

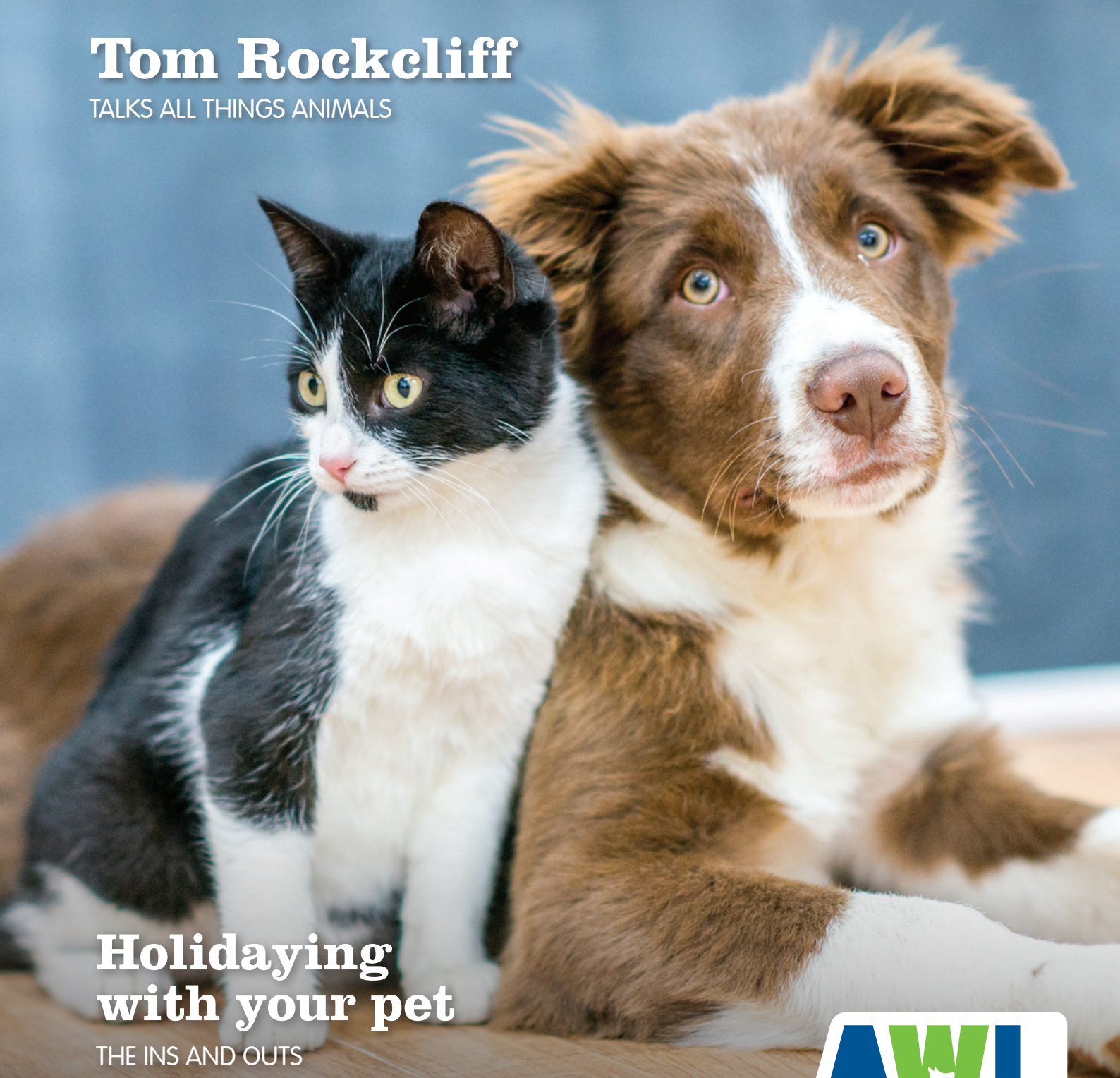
By Your Side

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with your pet**

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A message from our CEO

Welcome to spring! After cold months of erratic weather, finally the sun is starting to shine and we're all emerging from our winter woollies. Despite the cold, the Animal Welfare League (AWL) have been as busy as ever with only a short break in kitten season to replenish our resources and give our foster carers some well deserved R&R.

Last issue the new pet laws were a hot topic of discussion, with many owners getting their pets microchipped in readiness. Now the new regulations are well and truly in place, and the AWL looks forward to seeing a decrease in the number of abandoned litters in shelters and an increase in the number of pets reunited with their owners. For those who've missed the information on these changes, read on as in this issue we discuss how these changes impact the day-to-day life of pet owners.

This issue we also explore many of your pet's needs like vaccinations, training, first aid and plenty more! Plus, those looking to learn more about AWL's newest ambassador, Tom Rockliff, will be excited to read the exclusive interview with him.

Earlier in the year, JB HI-FI held the 'Art for AWLA' fundraising campaign which raised an astounding amount of money for the Animal Welfare League Australia (AWLA) members. Stay tuned as we explore how these funds are being used by each state body to best help thousands of animals in need.

