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ANNUAL REPORT

Sydney's Animals For Everyone Rehoming



‘Bringing Sydney’s Animals and Homes Together’

S.A.F.E. Rehoming was founded on 22nd September 2017 following a campaign to acknowledge the closure of the largest animal shelter in Northern Beaches of Sydney in July 2017. Following the dedication and hard work of the team involved in that campaign, S.A.F.E. was born as a registered charity and its history began.

The first animals were brought into care less than a week later and through an extremely committed and enthusiastic foster network, the animals have top quality care. And although they come from a variety of places with their own stories, through S.A.F.E. they are able to continue that story forwards.

Every pet that comes into S.A.F.E.’s care is special and becomes part of the S.A.F.E. family before moving onto their very own forever home. While we are able to, we will strive to help as many of these special pets that we can!



OUR PEOPLE

Committee members

Name	Position	Dates acted
Tim Crossman	President	22 nd September 2017 - present
Stephanie Dos Santos	Vice-President	22 nd September 2017 - present
Jacqueline Wheatley	Secretary	22 nd September 2017 - present
Sandy Dixon Hughes	Committee Member	22 nd September 2017 - present
Elizabeth Fitzsimmons	Committee Member	22 nd September 2017 - present
Joy Sherlock	Committee Member	22 nd September 2017 - present
Abby Ballantyne	Committee Member	22 nd September 2017 – 18 th September 2018

The committee has been hard at work all year keeping things ticking along and looking to the future of S.A.F.E. Rehoming. They would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Abby Ballantyne for the hard work and passion she brought to S.A.F.E. Rehoming in the brief time she was involved at the committee level. Abby remains an active supporter of S.A.F.E. and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Volunteers and Foster Carers

Without the help from the caring foster carers and volunteers, S.A.F.E. would simply not be able to operate. The animals that they open their homes and hearts up to are allowed a second chance, or sometimes even a first chance, and something that really makes a difference for them. Fostering is not an easy job, between the litter box cleaning and the never ending feeds, there is little time for much else, but the reward is always there to see. Adorable kittens growing into loving cats or the scared, shy adult cat blossoming into a pet that any home would be lucky to have. The rewards far outweigh the hard work.

A big thank you to all our foster carers!

With many events from adoption days to market stalls, volunteers form an integral role in keeping things running 'on the ground'. Greeting hundreds of people with thousands of questions, the volunteers tirelessly keep a smile on their face and a polite tone in their voice.

Another big thank you all of our volunteers!



OUR SUPPORTERS

S.A.F.E. Rehoming is proud to have the following businesses support our worthy cause of rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of pets in Sydney. We thank them all for their dedication to a better world for all abandoned and unwanted pets.



Dr Jenny Wingham and her team at Mona Vale Veterinary Hospital

Avalon Veterinary Hospital
Caring for all your family



Dr Jamie Geddes and his team at Avalon Veterinary Hospital

DOGUE

Margaret Hennessey and her team at DOGUE Avalon



Bruce Wong at Wong & Horta Lawyers

PRESIDENT and TREASURER'S REPORT

Tim Crossman was nominated as President and Treasurer of S.A.F.E. Rehoming at the first committee meeting by the members of the committee. He has been working in the animal welfare industry for over 4 years and has previously held management roles in a shelter environment. He also has experience running his own business which includes personnel management. And most importantly, he has 4 cats and a sulphur-crested cockatoo at home!

S.A.F.E. Rehoming has been a passion project for me from the very beginning, when myself and others decided that if no one else was going to do anything about the lack of options of animal welfare organisations in Northern Sydney, then we would. I feel privileged to be the person chosen to run the organisation and take great pride in what we have all achieved so far.

The support from the Northern Beaches community and the animal industry community within has been overwhelming. From the beginning we knew we were running an uphill race to get the organisation running and to keep it in a position where we could continue to do the important work that we are aiming to do. Thankfully the community we find ourselves in is just as passionate about these pets as I am, and all of the people involved in S.A.F.E.. Without this varied help we have received from the community, there's no way we could have come this far. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any capacity.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to our foster carers, who I know from experience, have the tough job of caring for our pets in their own home. While it's fantastic having these pets in our lives, there is blood, sweat and tears poured into every animal that comes through S.A.F.E., and it's important for me to know that the foster carers we have are all willing to go the extra mile for each and every precious pet they care for. And then comes the time they get adopted, which is always the most bittersweet part of fostering! You're thrilled they're going to a loving home, but the attachment grows ever stronger every day you have them in care. So, a special thank you to all our foster carers!

