



**SYDNEY PET RESCUE
& ADOPTION**

*Every life is precious to us.
We have a No Kill Policy.*

INFORMATION FOR SUPPORTERS – LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL (BEQUEST)

Sydney Pet Rescue & Adoption works hard to help animals in need. Our ability to continue our vital work, is very dependent on donations and bequests, as we get no government funding.

You can make a very personal difference to the lives of companion animals in need, by leaving a gift in your will.

A gift in your Will, will help us to provide food, shelter, emergency boarding, vet care and other needs for our rescued pets. Importantly, it will help us to meet the costs of getting them ready to find their forever homes.

For information on how to leave a Gift in your Will (Bequest), please contact our President for a confidential discussion on 0403 254 960, or email michelle@sydneypetrescue.com.au



*Paddington needed most of his teeth out.
He's all better now, and has found his forever home.*

If you would like to help us to help pets in need, we recommend the following wording, for your legal advisor's consideration:

I give, free of all duties and taxes

The whole of my estate, or _____% of my estate, or the residue of my estate (or _____% of the residue of my estate), or the sum of \$_____, or my units/shares in _____ Trust Ltd, or my real property situated at (Insert street address) having the title reference _____, to:

SYDNEY PET RESCUE & ADOPTION INC

Registered address: 80 Tara St, Sylvania, NSW 2224

*The receipt of the President, Treasurer or other authorised officer of SPRA
Is an absolute discharge to my executor.*

Please find overpage, some further information about us, and how we are working hard to help animals in need.

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Our Mission and Work

Sydney Pet Rescue & Adoption is a registered charity and non-profit organisation. We have been successfully rescuing and re-homing companion animals from Death Row in pounds since 2006. The reason we focus on rescuing and re-homing pets from the pound is that in Australia today, the law only requires that pounds keep pets for 7 days if not micro-chipped, or 14 days if they are micro-chipped. If they are not adopted or rescued within that time, they are usually put to sleep. Pets surrendered by their owners can be, and often are put to sleep the same day. As a result, thousands of animals lose their lives this way every year. We think this is unacceptable. We work as hard as possible to rescue and re-home as many animals as we can, and to help people find alternatives to surrendering to a pound or other shelter where they would be at high risk of losing their lives.

We don't operate a shelter, but rather our rescued pets are lovingly cared for by dedicated volunteer foster carers in their own homes, under SPRA's supervision. We are committed to a **No Kill** policy. We look after our animals as long as necessary to find them a loving forever home. We have found new loving homes for upwards of 1000 pets. Our re-homed animals are vet checked, vaccinated, micro-chipped, wormed, flea treated and de-sexed, and our dogs are heart worm tested. We also FIV test our cats. We offer a minimum 4 week trial period with all of our re-homed animals and will take them back if they are not compatible. We pet match potential new owners to ensure an appropriate match with lifestyle factors, to ensure a safe and suitable forever home.

Apart from rescuing pets from Death Row at the pound, we also run an Assisted Re-Homing Program which helps people who can't keep their pets, to find new loving homes.

Also, as part of our mission, we promote the prevention of cruelty to animals, and educate the public about responsible pet ownership, and their rights and responsibilities under the Companion Animal Act, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, and other relevant legislation. We promote an understanding of the valuable role companion animals play in people's lives and the broader community. Our dream is a loving home for every pet, and no more cruelty to animals.

SPRA also takes pride in our organization's contribution to supporting the community in times of disaster. We have run substantial appeals and provided practical support in response to national disasters such as the 2013 Blue Mountains bushfires, 2011 Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi, 2011 Christchurch earthquake and 2009 Victorian bushfires. See our website/Events page for details. In particular, during the 2013 Blue Mountains bushfires, other than money raised by our appeal which was able to support local community groups to assist animals injured or left homeless by the fires, SPRA sourced and co-ordinated food and other emergency supplies, and provided emotional support to some wonderful and dedicated people in the local community, who worked tirelessly themselves attending to seriously injured pets and wildlife.

How Your Bequest Helps Pets in Need

SPRA has Deductible Gift Recipient status and all money raised goes directly to the cause. SPRA receives no funding of any kind. We get some money back from adoption fees, but we are dependent on our fundraising efforts and the generosity of the public, to cover veterinary treatment and rehabilitation costs, emergency boarding, special dietary and other essential costs. Our veterinary bills are our largest cost and can run to \$30,000 or more a year. Most animals tend to need treatment when they come out of the pound, for conditions like cat flu or kennel cough. Some animals turn out to have more serious conditions and sometimes costs may be a few thousand dollars or more for a single pet. Having a No Kill policy is expensive, but every life is precious to us, so we go the extra mile for every one of them, though it's often financially challenging.

We have approximately 20 - 30 animals in care at any one time, though this has been up to >100 at times. We have approximately 20-30 foster carers. We need to cover gaps in foster care with emergency boarding, which can also

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be expensive. To rescue a mother cat and two kittens from the pound costs us about \$550 for vet checks, micro-chipping, vaccinations and de-sexing, ready for adoption. To rescue a small/medium female dog from the pound costs us about \$350 for similar services, plus heartworm testing.

We value our kind sponsors' contributions and pledge to use donated funds judiciously, and for their intended purpose. We invite donors to have a say in how their generous donations are utilized, and we invite sponsors and those considering a Bequest or Memorial Gift, to discuss their preferences with us. For example donations may be designated to specifically help cats, or dogs, for an emergency treatment fund, our Rescue and Adoption Program, a memorial fund in the name of the sponsor, their loved one, or even in the name of their loved pet, to name but a few options. SPRA takes pride in the level of transparency with which we operate, and the care we take in using donated funds to make a difference to animals in need.

SPRA operates with a management Committee of seven. Our dedicated and hardworking Executive includes:

Michelle Alber - Founder, and President since 2006. Michelle is a Rehabilitation and Medico Legal Consultant, with 15 years' experience as a Director running a consultancy business. Michelle's association with animal welfare/rescue goes back to the late 1980s when she was a Fundraising Co-ordinator for the Animal Welfare League. She was motivated to start SPRA, distressed at the conditions of animals she witnessed, whilst working as a volunteer in a local pound.

Kylie Osgood - Treasurer and Public Officer since 2012. Kylie is a CPA qualified Accountant and is the Chief Operating Officer, Director and Company Secretary, in a funds management firm. She has 15 years professional experience in accounting and operations. Kylie joined the SPRA Committee after adopting her three beloved foster cats.

You can read more about our Executive team on [Linked In](#).



Brave Caesar, doing well with his cancer treatment

Thank you for considering SPRA for a Bequest or Memorial Gift. Your gift, no matter how small or big, will make a difference to the lives of animals in need. For more information about making a Bequest or Memorial Gift, please contact Michelle Alber on 0403 254 960 or michelle@sydneyrescue.com.au.

For information about sponsoring a foster pet, please call 1300 455 390, or contact David on david@sydneyrescue.com.au