



'Caring for Homeless Animals'

South Gippsland Animal Aid 'Paws Galore' Thrift Shop Inc.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8 May
Starts at 7pm
Workmans Club
75 Graham St
Wonthaggi
ALL WELCOME

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Keep up-to-date with the goings on of the
South Gippsland Animal Aid
including cats/kittens and dogs available for adoption.
facebook.com/SthGippyAnimalAid

Website

animalaidsouthgippsland.org.au

South Gippsland Animal Aid 'Paws Galore' Thrift Shop Inc.

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Wonthaggi Vic 3995
PO Box 666
For shop inquiries only
phone 5672 3948

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR DESEXING CATS/KITTENS AND DOGS.

CONDITIONS APPLY

For all animal inquiries
phone

0458 157 155

or email

rescue@sgaa.onmicrosoft.com



Annual Report 2021-2022



The financial year of 2021-2022 saw one of the most successful years our group has had for quite some time. Despite the significant rise in costs of animal food and vet expenses, this was offset by an increase in donations and success in community grants. As a result, our animal aid returned a pleasing net profit of \$50,329, compared to the previous year of \$16,018, bearing in mind we had to endure the lockdown during the Covid-19 crisis, which saw our thrift shop forced to close for a number of months. A detailed financial report is available upon request.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our members and (even non-members) for your ongoing support. Your membership fee and donations help us to continue the work we do in rehoming animals that were rescued, homeless or abandoned and in some cases had to be surrendered due to circumstances of their owners.

So how do we manage what we do? Well the backbone of our association are the dedicated foster carers, of which there are about 20 located in and around Gippsland and Bass Coast. Their homes are safe havens for the animals, without which we could not provide this much-needed service. Our carers generously volunteer their time to look after our four-legged friends.

All of our precious cats and dogs are vet-checked, desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, rehabilitated, fed quality pet food and rehomed as soon as a forever home becomes available.

As a member, your annual fee helps us finance many of the costs associated with caring for the animals.

The current Committee of Management for South Gippsland Animal Aid 'Paws Galore' Thrift Shop Inc. is;

President Marion Munro
Secretary Tracey Breckon
Treasurer Paula Ingram
Ordinary Members John Davis
..... Natalie Shaw

Throughout 2021/2022 we rehomed 492 cats/kittens and 35 dogs. At last count we had 68 cats/kittens in our care. Plus we have run (and are still running) a very successful 'Last Litter Program' where we have assisted with the desexing of around 50 cats. We continue to work with farmers in doing TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) with their cats to reduce the number of kittens born on farms. We would also like to give a shout-out to the men and women who volunteer their time in running our Thrift Shop and to Ian Cole for monitoring the dozens of fundraising tins in outlets all around Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- PETstock Pty Ltd for supporting our fundraising efforts and also for displaying our animals for adoption at Clyde North, Pakenham and Warragul. Also thanks to Leanne and Peter Paterson from Cowes PETstock for their on going support.
- ARC (Animal Rescue Cooperative) for the generous donation of dog food.
- PetRescue, in association with Mars, for the large donation of dry cat and wet dog food and dog treats.
- Corinella Boarding Kennels.
- Ritchie's IGA Benefit Scheme.
- Bendigo Bank.
- Grantville CWA for its Annual Pet Food Drive.

An acknowledgement also to the following veterinarians businesses for their continued support:

- Cowes Veterinary Surgery.
- Poowong Veterinary Service.
- Greencross Vets (Pakenham).
- Gippsland Veterinary Group.
- Inverloch Animal Doc.



DUMPING KITTENS - more common than you may think

These kittens were left to die in a bag on a rail trail on a 33 degree day! Lucky for them they were found by a person who cared and now they are safe with us. They were about three weeks old and needed feeding every three hours. Who could put these guys in a bag and walk away knowing they would die? Our group runs a 'last litter' program to stop things like this happening but still it happens. Our group is not judgmental. You don't have to explain how you ended up with a litter. Just reach out and let us help, so that desperate measures like this do not occur.



Hours: Mon to Frid 9am-3pm Sat 10am-2pm

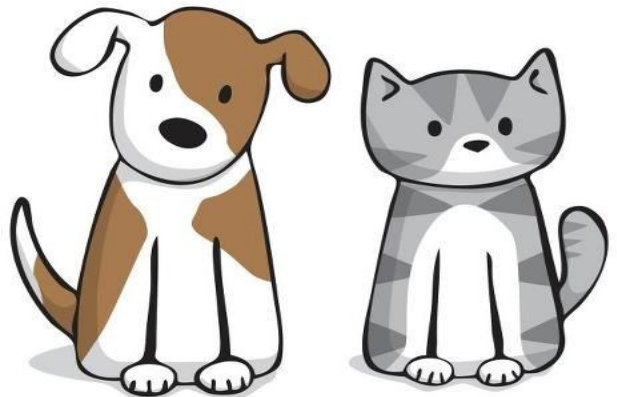
DONATIONS NEEDED

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

- ⇒ Great sellers are clothes both ladies and men's. Also shoes, bags, manchester, hats, curtains and suitcases.
- ⇒ We take porcelain, glassware, collectables and a variety of craft items.
- ⇒ Books of all sorts, records and DVDs are good sellers.
- ⇒ Small furniture items such as bookshelves, bedside tables and coffee tables are in demand.
- ⇒ Sporting gear including adult and children bikes, racquets, bats and balls, etc.
- ⇒ Of course for the animals we need blankets, towels, doonas, bedding, cages, food, toys, cat litter, leads, etc.



FOREVER HOMES WANTED



Our carers have many dogs and cats ready for adoption. Why not contact our group to enquire about adopting a pet?