I would also like to give a special thank you to the committee members who give up their own time to attend meetings, answer emails, do all sorts of research as well as turning up at events and volunteering their time for the cause. The work they do is truly endless, and every committee member continues to do their best work with a smile on their face every time. I can definitely say my job would be much harder without their support behind me.

It is a pleasure to see the achievements S.A.F.E. is undertaking first hand, and the thing I enjoy most is seeing the animals find their new homes. Having been involved in the majority of adoptions in one way or another, it is these heart warming interactions that keep me going and see me fighting for these animals every day.

And finally, looking at the financials of S.A.F.E., I am pleased to say that given our circumstances, I feel we are in a decent position looking forward. Obviously running a not-for-profit provides its own unique set of challenges, however responses to fundraising are positive and with the strong base of members and supporters we have a bright future.

A future that I look forward to being a part of and I hope you will be too! I thank you for your support and I hope it will continue so we can continue to help as many pets as we can in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Crossman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tim Crossman

President and Treasurer

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

July 2017* through June 2018

INCOME

Donations	(\$35,673.35)	(82.50%)
General Donations	\$26,160.95	60.50%
Fundraising Donations	\$1,205.50	2.80%
GoFundMe Donations	\$6,168.72	14.30%
Membership Donations	\$2,138.18	4.90%
Activities Income	(\$1500.01)	(10.40%)
Adoption Fees	\$4000.02	9.20%
Surrender Fees	\$454.55	1.10%
Veterinary Fees	\$45.45	0.10%
Membership Income	(\$1,131.86)	(2.60%)
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Merchandise Income	(\$311.85)	(1.40%)
SAFE Merchandise	\$581.81	1.30%
Pet Food Sales	\$41.88	0.10%
Fundraising Income	(\$443.03)	(3.10%)
SAFE Merchandise	\$756.36	1.70%
Other Merchandise	\$507.72	1.20%
Raffle Tickets	\$65.00	0.20%
Total Income	\$43,258.00	100.00%

GST Report

	Amount	GST Collected	GST Paid
GST Free	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GST Collected	\$8,292.57	\$753.74	n/a
GST Paid	\$14,515.97	n/a	\$1,319.63
GST Not reportable	\$35,655.17	n/a	n/a

Totals

Total Income	\$43,258.00
GST Collected	\$753.74
Total Expenses	\$14,515.97
GST Paid	\$1,319.63
Operating Profit	\$28,176.14

EXPENSES

Advertising	(\$571.38)	(1.30%)
Printing	\$571.38	1.30%
Animal Expenses	(\$4,376.47)	(10.10%)
Amenities	\$623.14	1.40%
Behaviour Modification	\$203.03	0.50%
Consumables	\$5.45	0.00%
Food – General Cat	\$1,182.37	2.70%
Food – General Kitten	\$339.31	0.80%
Food – Special Diets – Cat	\$261.87	0.60%
Food – Special Diets – Kitten	\$333.77	0.80%
Preventatives – Cats & Kittens	\$1,427.53	3.30%
Vet Fees	(\$6,586.92)	(15.30%)
Dental Surgery	\$454.55	1.10%
Desexing Surgery	\$2,398.07	5.50%
Health/Incoming Checks	\$683.18	1.60%
Medications	\$1,024.66	2.40%
Microchipping	\$156.00	0.40%
Vaccinations	\$1,175.46	2.70%
Other Surgeries/Procedures	\$695.00	1.60%
Bank Fees	(\$92.19)	(0.20%)
Transaction Fees	\$38.55	0.10%
EFTPOS Expenses	\$53.64	0.10%
Fundraising Expenses	(\$747.30)	(1.80%)
Market Fees	\$36.36	0.10%
Market Stock – Other Products	\$200.36	0.50%
Other Market Expenses	\$292.40	0.70%
Fundraising Equipment	\$218.18	0.50%
Member Expenses	(\$22.73)	(0.10%)
Venue Hire Fees	\$22.73	0.10%
Merchandise	(\$200.00)	(0.50%)
SAFE Merchandise	\$200.00	0.50%
Postage & Shipping	(\$144.99)	(0.40%)
Shipping – Receiving	\$72.40	0.20%
Shipping – Sending	\$72.59	0.20%
Office Expenses	(\$516.57)	(1.20%)
Stationary Expenses	\$84.76	0.20%
General Expenses	\$304.55	0.70%
Telephone & Internet	\$127.26	0.30%
Vehicles & Maintenance	(\$711.75)	(1.60%)
Fuel	\$521.60	1.20%
Tolls	\$186.06	0.40%
Parking	\$4.09	0.00%
Veterinary Expenses	(\$545.67)	(1.30%)
Veterinary Equipment	\$545.67	1.30%
Total Expenses	\$14,515.97	33.60%

