

Animal Welfare League

Impact Report

2025/2026

supporting people
to support animals

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Acknowledgement of country

Animal Welfare League of South Australia Inc. (AWL) acknowledges the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the greater Adelaide Region where our Head Office and Shelters are based. We acknowledge their connection and spiritual relationship with their country.



Keep in touch!

Note from our Chair

Katherine Bartolo



On behalf of the Board, I am proud to present the Animal Welfare League of South Australia Inc.'s (AWL) 2025/26 Impact Report. It is a privilege to help guide an organisation with such an important purpose.

I am continuously inspired by the impact AWL has across South Australia and the people who make it possible. The work reflected in this report is a testament to the leadership of our CEO, Jodi Walton, the compassion of our community, the dedication of our volunteers, and the passion of our team.

As a community-funded organisation, we recognise the trust placed in AWL and the importance of building a sustainable future so we can continue this work for years to come.

This year, we also acknowledge Michelle Williams, who is retiring from the AWL Board after more than a decade of service since joining in 2014. Michelle has made a valued contribution through her involvement in the Animal Welfare, Business Development, and Risk and Governance sub-committees. We are grateful for the time, care and expertise she has given to AWL.

Looking ahead, I feel incredibly proud of what AWL continues to achieve and optimistic about the difference we can make together for animals and people across the state. Thank you, your compassion and commitment help create brighter futures every day.

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Katherine Bartolo FAPI CPV GAICD
Board Chair, AWL

Note from our CEO

Jodi Walton



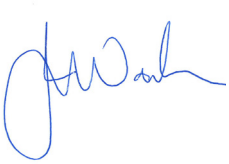
One of the things I value most about AWL is the way people come together to help animals. Our staff, volunteers, foster carers and supporters all contribute in different ways, and this report shares what we have achieved together throughout 2025/26.

Every day, our team cares for animals who need us. They help them feel safe, get well and find a home. They also work with people who love their pets but need some support to keep caring for them. That work takes skill, patience and compassion, and I'm proud of the people who do it.

We've also been looking ahead to build our Strategy 2030, setting a clear direction for the future of AWL. Alongside meeting the needs of animals in our care today, we're building a sustainable future for AWL and finding more ways to support people and prevent animals from needing our services in the first place.

As a charity, we rely on the generosity of our community. Whether you donate, volunteer, foster, adopt or support one of our businesses, you help fund and deliver this work. Thank you for choosing to be part of it.

To our Board, staff, volunteers, foster carers, partners and supporters: thank you for your commitment to this unique and fabulous organisation. There is a great deal to be proud of in these pages, and I'm looking forward to what we can achieve together in the years ahead.



Jodi Walton MAICD
Chief Executive Officer, AWL

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Animal care

Kindness, love and second chances

Every animal deserves the opportunity to receive kindness, love and the care they need. With your support, our team works every day to deliver hope to thousands of animals through treatment, rehabilitation, adoption and reunification.

Thanks to you, in 2025/2026..

495 Pets were reunited with their families

2,784 Desexing surgeries were performed

4,458 Animals received care at AWL





3,077 Cats & kittens



1,320 Dogs & puppies



61 Rabbits

Found their Happy Homes

Community connections

Supporting people to support animals

Expanding our reach through our generous community, so we can offer even more hope, homes and happy endings.

Our foster carers and volunteers are an incredible an extension of AWL, helping us reach more pets and people across the state and making so much of our work possible.



2,105
Animals fostered

Pet Food Pantry



Thank you to BAE for their generous donation to our Pet Food Pantry in June

Pet Food Pantry

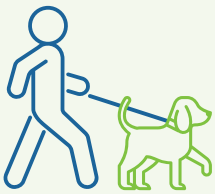
Thanks to our kind community, our Pet Food Pantry helps keep pets and people together by providing essential food, treats and resources when they are needed most.

Doggy Day Out



Doggy Day Out

"Thank you so much for letting us take Jack on a Doggy Day Out today. We really enjoyed this experience. It was so wholesome and we can't wait to do it again."
- Georgia



1,066
Doggy Day Outs

Helping to improve the wellbeing of dogs in shelter and supporting adoptions.

Volunteers

Over 280 volunteers gave their time, love and care this year, supporting AWL across our shelters, community activities, media and more. Every volunteer makes a difference.