Enjoy this edition, and as always our heartfelt thanks goes out to AWL's supportive community who help the team continue providing care, support and medical attention to the vulnerable and lonely animals in our community.

Richard Mussell
Chief Executive Officer



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P: (08) 8256 0000

Pet Adoptions

7 days: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Pet Reclaims

7 days: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Wingfield Shelter

1-19 Cormack Road, Wingfield SA 5013
P: (08) 8348 1300

Pet Adoptions (Gate A)

7 days: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Pet Reclaims (Gate A)

Mon-Fri: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Sat & Sun: 10.00am - 3.30pm

Pet Services (Wingfield)

Customer Service (Gate A)

Mon - Fri: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Pet Boarding (Gate C)

Mon - Fri 7.00am - 7.00pm
Sat - Sun 8.00am - 4.00pm

Dog Training

Check the website for full details - awl.org.au

Pet Cremations enquiries (Gate A)

Mon - Fri: 8.30am - 4.00pm

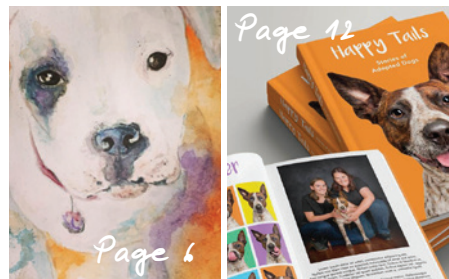
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Mon and Thurs: 8.00am - 4.00pm



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News & views

New law	Start date	Reason
Mandatory microchipping for animals over 12 weeks old or who have been owned 14 days.	July 1 2018	This will increase the numbers of animals being reunited with their owners when lost.
All new generations of dogs and cats (born after 1 July 2018) must be desexed . (Exemptions apply for working dogs, registered breeders, etc.)	July 1 2018	This will decrease the numbers of cats and dogs being surrendered or abandoned to animal shelters.
Dog and cat registration , along with the way you manage your pet dog or cat's microchip, health and breeder information will be stored and accessed online.	July 1 2018	This will help pet owners to better manage and access their pet's information, as well as to streamline processes for local councils.
Breeders and sellers who breed dogs and cats for sale must register with the Dog and Cat Management Board as a breeder.	July 1 2018	This will increase breeder transparency and help to better regulate the pet breeding industry. As a result 'puppy farms' will be much harder to run without being caught by authorities.



To find out more about new laws, registration processes and fines visit dogandcatboard.com.au



New pet laws and my pet

As South Australia's cat and dog laws open a new chapter, with the introduction of mandatory microchipping* and desexing** many pet owners have been left asking the question – "what does this mean for me and my pets?"

Most simply, if you have already desexed and microchipped your pets, these changes shouldn't affect your everyday routines.

The most noticeable difference for these owners will be the new registration process for dogs using Dog and Cats Online (DACO), which allows new and renewed dog registrations to be made online via the single, state-wide database.

This database will replace 68 separate council registers and means that each animal registered will have a unique registration number. Rather than receiving a new registration ID each year, dogs

will now have the one registration ID for the remainder of their life, regardless of ownership changes.

As well as these changes, owners that have not microchipped or desexed their pets (and are not exempt from these laws) are compelled to make arrangements in order to comply. Owners will be able to arrange desexing and microchipping through their vet, with a variety of clinics and organisations offering these services at reduced costs while owners adjust to the new laws.

Each local council will be enforcing these new laws, and new penalties, fines and expiations will be introduced for failure to comply. Owners are now being held **legally** responsible for their pet's microchipping and desexing status.

Dog owners will also be held more highly culpable for owning an unregistered dog,

with the application of harsher penalties. Councils can now fine unregistered dog owners a maximum penalty of \$2,500, and owners of unregistered prescribed breeds can be fined up to \$5,000.

For breeders and sellers there are also a number of new laws, standards and guidelines that have been introduced to increase animal welfare standards, as well as to increase transparency between breeders and those looking to purchase animals.

*Microchipping is mandatory for animals over 12 weeks old or who have been owned for 14 days.

**Desexing is only compulsory for new generations of animals born after July 1 2018, with exemptions available for breeders and working dogs.



Tom Rockliff – Kicking goals for animal welfare too

Getting to know AWL's new Ambassador, Tom Rockliff, as he reflects on his life as an AFL player, a partner, a father and now a voice for animals in need.

With a love of golf and dislike of sand, there is much more to Port Adelaide midfielder, Tom Rockliff than an impressive footy record (172 games), and a ferocious attack on the ball.

Taking the time to put down the footy, Tom and I meet at the heart of Port Adelaide, the Port Adelaide Football Club, to talk everything footy, life, family and pets.

Originally from Benalla, a small Victorian city, Tom has had an exciting football career that's taken him from northern Victoria to Brisbane, and now to South Australia. In this time Tom has seen some pretty drastic changes in his life and has grown from a young kipper himself, to now having one of his own. Through all of these life journeys, Tom says that his love of animals has always stayed true.