*The financial year starts on June 2017, however S.A.F.E. commenced trading in September 2017

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

S.A.F.E. Rehoming’s objectives are in short, to rescue, rehabilitate (when necessary) and rehome pets. Some of these pets have been abandoned and left as strays, some are born ‘on the streets’, some are born in our care while others are from loving homes which can no longer effectively care for them. No matter where they come from, each and every one of them holds a special place in our hearts. Following are the statistics from 22nd September 2017 through to 30th June 2018.

Pets in care

Total number: **99 pets**

- 27 adult cats
- 69 kittens
- 3 dogs



Where did all those pets come from?

58 from Blacktown Animal Holding Facility

15 taken into care from Good Samaritan rescues (people who found them on the streets and brought them to us)

12 Private Surrenders

12 animals born in care

1 from West Ryde Veterinary Hospital

1 transferred from Westies Cat Rescue



Where are all those pets now?

S.A.F.E.’s first adoption was on 11th November 2017. Since then the response has been nothing short of incredible, especially considering all adoptions have been carried out from foster homes, with minimal advertising exposure of S.A.F.E. given the size of the organisation.

Adoptions

Total Number: **44 pets**

- 11 adult cats
- 32 kittens
- 1 dog



Unfortunately, not everything always goes to plan. Young kittens and older cats are susceptible to disease and illness and when dealing with such large numbers of pets, it is inevitable that we will lose some. Young kittens, especially those who are no longer with their mothers are particularly at risk of developing fatal problems early in life. In total we lost 8 pets during this period, 7 of those passed away peacefully in their foster homes and the remaining one required calm euthanasia after complications post desex surgery. It’s always with a heavy heart that these pets are lost to us, but they will forever remain in the hearts’ of their foster carers.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As you will no doubt be aware, the S.A.F.E. Rehoming committee has been working tirelessly to find a suitable location for S.A.F.E. to establish a cattery on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. While this task has been long and at times frustrating for all involved, the team remain confident that they can see this through and provide a much needed facility for the area. Given the support from the community and the volume of enquires fielded by the team every week, it is obvious to them that this facility will be welcomed and well utilised once it is set up. The members will be the first to know of any developments on this front. In the meantime, the team is carrying on the cause and trying to help as many pets as possible.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As previously stated, it is the S.A.F.E. Community that keeps the organisation running. Without foster carers, volunteers and members, we would not be able to continue.

Become a member

If you have not yet joined, you can download a membership form from the S.A.F.E. Rehoming website or request one in the post by contacting us using the details at the bottom of this page. All membership fees go towards looking after pets in care.

Make a donation

While cash donations are the most frequent form of donation, and very much appreciated, we also always need things like food, litter, toys and bedding for the pets in care. Head to the S.A.F.E. Rehoming website for more information on how to donate.

Become a foster carer

If you can open your home, and your heart to a furry friend, this is arguably the best way you can help. S.A.F.E. covers all the costs and gives you as much support as required, you don't have to have experience as we will match you to a pet that would suit your circumstance and household.

Support an event or fundraising activity

Whether you can come up with a unique event or activity to help fundraise or volunteer your time to help organise one, every little bit counts towards helping the animals find their second chance.

Become a corporate partner

If you know of a business or you own a business that would like to support us, get in touch with us to see what kind of difference can be made with local partnerships which benefit everyone.



CONTACT US

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