Join our community!
Whether you would like to volunteer, foster or even shop at our Op Shops, your support makes a life-changing difference.

Get involved at awl.org.au

AWL Giving Day

One day. A community of supporters and a lasting impact

On Thursday 19 March 2026, our community came together for AWL Giving Day, raising $403,023 through 1,754 donations to help animals who need safety, shelter, veterinary treatment and a second chance.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the commitment of our matched giving partners, every contribution helped strengthen AWL's ability to care for vulnerable animals across South Australia.

This achievement belongs to our entire community.

$403,023

Raised through 1,754 donations

Our Giving Day partners

The family of Barbara Fitzsimmons

TOYOTA

ROYAL CANIN

SPACETEL

Synechron



Our social enterprises

Funding hope for a brighter future

Our services and social enterprises help generate essential income to support our work, providing care for animals and supporting the people who love them.

3,002
Pets boarded

46,455
Op shop transactions

14,658
Pets cremated

Honouring a life, growing a legacy

Trees For Life

Pet owners can choose to honour their pet by selecting one of AWL's cremation and aftercare packages that include a Gift of Trees donation. With this donation, a native seedling will be planted by the Trees For Life team, restoring vital habitat for wildlife, helping our state flourish and honouring pets that have passed.



AWL CEO Jodi Walton and TFL CEO Jessica McKelson visiting the Westwood Nursery

"This collaboration lets us contribute to something that benefits South Australia long into the future."

- Jodi Walton

Financial overview

The support of the community makes our work possible



Statement of Profit and Loss

AWL maintains a strong and sustainable financial position, with net assets of $44.343m, low level of current liabilities and no debt.

AWL's operational revenue, including Bequests, increased by $1.096m to $15.579m.

Key revenue sources included $5.552m from Bequests, $3.778m from Pet Cremations, $1.998m from Pound and Adoption services, $961k from Pet Boarding and $481k from OpShops.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our community, AWL can continue supporting people to support animals.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Revenue	2025/26 $	2024/25 $
Operational income	10,027,677	9,099,419
Legacies and bequests received	5,552,086	5,384,186
Investment income	605,889	576,276
Other income	86,119	21,588
Fair value movement in financial assets	808,109	1,117,267
Total Revenue	**17,079,880**	**16,198,736**

Expense

Employee expenses	(10,154,927)	(9,914,652)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(7,592,672)	(11,795,765)
Total Expense	**(17,747,599)**	**(21,710,417)**
Net current year surplus/(deficit)	**(667,719)**	**(5,511,681)**
Total comprehensive income for the year	**(667,719)**	**(5,511,681)**

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2025/26 $	2024/25 $
Current assets	12,919,954	12,497,236
Non-Current assets	34,167,566	35,172,770
Total Assets	**47,087,520**	**47,670,006**

Liabilities

Current liabilities	(2,165,094)	(2,111,200)
Non-Current liabilities	(579,067)	(547,728)
Total Liabilities	**(2,744,161)**	**(2,658,928)**
Net Assets	**44,343,359**	**45,011,078**

Equity

Accumulated surplus	31,335,122	32,002,841
Reserves	13,008,237	13,008,237
Total Equity	**44,343,359**	**45,011,078**

AWL is 100% community funded. Every year, we rely on the generosity of donors, supporters, partners and the wider South Australian community, alongside income generated through our services and social enterprises, to sustain our work.



Every dollar makes a difference. Donate or talk to our team about how your gift could change a life.
awl.org.au/support-awl

People behind the impact

Every connection makes a difference



Happy Homes Update

“Sarge is settling great! He has taken to the trucking life very well. It has been great watching him take in the sights of outback Australia. Sarge is building up his fan club at the local Mitre 10; the ladies there adored my previous dog and Sarge is continuing in his memory.” - Sarge’s dad.

AWL Staff

For 30 years, Suzanne has been a valued part of AWL, helping animals and the people who care about them. As a member of our Customer Engagement team, her warmth, knowledge and dedication help connect our community with our work. Three decades of care, compassion and lasting impact.





AWL Volunteer

Meet Connor! Connor generously volunteers his time with our cats, offering gentle pats, companionship and plenty of love. By spending time with them at their own pace, he helps them feel safe around people and build confidence as they prepare for their new homes.

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