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Photo courtesy Cas Beaty Photography

Christmas Wishes come true

Dogs Henry and Django, along with cat Winnie, are familiar faces to many readers. These animals featured in our Christmas Appeal as those who had their Christmas Wishes granted. Their stories represented the expected 6,300 dogs and cats we'd be called upon to care for over Christmas and into the New Year.

Summer and the festive holiday period is one of our busiest times of year, with many of the dogs and cats arriving needing high-levels of care to help transform their lives. Once again, our big-hearted supporters stepped up to the challenge – thank you!

With so many wonderful gifts, not only was every dog and cat given proper care, but our animal ambulances, National Pet Register, veterinary clinic and hospital were able to operate at full capacity – saving the lives of thousands of pets.

To all of you who donated to the Christmas Appeal, a heartfelt thank you.



Full tummies for 2011 thanks to the Woolworths Christmas Pet Food Appeal



We thank Woolworths and their customers for their support of the 2010 Christmas Pet Food Appeal. It was a massive success, with almost 220 donation bins filled with generously donated cat and dog food.

For 23 years now we've relied on the support of greater Melbourne Woolies stores to help provide the 4.8 tonnes of dry food and more than 12,000 tins of wet food the dogs and cats eat their way through every year. It's a lot of food for a lot of hungry animals!

Thanks to Woolworths and kind shoppers, who throw an extra tin or bag of pet food into their trolleys, we're able to direct more funds towards important services such as veterinary treatment for sick and injured animals and our adoption program.

Gifts of tinned or dry pet food are of course gratefully received at all times of the year; however it is during the holiday season when we receive the majority of our pet food donations. This truly is a testament to the wonderful generosity of people at Christmas, and on behalf of all the dogs and cats, we thank all who supported the Appeal in 2010.

Photo courtesy Newton & Bowers.

From the desk of Dr Graeme Smith OAM

The Lost Cats' Home: a dream come true

It was just over a year ago that our appeal to build The Lost Cats' Home was mailed to donors and supporters. Because of the swift and tremendous response from many kind people, the dream to create the best possible facility to house cats and kittens has come true.

The Lost Cats' Home is a ground-breaking facility for cats and kittens in animal shelters.

Occupying what was once a packaging factory, next door to our main Gracie Street premises, **The Lost Cats' Home at 54 Gracie Street sets the standards in housing and care of cats and it's all thanks to those who shared our vision and gave so generously towards the project.**

Instead of living in cages, cats and kittens have the luxury of cat condos (which I think of as enclosures). Each condo has glass doors, an ensuite toilet area, two levels of space, air conditioning and individual airflow.

Cat and kitten comfort was a major consideration in planning The Lost Cats' Home. It was also important that we limit the spread of cat flu in the shelter. In a 12 month pilot program with 30 cat condos cat flu decreased from 15% to just 3%.

The Lost Cats' Home has 180 condos, spread over four 'pods'. Each pod has a dedicated treatment room, whilst the building includes an isolation ward and examination area. This design improves the welfare of the animals. Cats and kittens appear to be more contented and relaxed. The ensuite bathrooms offer shy or nervous felines



a place to hide and, because of its location, barking dogs don't bother its residents.

Cats and kittens who will be adopted from BestFriends Pet SuperCentres across Melbourne have a dedicated room within the building too.

Above the four pods of condos is an impressive, interactive mural, created by talented artist Shaylee. Her massive paintings of cats, kittens, birds, fish and mice were cut out and installed, adorning the main mezzanine wall. It's a fun, colourful addition to the facility and makes for a much more welcoming atmosphere.

It has been almost 25 years since the Home first began to admit and care for stray and unwanted cats. The Lost Cats' Home will allow us to house and care for cats, keeping them relaxed and healthy, in a purpose-built facility well into the future. It sets the benchmark for cat facilities in Australia.

My staff and I are absolutely delighted with The Lost Cats' Home and on behalf of us all, I extend a sincere thank you to all who made a gift towards this spectacular home for lost cats and kittens.

Dr Graeme Smith OAM

Managing Director

Ed: Photos of The Lost Cats' Home, as well as The Stan and Helen Moore Sick and Injured Shelter and The Thelma Hoult Training and Education Centre, can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

The perfect comic pair – Claire Hooper and Dusty



Home ambassador Claire Hooper with Dusty.
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Claire Hooper is a team captain on Network Ten's Good News Week and co-host of Mix 106.5 Sydney Breakfast. She is also proud ambassador of The Lost Dogs' Home.