"I've always been surrounded by animals. My grandparents ran a farm, so growing up I would spend most of my time there with the animals. Having animals around is just one of those things you take for granted when you grow up in the country," says Tom.

The Brisbane Lions were the first AFL team to draft Tom in 2009, and with that, it was time for him to move his life from the farm to the big city.

"Living in Brisbane was such a great experience for me, but it was a bit of culture shock if I'm honest. I loved living there and loved my time playing for the Lions, but I'd never lived without at least one pet," laughed Tom.

Thinking back to his time without pets, Tom explains the comfort his two Dachshunds, Killa and Peppa, bring to him now, "I couldn't stand it, that's why I got Killa the minute I had space and time to care for a pet and then, of course, Killa needed a sister, so I got Peppa. They make a pretty good pair of watchdogs, but really they're just great mates for me, and now that Sharna and I have our son Jack, they'll be best friends for our little man."

Tom lived and played in Brisbane for eight years (2009-2017) and led the Brisbane Lions as team Captain for two years. Come 2017, Tom traded his Lions Guernsey for the black and teal Port Adelaide colours, and moved his young family to South Australia.

"It was a pretty big move, but it was something I was ready to do. It's a little closer to my family who still live in Victoria, and now that we have Jack, seeing family is even more important to me than ever." Tom's position as AWL Ambassador started soon after moving to Adelaide, and he's

been keenly involved in campaigns and educational promotions ever since.

"I knew I wanted to start doing something more in the SA community, and I can't stand animal cruelty or the idea that there are animals who're struggling to survive. I also want Jack to grow up with a connection to animals and to learn how he needs to care for them; I reckon the best way to teach him that is to lead by example."

Tom has always promoted pet ownership with his family and friends, but now looks forward to helping thousands of animals in the care of the AWL to find homes.



Favourites

Meal : Steak and veg

Drink : Carlton Dry

Music : Anything 70's-90's

Weekend : Spending time with family at home, or having beers with mates



**You've cat
to be kitten me**
– seriously!

Our guide to kitten season: what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

While it's thought that there are four seasons in a year, most animal rescue groups and shelters will agree that there are only two; kitten season (which lasts spring, summer and autumn) and not kitten season (winter).

Kitten season is the time of year when cats begin breeding in high volume. This leads to a massive influx of cats and kittens into animal shelters, making hard-to-come-by resources, like food and medication, even scarcer as shelters manage higher than usual intake numbers.

There are three central peaks to kitten season, early spring, early summer and mid-autumn before the weather cools. An undesexed cat can generally start breeding at just five months old and as the warmer weather sets in, the cats (barely older than kittens) begin to reproduce.

With very short gestation periods, a cat can give birth to as many as four litters of kittens per year, usually birthing four kittens per litter and within an average lifetime a single cat can birth up to 192 kittens. Should these kittens too go undesexed, this cycle quickly spins out of control and as a result one undesexed female and her offspring can birth over 829,440 cats in just ten years!

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These vast numbers of stray, undesexed cats plague our communities, resulting in many starving, wounded and sickly cats.

What's the solution?

While there is no 'quick-fix' for the number of stray cats that already exist, conscientious and unanimous efforts made by communities, councils, rescue groups and shelters are seeing many strays captured, desexed and rehomed. Newly introduced desexing laws will also result in lower numbers of kitten litters surrendered into shelters.

Kitten season is a difficult time for animal shelters like the AWL, but with the assistance of volunteers and foster carers, the animals in our care can find loving homes.

**Become an AWL
Foster Carer today!**
8348 1300 : awl.org.au



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see other dogs?**

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manners?**

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Positive reinforcement training



All 4 winning artworks



The art of fundraising

Amazing. Creative. Evoking. These are just some of the words used to describe the dozens of entries in the JB Hi-Fi National 'Art for AWLA' competition.

A colossal fundraising initiative driven by JB Hi-Fi saw their team raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for animals in need by selling beautiful postcards.

Talented JB Hi-Fi staff created the artworks themselves, with the winning designs produced into cards and sold nationally from the JB Hi-Fi counters.

This hugely successful initiative raised \$226,867.78, with 100% of the proceeds donated to Animal Welfare League of Australia (AWLA) to help vulnerable animals in need, across Australia. Special thanks go to the highest selling store and team who were in the ACT.

In an effort to promote the cards and say a big thank you to the JB Hi-Fi team, the AWLA member's cats, dogs, puppies and kittens visited stores in each state.

Each of the six AWLA members has chosen to invest their portion of the funds into animal welfare in exciting new ways, hoping to give second chances to even more animals in need. Thank you to the talented and compassionate JB Hi-Fi team who have gone above and beyond to help animals in need.

AWL NSW will use the funds to make the vet care program more accessible to

the community and to assist low-income earners with the costs of desexing.

Lortsmith from Victoria have committed this incredible donation to fund veterinary costs for their Adoption Centre.

AWL QLD will invest the funds in their efforts to continue rehabilitating thousands of animals in their care, helping every healthy, treatable and sociable animal to find their new home.

SAFE from Western Australia are activating the funds to cover increasing desexing costs and to support SAFE branches with vet bill payments.

