



Caring for Homeless Animals

SOUTH GIPPSLAND ANIMAL AID PAWS GALORE THRIFT SHOP INC.

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Association Update

Thank you to all those people who gave their support at our Annual General Meeting in November. The Committee of Management for South Gippsland Animal Aid Paws Galore Thrift Shop Inc. remains unchanged.

- President Marion Munro
- Secretary Jodie Connell
- Treasurer Paula Ingram
- Ordinary Members ... Tracey Breckon
... Sue Walters

We are now well into kitten season with most of our carers having mother cats and kittens in their care. Please, if you know someone who has a litter of kittens, encourage them to get in contact with us. We can assist the owners in getting the mother cats and kittens desexed, microchipped and vaccinated and ensure that they will all go to the best of homes.

If you or someone you know would like to become involved as a foster carer, there is no better time than the present. With lots of kittens currently in care and many of our carers currently having 10+ kittens in care, we could do with a few extra hands on board. It is upsetting when we have to refer people to other animal welfare groups because we simply do not have the room to take them in.

This is also our most expensive time of the year as all these kittens coming into our care need to be vet checked prior to being rehomed. So if you are in Wonthaggi, pop in to Paws Galore Thrift Shop and grab yourself a bargain. All proceeds from Paws Galore go to the animals. If you are having a clean-out over the holidays please consider donating any good sellable items to Paw Galore.

Merry Christmas to all.

Are your pets' microchip details up to date?

Don't forget to update your contact details when moving house.

Fireworks and your pets

New Years Eve is often a time for pets to be spooked by fireworks. The safest and kindest thing by far is to keep your pets safely inside the house with a television or radio playing to drown-out the noise.

Even from kilometres away dogs and cats can feel and hear the loud noise that a fireworks display puts out.



Meet Miley

This beautiful Labrador-cross pup is Miley. She is 8 months old and was advertised free on Facebook. Luckily we managed to get her into our care. Miley didn't seem to breathe too well and her legs looked quite deformed, so the first chance we got she was off to the vet. This was the beginning of a long road to recovery for this girl.

Miley had x-rays done and it was discovered that her chest cavity also contained the organs that should be in her abdomen, as her diaphragm was torn and didn't hold everything where it was supposed to be. So Miley went to the veterinary referral hospital on Tuesday 8 December and underwent a Diaphragmatic Hernia operation which was a huge surgery for her. The surgery was not straightforward as some of the organs had become attached to her chest wall which made removing them for relocation even more difficult. During the operation her spleen was removed to make a bit more room. The other major problem the surgeon faced was trying to repair the diaphragm to keep all the organs from going back into the chest cavity. This had to be done by taking a strip of tissue and muscle from another part of her body to extend the diaphragm so the hole could be closed. Miley is now in foster care recovering and in time she will be available for adoption. We will wait until she has made a full recovery from surgery and then do what needs to be done for her wonky legs.

We would like to thank Cowes Veterinary Clinic, Greencross Vets (Pakenham) and the Veterinary Referral Hospital for their amazing care of Miley and for not giving up on her when the odds were certainly stacked against her!

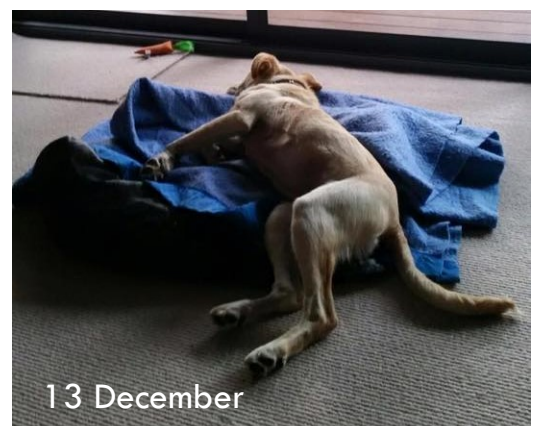
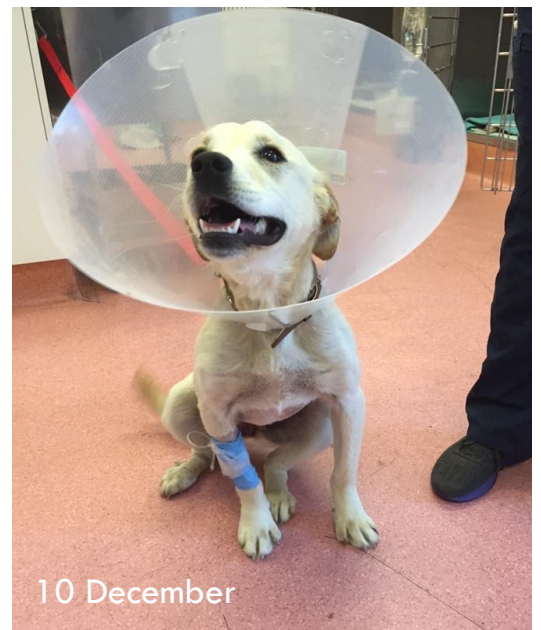
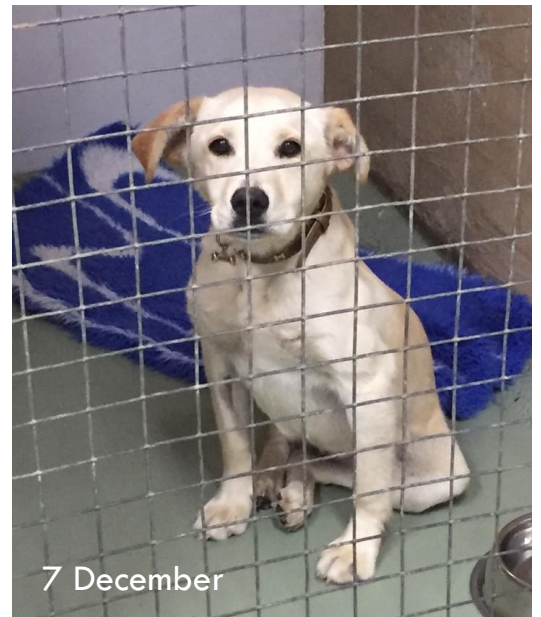
Of course surgery such as this is not cheap. Miley's surgery cost over \$3,500. If you would like to make a donation towards her surgery, please pop in to Paws Galore and make a donation or alternatively pop in to a Bendigo Bank and make a deposit into our bank account.