For Claire, having a dog has been a big part of her life for as long as she can remember. Early childhood photos show her curled up with the family's brindle Bull Terrier. And it is her early love of this type of breed, she thinks, which led her to adopt Dusty, a Staffy/Kelpie mix from The Lost Dogs' Home.

While Claire makes a living out of making people laugh, she is also aware that the enjoyment her dog brings her, and the way in which his antics make her laugh, are key to keeping her happy and balanced and able to go to work every day.

"When I think of life before Dusty, it was a little bit grey. The difference in my mood when we got him was almost immeasurable," she says. "Some people aren't in a position to have a dog because of their circumstances – and it can't be a measure in their lives that everyone can take. But honestly, if you're blue or low, I couldn't recommend anything better. Caring for a dog I think, can in a way be a sort of transference of taking care of yourself. If for some reason you're finding that you're not caring for yourself enough –

having a dog means that you make the effort. You're investing in your pet, and thus in yourself."

Claire also says it's true that in moments of sadness, or having a little cry, there can be nothing nicer than a dog's intuitive empathy. A paw on your knee or a big lick on the cheek can be the best sort of emotional balm.

But more than this – it is in every day life that Dusty administers regular doses of the best medicine there is: laughter.

"He's hilarious," says Claire. "He has a knowing way. He's smart, but he plays dumb, and you can see him pretending."

Dusty loves expending energy, and is kept occupied by big walks, runs in the park and agility exercises – at which he excels.

It is also in the park that Dusty taught Claire her first trick.

"He just did it one day."

After a big run off the lead, Dusty will always return to Claire and she slips his harness on.

"I think he just decided he would like a back scratch. He wouldn't walk with me, he just lay on his back, put his paws up and was thrilled when I dragged him slowly on his back."

Claire says he genuinely seems to love the sensation of the earth and grass beneath him as he moves along the ground, and he'll happily surf along for about 20 metres, before jumping up and continuing his walk.

"I have to do it with a big smile on my face though," laughs Claire. "Because if I do that trick for him while looking grim, strangers in the park will probably think that I'm doing something terribly mean, dragging my pet along the ground."

Dusty is also a great physical comedian.

"He's very wriggly, and very vocal. He does great loud yawns. And when he gets excited, he just moves in such a funny way – it seems almost like his joints have disappeared. If my husband and I dance – you know, put some Hip-Hop on – we joke that Dusty gets a bit 'homie'. It's just great to have something so wriggly of another species moving in the house!"

For Dusty and his loving owners, life together is all about love and hilarity.

In a way that seems symbiotic, having a dog in their lives brings unadulterated happiness, and for Dusty, life in his second-chance home couldn't be more fun, or more secure and safe.

And Claire can go to work each day, knowing that spreading laughter around among her fellow humans is just one way of passing on some of nature's best medicine.

When Claire is asked a slightly ambiguous question about Dusty and his comic personality, she doesn't hesitate for long. The comedian is mulling the hypothetical: "if Dusty were to tell a joke, what would the punch-line be?"

"Oh, I know this one," says Claire. "Me and my husband have talked about this. I think it would be: 'and then I licked it'."

Claire and Dusty really are, it seems, the perfect comic team.



The 2010 Annual Supporter Survey

What you told us

The Annual Survey gives us the opportunity to find out more about what our supporters think and how they feel. This was our seventh survey and, as in the past, the responses we received were enlightening and helps us better understand you!

Pets

67% own one or more dogs.

48% own one or more cats.

Fish are the most commonly owned other type of pet, followed very closely by birds.

The majority of you with pets stated that your pet/s bring you joy and that you consider them a valuable part of the family.

You and the Home

The National Pet Register is the service most commonly used by supporters, with the adoption program not far behind.

13% stay updated with our work by logging onto dogshome.com, whilst **15%** of you keep in the loop via news items in newspapers, on radio and television.

*A whopping **92%** of you believe that the Mobile Microchipping Service is very important.*

We greatly appreciate every response to our Annual Supporter Survey! Thanks to all who took the time to complete it.

...and introducing 'Reggie', our Mobile Microchipping Service!

The Survey raised funds towards the purchase of the Mobile Microchipping Service (pictured). The customised Winnebago has already attended microchipping and tagging events in Victoria

and, as staff report, having all the equipment they need in one place; a secure space to microchip pets and data entry stations (so pets' details can be immediately entered onto the system) has made a big difference in our ability to deliver a professional service.