Dogs' Homes of Tasmania look forward using the funds to develop a multipurpose building for education programs, dog and puppy training classes and volunteer engagement, plus to build a fully enclosed exercise yard with play equipment and a sand pit to for dogs to run and play.

Finally, the AWL here in SA have committed the funds to purchase a specialised vehicle for transporting animals, which will assist hundreds of animals in finding homes through off-site adoptions.



AWL Pet
Cremations

Huggable Urns



Saying goodbye is hard, but we're by your
side every step of the way.

Hold the ashes of your beloved pet close with AWL Huggable urns.





Pet holidays

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We all love our pets, and we all love holidays, so why not combine the two?

Pet-friendly holidays are increasing in popularity as families across Australia choose to take their best friends with them. Holidays can be tricky to plan at the best of times, add your furry friend into the mix and things can be confusing! There are many-a-thing to keep in mind but here is a basic run-down of the bare necessities.

Flying?

Think carefully about the anxiety that flying can cause for your pet versus the need for them to join you on your holiday. For many pets, the stress associated with flying could be much more than the separation from their family for the period of a short holiday.

There is the serious risk of overheating to keep in mind for dogs with long, double-fur coats, and for those with short, flat faces. These health concerns may make them high-risk customers and

could result in some companies refusing service or having stricter rules and regulations around accepting these animals.

Booking accommodation

No longer are dog owners shunned to camping in tents, with dog-friendly hotels even becoming 'trendy' in our modern culture. However, there are still many regulations in place to ensure the safety of guests and their pets while staying in these hotels. To make sure that you don't find yourself in a jam, things to keep in mind while booking 'pet-friendly' accommodation are:

- Check your selected hotel doesn't have size, age or breed restrictions on pets before arriving
- Check the associated costs with the hotel room damages; some hotels can have pricey compensation costs that you may not be expecting



Microchip your pet!

Whether you're going to a new place or just hanging at home, an escaped pet without an up-to-date microchip can be tough to reunite with its owners.

Only
2%

of animals received
by AWL have
microchips

Only
33%

of the microchipped pets
have up-to-date details
and can be reunited
with their owners.

- Find out what 'pet-friendly' means to each hotel; this is a common term and may not represent that your pet will be allowed to stay in the room with you
- Check what type of pets the hotel allows as there may be exclusions on dogs, cats, rabbits or birds.

Dog-friendly activities

A holiday with your dog may be no holiday at all if your faithful best friend spends the entire time in a hotel room. If you don't think you'll have the time or ability to do dog-friendly activities, it may be best for Fido that they stay at home and await your return. Some fun holiday activities for you and your pet could be:

- Walks along the beach, but make sure the beach is dog-friendly and that you adhere to on-lead/off-lead rules and times
- Walks in parks and forests, but make sure these spaces are dog-friendly and that you adhere to on-lead/off-lead rules
- Going out to cafés and pubs. Some fancier restaurants are generally off-limits for people with pets in tow, but some cafés may even offer treats and water
- Exploring the streets of towns and cities
- Visiting local dog parks
- Kayaking, paddle-boarding and canoeing (for those of us who have confident and water-loving dogs). Make sure that

your dog is comfortable and don't overwhelm your pooch just because you're on holidays. If they've never tried these sports before, holidaying probably isn't the best time to start.

Your pet's suitcase:

- Your pet's regular food and treats (only pack easy-open cans, or you'll need a can opener too)
- Grooming equipment including your pet's regular shampoo and a towel in case of emergency baths
- Any favourite toys, blankets and bedding
- A vehicle restraint to keep your pet travel-safe
- Spare bottled water (you never know when you'll be in search of a tap)
- Any regular medications and a Pet First Aid Kit (available from AWL)
- Lead/harness/collar
- Don't forget a spare ID collar tag (just in case).

Going away without your pets?

Call AWL Pet Boarding today
8348 1300 : awl.org.au



Helpsheets...



Different cat vaccinations and why

Vaccinating our cats is a vital part of their overall health and the AWL advocate for up-to-date vaccinations for all core and non-core vaccinations where recommended by a vet.

Core vaccinations

These are vaccinations that the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) recommend being administered to all animals to protect them against severe, life-threatening diseases that have a global distribution.

- Feline Parvovirus (*Panleukopenia*) - covered by F3 vaccination
- Feline Calicivirus - covered by F3 vaccination
- Feline Herpesvirus - covered by F3 vaccination

Non-core vaccinations

These are vaccinations which AVA recommend only to be required by those animals whose geographic location, local environment or lifestyle places them at risk of contracting specific infections.

- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus FIV – covered by F5
- Chlamydia Felis
- Feline Leukaemia Virus – covered by F6
- *Bordetella bronchiseptica*

Disease symptoms

Diseases covered by core vaccine:

- Feline Parvovirus (*Panleukopenia*) – This is a viral disease which is highly contagious and often fatal. It causes severe diarrhoea, vomiting and dehydration. It is most severe in kittens 2-6 months old.

