and Adored'. Dogs' Home dog Jessie was one of only five dogs chosen nationally for this very special issue recognizing the work of organizations such as ours. These stamps are available from 29th June 2010.

We Still Need You

Without the support of members, donors and volunteers, our organisation could not have assisted the many thousands of dogs who have come into our care during the last 60 years.

However, stray, unwanted and abandoned dogs and puppies continue to be brought to us and we need your on-going support to enable the vital work of providing for their care to continue. Please re-new your membership or become a member, make a donation or become a Friend of the Dogs' Homes. Other ways of contributing are listed on our Subscription and Donation Form. Kindly forward the form or a letter with your details and how you would like to support our work, together with your remittance to:

Dogs' Homes of Tasmania,
P O Box 7 Lindisfarne Tas. 7015

If you would like to contact us for other ideas on supporting the Dogs' Homes, please see our contact details on the back page. Donations are tax deductible

Who is PetRescue and what do they do?



PetRescue is a non-profit organisation which facilitates more than 10,000 adoptions each year thanks to their on-line listing service. The team at PetRescue assist many rescue organisations across the country, including the Dogs' Homes of Tasmania, to access

adopters in the hope of finding good homes for the animals in their care. The team recently celebrated their 50,000th animal re-homed since setting up in 2003. After carrying out thorough checks on potential adopters, the PetRescue team will fly animals to another state if that's where a loving home awaits them. PetRescue has successfully eliminated distance as a hurdle to happiness.

More good news from PetRescue

In a dream come true for PetRescue and animal rescue groups like ourselves, PEDIGREE will be investing \$4 million into an awareness campaign designed to promote the 'adoption option' across the country. Incorporating TV, print and online media, the campaign is designed to highlight the large number of homeless dogs awaiting adoption. Celebrity ambassadors Tom Williams, Myf Wharhurst and Western Bulldogs captain Brad Johnson will promote dog adoption throughout the eight week campaign. Raising awareness of the 'adoption option' will ultimately help find homes for many more pets in need – well done PetRescue and PEDIGREE.

A Short History

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| 1950 | The Tasmanian Canine Defence League (TCDL) was founded by Joan Gladys Rawson, B.E.M. The organisation was formed at a Public Meeting at the Hobart Town Hall on the 15th November. | 1987 | An Auxiliary was formed to provide 'extras' for the dogs at the three Homes. |
| 1954 | Land in Degraives Street, South Hobart was offered to the TCDL to establish temporary accommodation. The Hobart City Council closed the site before it was completed. | 1989 | Land for the new Hobart Dogs' Home was purchased at Risdon Vale and the new Home was officially opened in 1991. |
| 1955 | The first Dogs' Home was established on leased land at Derwent Park. | 1990 | The first Dogs' Home Calendar went to press. |
| 1964 | A second Dogs' Home was established in Launceston utilizing money received from a bequest. This Home closed in late 1986. | 1999 | New buildings were officially opened at the Devonport and Burnie Homes which included veterinary and grooming rooms, new quarantine and adoption kennels. |
| 1968 | At a request of the North West branch of the RSPCA, the TCDL took over the animal shelter at Spreyton Park Racecourse. This is still the site of the Devonport Dogs' Home. | 2000 | To honour Miss Rawson who died on the 17th September, a Wishing Well was installed at the Hobart Home and commemorative plaques were placed at the Burnie and Devonport Dogs' Homes. |
| 1981 | A third Home was built in Burnie for the first time on land owned by the TCDL. | 2001 | The Bea Thompson desexing and veterinary facility was opened at the Hobart Dogs' Home. |
| 1985 | The TCDL registered the name Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. | 2009 | Dogs' Homes of Tasmania's Education Centre was officially opened and a veterinarian became a member of staff for the first time. |
| | | 2010 | 60th Diamond Anniversary year. |



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