The van's size and signage really stands out from the crowd – raising awareness not only about the importance of pet identification, but also of our work.

We deeply appreciate those who so generously gave towards the Mobile Microchipping Service – you're helping us reach more pets and providing them with identification, getting them home if they're ever lost.

New Gracie Street

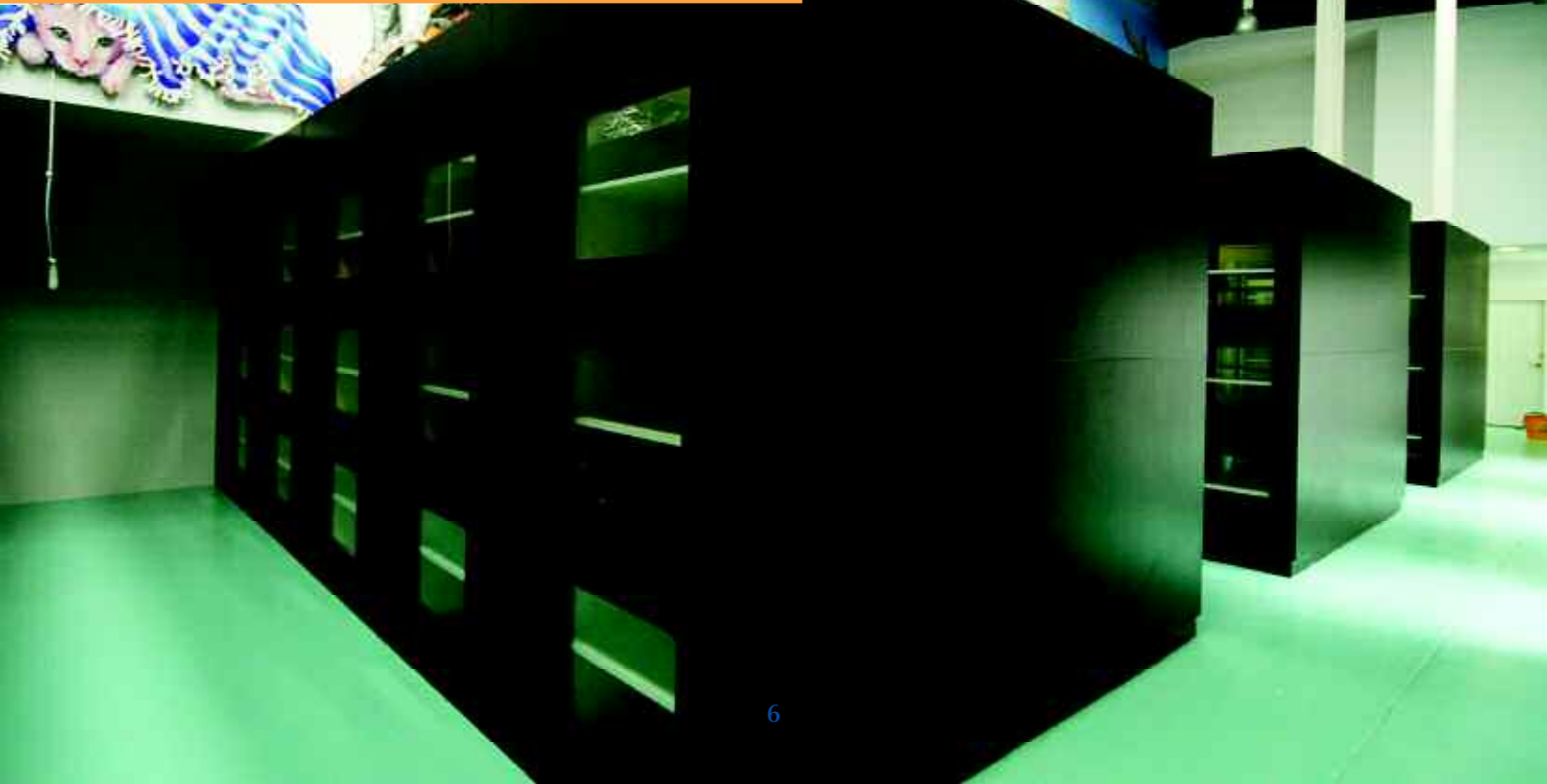
12 months of building, and up to three years of planning, have



The Lost Cats' Home

180 cat condos, treatment rooms and storage – along with mezzanine office space for the National Pet Register – make up The Lost Cats' Home. Housing cats and kittens in a much quieter, more hygienic space, The Lost Cats' Home revolutionises the way in which we're able to care for our feline friends.