- Cat Flu (Feline Calicivirus, Feline and Feline Herpes Virus) – This is a widespread respiratory disease which causes 'cold' like symptoms such as a runny nose and eyes. An infected cat may become a carrier, but symptoms will typically only show in times of stress. All cats should be vaccinated against this as it can sometimes become serious.

Diseases covered by non-core vaccines:

- Feline Immunodeficiency virus (FIV) – FIV causes immunosuppression, meaning the immune system will stop functioning in affected cats. Affected cats can become vulnerable to a range of infections and cancers. Cats can carry FIV for years without showing any symptoms and can spread this through their saliva, and is transmitted via bites when fighting.
- Cat Flu (Chlamydia Felis and *Bordetella bronchiseptica*): as described above these bacteria can also cause symptoms of the disease known as 'Cat Flu'.
- Feline Leukaemia (FeLV) – FeLV often causes a form of white cell cancer, called Lymphosarcoma. Cats transmit FeLV via saliva and nasal excretions, though it is questionable whether FeLV is present in South Australia.

General vaccination timeline

Age for vaccination	Vaccination
8 weeks	F3
12 weeks	F3
16 weeks	F3
1 year	F3 booster
1-3 years	F3 booster

Helpsheets...



Different dog vaccinations and why

Vaccinating our dogs is a vital part of their overall health and the AWL advocate for up-to-date vaccinations for all core vaccinations, and non-core vaccinations where recommended by a vet.

Core vaccinations

Vaccinations that the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) recommend being administered to all animals to protect them against severe, life-threatening diseases that have a global distribution.

- Canine Distemper virus – covered by C3 vaccination
- Canine Adenovirus – covered by C3 vaccination
- Canine Parvovirus – covered by C3 vaccination

Non-core vaccinations

Vaccinations which AVA recommend only to be required by those animals whose geographic location, local environment or lifestyle places them at risk of contracting specific infections.

- Parainfluenza Virus – covered by C4 vaccination
- *Bordetella bronchiseptica* – covered by C5 vaccination
- *Leptospira Interrogans* – not often vaccinated against

Disease symptoms

Diseases covered by core vaccine:

- Canine Parvovirus – this virus is extremely deadly and highly contagious. There is evidence to suggest that in ideal conditions the virus can live in the soil for up to 15 months. This virus causes a severe and painful gastroenteritis, which is often fatal. Treatment for this is extremely costly and not always successful.
- Canine Distemper – this disease attacks the nervous system of an infected dog which can

quickly lead to severe, lasting damage and even become fatal. Due to vaccinations, this is now a rare disease; however outbreaks still occur and dogs should have up-to-date vaccinations against this.

- Canine Hepatitis (Adenovirus) – this viral disease is a severe illness in dogs. Once contracted it can cause long-lasting issues within the dog's liver, eyes and kidneys.

Diseases covered by non core vaccines:

- Kennel/Canine Cough (*Bordetella bronchiseptica* and Parainfluenza Virus) – this virus is highly contagious and results in a guttural, rasping cough. Very young and old dogs are more at risk of contracting this cough than others; however any dog that is in contact with other dogs can be at risk and should be vaccinated. While not fatal, it can lower a dog's immunity and result in the contraction of other illnesses.
- Canine Leptospirosis – this disease is highly infectious and is thought to be found in all mainland states of Australia, except South Australia. It quickly causes acute organ and kidney failure and is often fatal.

General vaccination timeline

Age for vaccination	Vaccination
6-8 weeks	C3 (DHP)
10 weeks	C3 (DHP) C5
16 weeks	C3 C5
1 year intervals	C5 booster
1-3 year intervals	C3 booster

AWL Thank you!



1,000 Meows for the PETstock team!

It's not often that the sentence "thank you 1,000 times over" is meant literally, but this time it's real! The incredible PETstock team have gone way beyond what anyone could have imagined and have officially rehomed over 1,000 AWL cats, kittens and rabbits through their off-site adoptions!

PETstock reached this gobsmacking milestone after just 14 months of teaming up with the Animal Welfare League (AWL) by offering off-site adoptions from all Adelaide Metropolitan stores. This partnership continues from strength to strength and has helped increase AWL's total adoption numbers within the past year. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the caring PETstock teams who have helped these deserving animals to find their new loving families!



You've got to be school to be kind

HUGE thanks for a HUGE fundraiser! As always, our AWL Junior Ambassador William Brown, has gone above and beyond with his latest BBQ held at the Portside Christian College. With the support of his classmates, kind teachers and staff, and of course his mum Ruth, Will's BBQ Fundraiser has raised a mind-blowing \$1800, PLUS a total of 1363 items were donated to the animals in the AWL shelter to assist with their care! Donated items included toys, treats, blankets, food, litter and pet beds – everything animals need to stay warm and well cared for while they're awaiting their new families. Thank you William and Portside Christian College for being such motivated and kind fundraisers for the animals in the care of the AWL!