Account Name - South Gippsland Animal Aid

BSB - 633 000 Account Number - 128717618

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please leave the reference 'Miley' and email our organisation at sthgippyanimalaid@gmail.com and we will mail a receipt for your donation.



Christmas Lilies and Cats



Lily

Christmas lilies are extremely beautiful but also deadly to cats. Every year cats die from nibbling on lilies and once they become sick it's usually too late. Just a couple of bites of a lily will destroy the kidneys of a cat and send them into renal failure. Cats can die from this poisonous flower within 24 to 72 hours.

All lilies, not just the Christmas type, are poisonous to cats. This also includes Lucky Bamboo which is actually a lily.



Lucky Bamboo

Please do not bring lilies into your home if you have cats, even if you think they will not eat them. It is heartbreaking for a vet to have to tell a cat person that nothing can be done. If your cat does eat a lily, call your veterinary clinic or emergency hospital immediately and get instructions to induce vomiting.

Cat & Dog Available for Adoption

Skyla is a lovely affectionate cat. She is very playful and loves pats. She will grab your hand with her soft paws to get you to keep giving her neck and head scratches. She also likes an appropriate amount of belly rubs and when picked up she will delicately touch your face with her paws and sniff your nose! She likes to play! She will chase toys and pieces of paper and play with your toes under the blankets. She will also grab your hand in play. She has never bitten me but does mouth your hand if you push your luck with belly rubbing. She is appropriately chatty and loves to be picked up. It is worth noting that Skyla is a bigger cat at around 7kg. She is a tall, muscular girl (not fat).

Skyla is fine with dogs but she needs to be situated in an only cat home.



Skyla

Adoption - \$80.00 includes a bag of food.
MC 90012001160125

For more information feel free to contact Hannah on 0400 047 898.



Kelpy

Kelpy is a lovely four year old female, Labrador-cross Kelpie. She was surrendered because she wasn't getting along with her family's other dog. She is a lovely friendly girl, gets a bit excited when first meeting people but will improve with training. She is quite strong on the lead and walks well off the lead. She's ideally suited to a family with older kids. Kelpy will need regular exercise as well as a good size backyard to play in. Ideally, Kelpy needs to be the only dog in the home.

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We are please to report that at the time this newsletter went to print a new home with a loving family was found for Kelpy.



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If you know of anyone wanting to adopt a pet, please encourage them to consider adopting a rescue pet. Rescue pets make great pets as they come with all their vet work done for a very affordable adoption fee.

We advertise all of our available animals on Pet Rescue's website and you can see what we have by visiting us at: petrescue.com.au/groups/10150

For dog adoptions call Marion on 0438 680 261.

For kitten/cat adoptions call Tracey on 0499 974 720.



*We wish all our members a
Merry Christmas and a safe
and Happy New Year.*



DONATIONS NEEDED

Paws Galore appreciates good clean items. If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer require, we would be delighted to take them off your hands.

Great sellers are clothes both ladies and mens. Also shoes, bags, manchester, curtains and suitcases.

We appreciate porcelain, glassware, collectables and craft items.

Books, games and puzzles of all kinds are always received well.

Small furniture items such as bookshelves, bedside tables and coffee tables are in demand.

Sporting gear including bikes, racquets, bats and balls also sell well.

Of course for the animals we need blankets, towels, doonas, bedding, cages, food and cat litter.