The Lost Cats' Home is located next door to our main site, at 54 Gracie Street.



buildings unveiled!

...e resulted in three magnificent new buildings in Gracie Street



The Stan and Helen Moore Sick and Injured Shelter

Long-time employee and dear friend of the Home, Stan, and his wife Helen, dedicated much of their lives to animals and improving their welfare. It was only fitting to name the Sick and Injured Shelter in tribute to them.

Injured, elderly and sick stray dogs are housed in custom-designed kennels and the Shelter has a dedicated

veterinary suite to minimise any stress in animals needing treatment. The ceiling fans and louvres provide ventilation during summer, whilst heat lamps above each pen provide warmth. The shelter has been designed to use minimal energy and is in keeping with the Home's environmental policy.



The Thelma Hoults Training and Education Centre

Mrs Thelma Hoults spent many years teaching. As a generous supporter of the Home, she wanted her bequest to go towards a training and/or teaching facility. The Training and Education Centre includes an auditorium for school, community and professional groups to attend seminars tailored to their requirements, as well as office space for administration departments.

The Thelma Hoults Training and Education Centre is at 13 Gracie Street, opposite our main site.



Celebrating our Open Day



Images courtesy: Cas Beaty Photography, Jo Ward, Nik Kingsman and Jo Dinh.



Sunday 20th March saw thousands of animal lovers and Home supporters join in the celebrations of Open Day at Gracie Street.

Street stalls, celebrity guests, live music, tours of the Home and its new buildings, dog washing, dog agility demonstrations, discounted microchipping and a pet show offered something for everyone – even our four-legged friends.

A massive thank you to the team of enthusiastic volunteers who helped both in the lead up, and on the day itself – your efforts helped the day run smoothly!

We hope all who attended Open Day had as much fun as we did! It was fantastic to see and meet many of our supporters and donors and their dogs.



Our special thanks to: City of Melbourne • Citywide • BestFriends Pet SuperCentre • Planet K9 • Mar • Caroline Pope • VanGo Coffee • VanGo Juice • Matrix Fun Foods • Happy Tatts • Hills Pet Nutrition • A • Delta Society • Rotary – North Melbourne • Kensington Garden Centre • Aesop • Calie Jean Handm • Access Hardware • Reynolds Street Takeaway • What's a gal to do? • Pfizer • Meriel • Fu



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Pickles

Pickles had a painful start to 2011, being hit by a car on New Years Eve, which resulted in a badly fractured femur in his left hind leg.

"It was major orthopedic surgery but the alternative would be that Pickles would require ongoing treatment on his leg, which was badly broken," Dr Larry Colson said. "The kinder, most humane thing to do was to remove the leg."

A special owner was sought for the effervescent two-year-old and Joanne and her family fitted the bill.

"I'm a Facebook friend of the Home and when Pickles' story showed up in my Facebook news feed I was immediately smitten. I had to organise an additional animal permit with my Council because we already have two cats, a dog and three guinea pigs. At one stage it seemed the permit wouldn't go through and it devastated me, but the gods were smiling and the permit went through."

Pickles has us all under his spell and we're so in love with him, especially our daughter Scarlett. She picks him up at every opportunity and carries him around like a doll! He's been a great help with helping her getting to sleep in her own bed at night and the pair of them curl up in her bed and drift off to sleep.

He's a gentle soul and a beautiful cat. He loves to smooch and cuddle and sometimes I swear he talks. He listens and comes when called, whereas our other cats, Kisses and Tabatha, run in the opposite direction!"



Nahla

Nahla's adoption photo, showing her getting into the Christmas spirit at our Wingecarribee shelter, paid off: within a week the New South Wales girl captured the hearts of Victorians Emily and Ryan, who made the drive over the border to adopt her.

Wingecarribee Assistant Shelter Manager Alicia said, "Nahla and two other dogs



y Tails



came into our care after their owners moved house and left them behind. Nahla's one of the sweetest, sookiest dogs we've had the pleasure of caring for here and we're thrilled she found such a great home."