Happy Tails for happy homes

A long-time supporter of the animals in the AWL, Mark from the Photographyroom has taken his fundraising initiatives to a whole new level with his original book, 'Happy Tails... Stories of adopted dogs'. Alongside his ever-enjoyable \$20 Pet sessions (an hour-long pet photo shoot with 100% of the proceeds donated to the AWL), Mark has also developed a new fundraising project called 'Happy Tails... Stories of adopted dogs'!

Through his skilled photography Mark uses his lens to tell the stories of rescue, compassion and love that each adopted animal has journeyed. These pictures are soon to be compiled and published in a purchasable book, with 100% of the proceeds donated to the AWL to help thousands of animals in need. Thank you Mark and the Photographyroom for your kindness and continued support.



Hilton Hotel love breakfast, pets and helping animals

The AWL 'A Pet's Breakfast' was held for the sixth consecutive year at the Hilton Hotel and as per usual it was a huge success! With brunch for all and a special treat for the dogs in attendance, the Hilton Hotel held a wonderful (and delicious) event that raised \$432 for the animals in the care of the AWL! Thank you Hilton Hotel for your continued support and charity that gives many animals a second chance. Keep the Hilton Hotel in mind if you'd like to attend 'A Pet's Breakfast' next year too! Find out more via hilton-hotel.com.au/a-pets-brekky/

Priceless community support

If you would like to help the AWL with homing thousands of lonely and unloved cats, dogs and rabbits, call the friendly team on 8348 1300.



Phoebe's tale

A tail wagging tale of "found to forever home"



My old life

Day 1

I'm s-so s-scared, and I'm s-so c-cold. I can't get out of this drain, and I'm so scared that I'll be here forever. Where's my mum? Can she hear me crying? I wish my other paw worked, maybe if I was normal I could get out. Maybe if I were normal, I wouldn't be here...

Day 2

Someone has found me, but they're so scary and big! Are they going to hurt me? I'm too thirsty and hungry to care.

Day 3

They've brought me to a place where there are lots of other dogs and people. Here the humans let me sit on their laps, have lots of cuddles, and they even give me soft, squishy things to play with and chew on. I've never seen so many people. I'm a little scared, and when I feel like this, I hide in my bed.

Day 4

The humans have put me in what they call a "Foster Home." I still don't know what that means, but I do know that I like this house and the humans are giving me lots of cuddles.

Month 1

The more I eat, the more I can play, and I'm learning just how much I love to play! I'm still scared sometimes, especially when there are new people. My foster family love it when I cuddle up to them, and they always laugh when I roll around, wrestling my toys. Plus, they say I'm perfect just the way I am. They say my leg makes me unique.

Month 2

Woohoo! I LOVE life. Everything is great! My foster family say that it's nearly time for me to find a home that's all my own. I'll miss them so much, but they keep telling me my new family will love me even more.

My new life

Day 1

I said goodbye to my foster family today, they told me I'd love my new family. Karin is my new mum's name. I like that name, and I like her, she gives me cuddles just how I want. I have a new family now.

Week 1

There are so many new things in my life now that I've never seen before! I even I have a WHOLE GARDEN and it's full of sticks! There's a GIANT box of toys, plus I also have a new friend; his name is Jasper and I LOVE him. When he comes to visit we play for hours, and we share everything – we're bestest friends.

Month 1

I've never been so happy as I am now. Sometimes I think back to that scary night in the drain... when I cried and cried for my mummy and when I thought my different paw meant I would never be loved. I was so wrong. If only I knew then how happy I would be and what real love is. It's scary to think what could have happened, but thanks to everyone in my life, I'm safe and loved.



AWL Pet First Aid Classes

Would you know how to help your faithful, best friend in an emergency? Learn all the skills you'll need to stay calm and help your pet when they need you most!

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Lenora Lennie-maomao

"Lennie is doing great! Can't feel her hip bones anymore, making friends with my babies and even met the dog yesterday through the glass door!" – *Katie*



Pepper

"We adopted Pepper a couple of months ago. We love her dearly and couldn't imagine her not being a part of our family." – *Renee*



Morgana Lucy

"Morgana Lucy, adopted at the end of December, has settled in very well. This is her exploring her CatPad. Thanks to AWL, life's good for us both!" – *Beryll*



Mater

"Mater has such a sweet nature and is still trusting even after his rough start. He has really become part of the family, feels like he's always been here." – *Nicola*

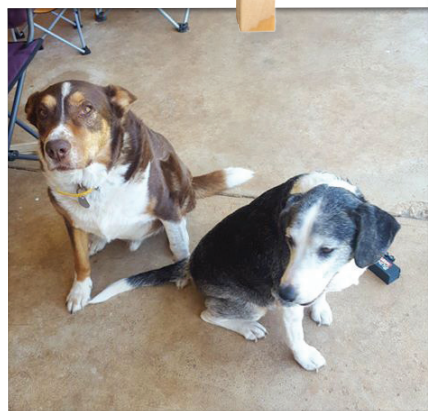


#AWLHappyHomes



Nina and Gorgi

"Just to let you know that the lovely siblings have settled in nicely and are warm, comfortable and eating well. Much love." – *the Woods Family*



