

Happy Paws Haven



Happy Paws Haven News - Welcome back

I hope you enjoyed our last newsletter. We would love to have your feedback. Thank you to everyone who has sent us your thoughts, it is very much appreciated. The feedback we received was great so at this stage we are keeping the format but as always happy to take on board your suggestions on what you would like to hear from us.

The Month That Was

We have achieved our goal of paying June's vet bill. Thank you to everyone who contributed, it is very much appreciated. We have also paid July's now, it was not as bad as those before, but August will be a big one we know.



As you know we have closed our doors so that we can get our numbers down but two weeks ago a young couple with a new baby arrived. She had been walking her baby in the pram along the river front when she came across some very young puppies in a box. She could not leave them to die but at the same time could not keep them. She knew our doors were closed, so rang other rescues near where she found them. She could not get through to anyone including the pound, it was a weekend. She drove from Maxville to us in the hope we would take them and we did.

In future if people turn up with animals we will have to send them away as we just can not take in another animal. It is not fair of the animals in our care. We don't have the space or the money or the volunteers and our vet is finding a strain too!



Cat of the Week

Kylo was the youngest kitten who arrived in February last year with her mother in amongst the 28 dumped at our gate and she is still here. Her mother has been adopted as have a number of her siblings but she remains. She is a beautiful fluffy dark torti girl who is very affectionate, greets those who come to visit but always seems to be looked over for someone else. Like all our very friendly loving girls, she is desexed, immunised, chipped waiting for her new loving forever home.

Dog of the Week

Kari is a super friendly and outgoing girl. She came in with her mum and 6 siblings, they were only a week old.

They are growing up to be confident, curious and adventurous young dogs. We only have three left as the others have all gone to loving homes. Kaos, her mum looks a like a bull arab x and dad was possibly mastiff x ridgeback but we don't really know.



Kari is learning to walk on lead and happily tries everything asked of her, she is a bit of a food hound and enjoys finding out what makes the treats appear. She's a fun girl who will make a wonderful companion. She loves playing with her other friends and siblings at Happy Paws Haven.

Our News Snippets

In July we have rescued 14 cats, dogs and dingoes and 18 animals have found loving homes. We also had a cat and a dog handed in, their owners found and they were returned to their homes. For a small no kill rural adoption centre this is huge.



Due to this influx of animals, we are currently trying to find the money to build a new dog yard to give the pups a place to run and play as they are growing out of their puppy pens.

Also this influx has caused our expenses to go through the roof. The main ones are vet costs, food and parasite control. For example from April to July 2026 we have had 160 cats and 107 dogs treated including vaccinations and desexing, this included 35 animals desexed, 199 vaccinated, 2 dentals, 4 x-rayed for broken

legs and 10 requiring bloods done. This year we have rescued 159 animals of which 115 have found homes. We are really feeling the load for a small rural rescue, it is enormous but we are getting it done.



We received a call from a family whose dog had broken his leg having chased a kangaroo in a park. They had spent money getting him x-rayed and a cast put on but the vet had advised that he needed an operation to insert a plate on side of the break or amputate. They had spent all their savings. They were a family with three young children and finding it difficult to manage. They were facing euthanasia of their 4yr old lab as it was all they could afford.

They had contacted the major rescues to see if they could help but no-one came forward so they rang us. We asked for the X-rays and approached our wonderful vet, who agreed to do the surgery for

us. Snoopy then was surrendered and the life saving surgery went ahead. It will take time, with multiple vet visits for changing the dressings etc. but he is a lovely dog and well worth the effort and cost of saving his life.

Your support means EVERYTHING to our no-kill shelter and allows us to continue our work of doing whatever is necessary for our animals to be safe and well cared for until one sweet day the right person comes into their lives and offers them a forever loving home. It is their wellbeing at stake as these beautiful young animals need a place to be, room to run and play! Your contribution is used SOLELY for the welfare of our animals. Happy Paws Haven survives ONLY because of the generosity of our volunteers and our supporters. Thank you so very much for your continued contribution and support.



We can care because you care!

Please come and adopt if you can

Or donate if you can

Or volunteer if you can

And please share our request with your friends and family.
Every contribution helps every animal in our care, the impact is enormous and we really appreciate your assistance to their care..

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