Nahla now has a close friend in 'sister' Tashi. Owner Emily told us, "Tashi's shown Nahla that swimming is lots of fun. At first she was scared and nervous around water, but once she saw Tashi enjoying herself she decided it was worth a go - now she loves going for a swim! Nahla's very fit with all the exercise she gets and can outrun Tashi any day of the week. We love her to bits."



Fanny

Now living in Mansfield, Fanny was originally brought to the Home after being found tied up in a garbage bag at a Melbourne train station.

How she escaped suffocating or falling onto nearby train tracks is anyone's guess, but thankfully the five-month-old terrier suffered no long-term effects from the ordeal and was soon ready for a new home.

Three months on from her adoption and the Sheppards report: "We are thrilled at how well she has fitted in with our family, friends and country life. Her turn of speed is amazing to watch, which gives her a distinct advantage when playing fetch. She has more toys than our son did growing up and her favourites are the squeaky ones (so much so that we sometimes regret buying them!). She is the smartest little dog we've had, which keeps us on our toes. Thank you one and all for bringing Fanny into our home and lives. She is a joy and we couldn't have wished for a better companion."

Dr Larry talks about cat flu

As Dr Smith wrote in his column on page three, the opening of The Lost Cats' Home has shown a decrease in cat flu; a common disease in cats.

Many of our cat-owning clients have asked us about cat flu and what they need to be aware of and I want to share my advice with our cat-owning readers.

What is cat flu?

Cat flu is the common name for an upper respiratory disease caused by a number of infectious agents, notably feline herpes virus, feline calicivirus and feline chlamydia. Cat flu is easily spread from cat to cat through sneezing and can be carried on hands and shared bowls and equipment.

What are the symptoms?

Initially sneezing, loss of appetite and fever, but symptoms can progress to severe ulcers and secondary problems, such as pneumonia in acute cases.

A cat with cat flu will also have a clear, thick discharge from its nose and eyes.



How is cat flu treated?

As there are no drugs available to specifically kill the virus, treatment generally involves supportive care while the cat's immune system fights off the infection. Treatment may include antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infection, decongestant drugs and intravenous fluids to combat severe dehydration.

Your vet may recommend some or all of the following at-home treatments for mild cases of cat flu:

- Cleaning discharge from the cat's eyes and nose;

- Providing warmed, palatable foods to increase appetite;
- Using a nebuliser to help administer medication;
- Shutting your cat in the bathroom after you shower, so the steam acts as a decongestant.

Most cats have an uneventful recovery but some may have periodic bouts of cat flu or become carriers of the virus.

How can I prevent my cat getting cat flu?

The good news is that the standard F4 vaccine will protect your cat against the three different cat flu viruses (herpes virus, calicivirus and chlamydia) as well as feline panleucopenia (caused by the feline parvovirus).

This vaccine reduces the severity of cat flu, should your cat contract it. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline AIDs) may predispose your cat to cat flu, and other diseases, so vaccinating your cat against this is also recommended.

Can I catch flu from my cat?

No. Cat flu and human flu are different diseases. Dogs are also unable to catch cat flu.

Where can I get more information?

Speak to your veterinarian or contact the vet team at the Home on 9329 2755.



Amongst the heartbreak of the floods, Pebbles is returned home

When Queensland Premier Anna Bligh told Brisbane residents to evacuate, Nicki and her husband packed their two young children, the family dog, and Pebbles the cat into their two cars and drove to Nicki's mother's house.

"We knew our place would flood, because the suburb we live in was badly affected last time Brisbane flooded," Nicki said. *"We were preparing ourselves for the worst."*

With all six members of the family crammed together in Nicki's mum's living room, things were a bit hectic to say the least! When Nicki and her husband were finally able to see what was left of their house for themselves, they knew they would need to find alternate accommodation.

"Our street looked like a warzone and we knew we wouldn't be returning home any time soon. So we went and stayed at my sister's, which had more space for the kids and the pets."

Upon arrival, Nicki put Pebbles downstairs, so the distressed cat – who had never done so much travelling in her life – could get some peace and quiet. Wanting to keep her secure, she borrowed a large dog crate from a neighbour and put her in there.

"Once all of us had settled in at my sister's house, I went and checked on Pebbles," Nicki said.

"It was a warm and I thought she might like some exercise, so I let her out of the crate and opened the sliding door just a crack to get some air in. The door has a screen, so I thought there'd be no way Pebbles

could escape. But then I didn't realise how clever Pebbles was!"