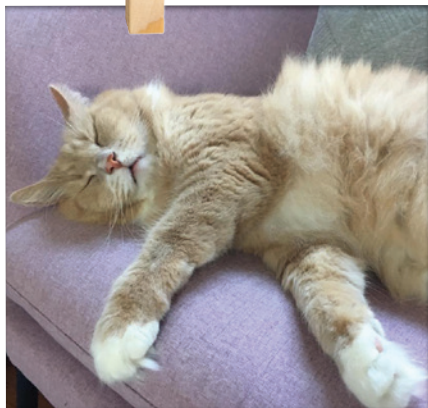
Oscar

"Thank you for completing our family. We believe Oscar had a tough time before, so to be able to provide him a home full of love makes us incredibly happy." – *Michael*



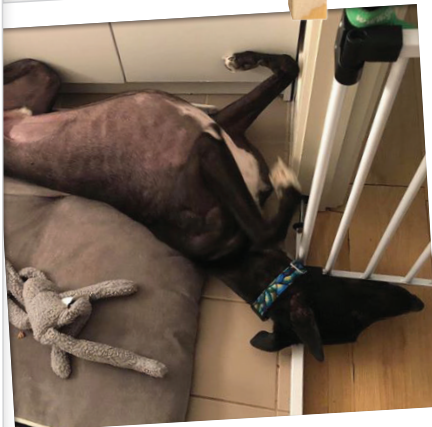
Percy

"Percy has settled into his new home better than ever imagined! He is now best friends with our dog Rosie." – *Elise and Rhys*



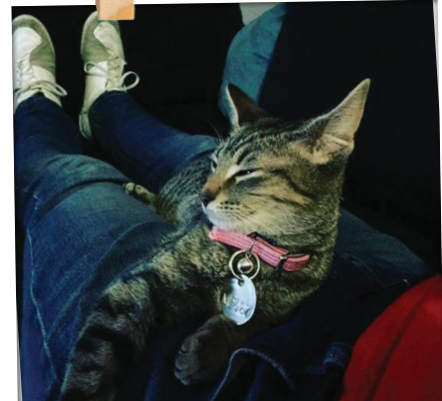
Bill

"Bill is doing really well in his old age and loves nothing more than finding a spot of sun inside and snoozing all day. Thank you so much." – *Hayley*



Buddy

"Hi AWL just an update on Mischief, now named Buddy...just to let you know he was a perfect fit." – *Rachelle*



Tahlia

"Thanks to all the lovely staff who helped us with our adopting 'Tahlia'. We received very good education and information, she is settling in beautifully!" – *Debbie*



LostPet Checklist



- ☐ 1. Notify your local council
- ☐ 2. Contact your local and after-hours vet, plus visit animal shelters: AWL 8348 1300 and the RSPCA 1300 477 722
- ☐ 3. Visit the Lost Pets of South Australia Facebook Page – facebook.com/LostPetsOfSouthAustralia
- ☐ 4. Lodge a Lost Pet Report which will be published on the AWL website - this is used to help the AWL identify and match lost and found pets – awl.org.au/lost-found
- ☐ 5. Post a photo, description, location and details on social media including lost pet pages
- ☐ 6. Print off 'Lost' flyers of your pet to place around your local area including shopping centres - you are able to print the 'Lost Pet Report' created on the AWL website
- ☐ 7. Check with your neighbours, local schools, shopping centres and other nearby locations
- ☐ 8. Make sure that your pet is microchipped and that the microchip details are up-to-date



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Q. Why does my cat scratch my furniture and how can I make it stop?



A. Did you know that your cat scratching furniture and curtains is an entirely natural habit and not something your cat is doing to spite you? In the wild, cats commonly scratch on trees and other objects for a myriad of reasons; this is not a trait designed to peeve human owners.

In reality, cats scratch objects to maintain and sharpen their claws, release scents and visually mark territory, as well as to release pent-up emotions like excitement and frustration. Each of these motivations is important for our cats to fulfill; hence they will use furniture, curtains, carpets and even window sills, if necessary.

How do I stop it?

Now that we understand the 'why' of cats scratching, it's much easier for us to know how to help our cats find more suitable things to scratch than our favourite couch.

Ingredients:

- Scratching posts
- Thick blankets
- Treats (small cubes of meat, cheese, etc.)

Method:

1. Now that you've purchased multiple scratching posts of different textures, bring

them into your cat's environment for them to explore.

2. Find the furniture/spots that your cat often scratches and place the new scratching posts in front of or beside this spot.
3. Place thick blankets over the places your cat used to inappropriately scratch; this is a temporary method while you're redirecting your cat's behaviour.
4. Reward your cat with a pat and a treat when you see it using the scratching post.
5. If your cat begins to regress by scratching inappropriately, calmly move the cat to the appropriate scratching place and reinforce this by giving the cat a pat or a treat.

Note: It's essential that we don't punish our cats with things like squirting with water bottles, yelling or hitting as this will only teach them to be afraid of us and will not change the behaviour.

