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

~ March 2024 ~

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 2 March
Starts at 1pm
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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Inc. No. A0039534A
74A Watt St
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 for 2022-2023



The financial year of 2022-2023 saw a net surplus of \$20,848 compared to the previous financial year of \$50,329. This was brought about mainly by an increase in pet adoptions which in turn saw a substantial increase in pet food supplies and veterinary expenses, the latter which has increased significantly.

Nevertheless, our organisation is in a very healthy position as we continue to look after the many cats and dogs that have been abandoned, found, handed in or surrendered and who are in need of the love and attention they deserve. The dozens of animals currently in our care are vet checked, vaccinated and microchipped while awaiting their new forever homes.

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 of looking after animals in need.

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

who are rehabilitated, fed quality pet food and rehomed as soon as possible.

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

During 2022/3 we rehomed hundreds of cats and many dogs. We continue to run our successful 'Last Litter Program' where we assist with the desexing of cats. We also continue to work with farmers with the Trap, Neuter, Return with cats program to help reduce the large number of kittens born on farms. We are also assisting with the State Government's desexing program for cats. So far we have secured funding for around 90 cats with more farmers having already paid their \$75 fee and booked in to this program.

The SGAA Committee would also like to thank the many men and women who volunteer their time in running our Thrift Shop and to Ian Cole for monitoring the 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.
- Ritchies IGA Benefit Scheme.
- Bendigo Bank.
- Grantville CWA for its Annual Pet Food Drive.

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

- Gippsland Veterinary Group
- Cowes Veterinary Surgery
- Greencross Vets Pakenham/Morwell
- Inverloch Animal Doc
- Meow and Friends Community Vet
- Poowong Veterinary Service
- Yarram Veterinary Clinic



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 bikes, racquets, bats and balls, etc.
- ⇒ Of course for the animals we need blankets, towels, doonas, bedding, cages, food, toys, cat litter, leads, etc.



SOUTH GIPPSLAND ANIMAL AID DESEXING PROGRAM

South Gippsland Animal Aid, in partnership with the Victorian Government's Animal Welfare Program, is pleased to offer health card and pension card holders \$75 for cat desexing and microchipping.

Scan the QR code to apply or head to our Facebook page for more information.



With many thanks to our participating clinics, Cowes Veterinary Surgery, Meow and Friends (Cranbourne), Baw Baw Paws (Warragul), Inverloch Animal Doc, Yarram Veterinary Clinic and Greencross (Pakenham and Morwell).

Trap, Neuter, Return (TRN) for cats program

This is just one example at a farmer's property where unneutered cats can get out of control and become a serious problem to the environment.



DO YOU HAVE A CAT WITH KITTENS??



WE WILL DESEX MUM CAT FREE OF CHARGE UNDER OUR LAST LITTER PROGRAM!

HOW IT WORKS

If you have a pregnant cat/litter of kittens, to be eligible for free desexing of mum cat, you must surrender the whole litter to us once the kittens are weaned (approx. 7-8 weeks). The kittens come into foster care and will be desexed, microchipped and vaccinated before being placed for adoption. We will then desex mum cat FREE of charge for you.

Please contact South Gippsland Animal Aid today to see how we can help you.

Terms and conditions apply.