In the time between Nicki letting Pebbles out of the crate and her sister checking on her a few hours later, the three-year-old Tortoiseshell managed to open both the glass door and the screen and dart to freedom.

A distraught Nicki walked around the neighbourhood for hours calling out for Pebbles. She left food out the front of the house, in the hope of luring her in. Her sister printed off flyers to be distributed around to every letterbox and her mother visited every vet clinic in a 10 kilometre radius to ask if anyone had seen her. Nothing.

For nearly two months Nicki and her family searched for Pebbles. As she was microchipped, they were hopeful she'd be found.

"As time went on, I was beginning to think I might never see her," Nicki admitted.

"She has always been an outdoor cat, a fairly tough cat, but then she had never been without food before and I was also worried she may have been hit by a car."

Nicki's mind was finally put to rest when the National Pet Register (NPR) contacted her to let her know that Pebbles had been found.

"A lady had seen Pebbles wandering around her street for a while and knew a few people had been feeding her. No one had taken her in to an animal shelter because the local shelter was still shut down and the others were bursting at the seams, so she ended up at a vet clinic."

Thanks to Pebbles' microchip, the vet was able to confirm that the stray cat was indeed Pebbles and let the NPR know straight away. Nicki said she got quite teary when she heard the news, and was relieved beyond words.

"I'm so thankful we had her microchipped, because she didn't have a collar on when she went missing," she said.

"We do have one for her, but she hates it and always manages to get it off. So without the microchip, there would have been no way to identify her for sure."

Finally back at her (newly furnished and cleaned) home, Pebbles is a bit thinner has a small patch of fur missing from the top of her head. But other than that, she's perfectly fine and is already up to her usual habits.

"It's like nothing has ever happened," Nicki laughed.

"She's just sunning herself on the deck right now and seems perfectly at ease. When we got her back we spoiled her rotten with hugs from us and the kids, and she even got a lick from the dog! But now, it's business as usual!"

The National Pet Register is Australia's largest non-profit pet identification service and is responsible for reuniting thousands of lost pets with their owners Australia-wide every year. The service operates 24 hours a day, seven days

a week and membership is for life. For more information, or to update your pet's details, please visit www.petregister.com.au.



Turning Lost into Found 365 days of the year

Autumn Pic



This picture of *Emperor* was taken the day after his adoption as he explored his cat run. Owner Annette treated him to a welcome meal of roast chicken and cats milk. *Emperor* repaid her generosity by waking her up at 4am for a play!



Since his adoption, *Bear* is often hard at work (!). Despite possibly being abused as a kitten, "he would flinch whenever we held something in our hands", the love and patience he's received from owner Mara has seen him grow into a "well-settled and happy cat".



Eris may look like butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, but don't be fooled. Despite a few scuffles after first meeting 'sisters' Telzey and Kaos, *Eris* has found her place within Penny and David's home. "They seem to have settled down together beautifully. Whenever they have naps, they always like to be close. They often lay head to tail with their paws touching. It's very sweet."



"*Bonnie* was from an animal shelter and hadn't been treated well. She overcame her sad beginning and we had nearly 15 years of love and loyalty. We miss her very much." wrote Robyn. *Bonnie* passed away in February.



Bella was adopted by Lisa in 2003. "Bella is my baby and we all love her to bits - even our dog!"



The Boyces adopted Pugalier *Gracie* from the Home in August 2010. "She's fitted in perfectly here and has taken it upon herself to be boss of *Lucy Lu*, our seven-month-old Labrador. Thanks for bringing some extra happiness into our house after we lost *Bailey*."



The Hammertons contacted us in December to let us know that much-loved *Snow* (adopted from us 16 years ago) had passed away. "When *Snow* was mourning her previous companion we brought her with us to the Home to find a new friend. She immediately pulled us to *Pepi's* pen... *Snow* had chosen." (l to r) *Snow* and *Pepi*.

ature Gallery



Benson spent nearly three weeks waiting for a new home, but the wait was worth it. Now with Megan and her family, Benson is "an absolute joy, very affectionate and loves cuddles, baths and brushes. He's a very active, super smart six-year-old and has melted everyone's heart."



"Christie is 18 and shows her appreciation of food by making LOUD miaows after every meal! Most food she really enjoys, but give her meat and she loves to eat it with her paws, throwing it around the kitchen, so that her human servants can clean it up!" writes owner Meghan.