Hayley,
AWL Care
Coordinator



Q. How do I stop my dog pulling on the lead?



A. Whether you've got a young dog, an old dog, a small dog or a large dog, each kind needs to regularly get out of the house for some socialisation and fun. What can be a simple and enjoyable outing can quickly turn irritating, overwhelming and stressful when you've got a dog who constantly pulls on the end of their lead. This kind of behaviour can quickly make owners dread what is meant to be an enjoyable time for bonding with their pet.

Prevention is better than a cure! For owners of puppies, it's vital that lead training begins from the time the puppy enters your home. Starting practice early will prevent any bad habits before they start.

How to solve dogs pulling on leads

Ingredients:

- Treats
- Front/back harness
- Long lead

Method

1. Start training in your backyard or a quiet area with few distractions for your dog. Once your dog is securely in their harness with a lead attached, call them toward you and let them know that you have treats, to draw their attention to you.
2. Start walking slowly and calmly, calling your dog in an upbeat manner and dropping treats at your feet every few steps.

3. If/when your dog gets distracted/excited and pulls at the lead, stop entirely until their attention is back on you. Once their focus is on you, you can start again. This process may be slow, and you may only move a few steps each time, but keep persevering.
4. Repeat steps one to three many times, ensuring you take plenty of breaks. Repeating this process this will help your dog to practice to the desired behaviour until it becomes the new routine.
5. Once you feel confident that your dog is attentive on the lead, you can venture to a new location repeating the above method. However, remember that one bad behaviour getting reinforced can set training back, so it is better to underwhelm your dog than to ask for too much too soon.

Note: Using force-free training ensures happier and healthier dogs. If you need help training your pooch, contact the AWL Dog Training Team who can offer many solutions for you and your dog. Call 8348 1300 for more information or visit awl.org.au/dog-training

Monique,
AWL Dog Trainer





How pets can give us life

Warm-hearted and compassionate carer Amy Edwards is bringing love back into the lives of elderly citizens at Estia Health Salisbury. Words: Maddie McDonald

What would you do if you needed to live in an aged care facility, but had to leave pet behind? This is a sad question faced by many of the senior citizens in our community when transitioning into an aged care facility.

Amy Edwards of Estia Health, is working hard to make changes to the lives of the citizens in aged care facilities. "People often disregard the pain of losing your pet, but for many, this can be just as painful, or more so, as losing a human family member," she says.

The Estia Health facility where Amy works is a warm, welcoming and calm environment. A friendly resident helps me through a seemingly ordinary door, saying with a cheeky grin, "oh, don't worry love, they're either locking you out or us in."

It's afternoon tea time and the residents, Amy and I gather around to chat and enjoy bickies, cheese, tea and coffee.

"Afternoon tea is when everyone gathers to chat about what's been happening. Animals are always a hot topic as there are so many people here who have left their pets behind," explains Amy.

With the help of other carers, staff and residents at the facility, Amy has been collecting donations of bedding, pet food, pet toys, pet treats and money to donate to the thousands of animals in the care of the Animal Welfare League (AWL).

While everyone has taken part in giving donations, a few of the residents at the centre have shown particular excitement at the project, especially those who have had pets throughout their life.

"When people come into the facility they are often leaving behind their family and friends, so they're grieving that loss, and then to add onto it the loss of their pets, it can be very overwhelming," Amy continues.

Next to the AWL donations is a pin-board where residents have taken to pinning pictures of their beloved pets who they've either left with family members, or have sadly had to farewell.

"Pets bring us so much joy, and I would love to give one of the AWL pets a home here. I'm doing all I can to make sure the residents still get to interact with animals, but I would love for there to be a permanent pet here," Amy says.

"I've had plenty of animals come through for the day; often I bring my pets in, we even had chickens for a little while! The residents love it when pets visit, it lifts everyone's spirits and the animals are so doted on when they're here" smiles Amy.

While the Estia Healthcare facility currently doesn't have the capacity for a fulltime pet, Amy is unwaveringly making efforts to ensure residents get to interact with animals in some capacity.

"Having a full-time pet here would take some working out as we would have to ensure that there is someone able to care for the animal and take responsibility for it all of the time. Until that day comes, I'm going to keep doing everything in my power to make sure the residents here get 'pet time' and can enjoy the many benefits of being around animals."



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Annual General Meeting

- 23 October



Lottery



- Early bird draw – 27 October
- Lottery closes 20 December
- Lottery draw 21 December

Bunnings BBQ

- 4 September
- 2 October
- 6 November
- 4 December



Pet First Aid

- 16 September
- 10 October
- 18 November



Mutts with Manners

- 27 September
- 18 October



Parabanks Centre Gift Wrapping

- 4 – 24 December



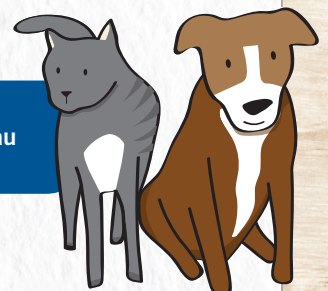
Pet Reading Buddy

9.30am-12pm

- 3 October
- 5 October
- 11 October
- 12 October



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