We wish Jamie a belated happy 20th birthday! Although not in the best of health these days, this Collingwood supporter was still treated to a party by owner Donna, who says "she means the world to me".



In memory of Rex, who passed away 12/10/10 from kidney failure. "I miss Rex terribly, but I know he has gone to a better place." wrote owner Peter. Rex is survived by his brother Renny.



Eric wrote to us shortly after his adoption to say: "My new life is pretty good! I've taken over four chairs in my new house and then when the mood strikes, I sit on Mum or Dad's knee and we all veg out to watch television. I also have my own trampoline bed in the fernery."



Eight years ago Catherine and Dean adopted Grace. "She's a very beautiful, loving cat who loves watching the world go by - as long as she gets her fresh meat at five o'clock each evening. When she's on this chair on the verandah we call her 'Grandma Cat'."



Helen sent us her 2010 Christmas card featuring her mini fox terrier, Skipper, who she describes as "the love of my life. She is 16 years-plus and I treasure every moment I have with her."



Jo and Tony kindly sent in this photo of their Lost Dogs' Home 'graduates' (l to r) Boris, Bodie and Kosh. Sadly Boris passed away last year, after being adopted by the couple over 17 years ago. "Thanks for providing us with wonderful dogs."



is now a Facebook App!

We're excited to announce the launch of a newly designed Facebook Application for our very special Pet Licence. The Pet Licence App is an ideal way for pet owners to reacquaint themselves with the things their feline or canine friend requires – all in a few minutes.

The Application provides a condensed set of 10 questions (sampled from the more extensive test at www.petlicence.com.au), and in a few minutes participants can see just where they may have gotten a little rusty – or alternatively that they're still an A+ student in pet know-how.

For the first time owner, the App is more of an educational tool, teaching them about proper and responsible care of their pet, or identifying areas they could learn more about.

To encourage more people to take the Pet Licence test, the App allows the user to share their results on Facebook, and spread awareness amongst friends.

Dr Smith commented, "Sharing knowledge and persuading people to reflect on the responsibilities of caring for an animal makes for better pet owners. Pet Licence and this Application are good news for pets."

The Pet Licence App is a good way to get used to the process, and from there you can take the full test at www.petlicence.com.au. Scoring 100% on the full test gives participants a discount on adoptions at the Home's North Melbourne shelter.

Web link:

<http://apps/facebook.com/petlicence>



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Chairman: Dr Andrew Tribe. Managing Director: Dr Graeme Smith OAM

Stray animals (2 Gracie St, North Melbourne)

Monday-Thursday: 10.00am–6.15pm. Friday: 10.00am–4.45pm
Saturday: 9.00am–3.30pm. Sunday: 9.00am–12.30pm

Animal adoptions (2 Gracie St, North Melbourne)

Monday-Thursday: 10.00am–5.45pm. Saturday: 9.00am–3.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am–12.30pm. Open Public Holidays (except Good Friday and Christmas Day) 9.00am–12.30pm

Veterinary Clinic (2 Gracie St, North Melbourne)

Phone: (03) 9329 2755 for appointment. The Clinic is open to the public as follows: Monday-Thursday: 10.00am–6.15pm. Friday: 10.00am–4.45pm
Saturday: 9.00am–3.30pm. Sunday: 9.00am–12.30pm. Open Public Holidays (except Good Friday and Christmas Day) 9.00am–12.30pm.

The National Pet Register (2 Gracie St, North Melbourne)
24 hours, 7 days a week. Phone: 1300 734 738

South Eastern Pound services

920 Thompsons Rd, Cranbourne (Melway: 128 K8)
Phone: (03) 9702 8055

Impounded dogs and cats may be viewed from Monday-Friday: 10am–12pm and 4pm–6pm. Saturday/Sunday: 10am–1pm. Open Public Holidays (except Good Friday and Christmas Day) 9.00am–12.30pm.

The Lost Dogs' Home at Echuca

520 Mckenzie Rd, Echuca

Phone: (03) 5480 3005

Monday-Thursday: 10.00am – 6.00pm. Friday: 10.00am – 4.45pm
Saturday: 9.00am – 1.00pm.

The Lost Dogs' Home at Wingecarribee

Resource Recovery Centre, Berrima Rd, Moss Vale NSW 2577

Phone: (02) 4868 1520 Fax: (02) 4868 1534

Monday-Friday: 10.00am–4pm. Saturday/Sunday: 10.00am–12pm.