



ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE



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Welcome to the Animal Rescue Centre

Welcome to the Animal Rescue Centers' very first newsletter! We are all very excited about releasing our very first issue and are hoping you enjoy them just as much! With each monthly issue we



will be sharing with you the news and events that occur down at the centre. Whether you are into wildlife, domestic animals or snakes and reptiles, its all here!!! The Animal Rescue Centre has been open and running for just over 12 months now, and so much has happened and grown since.

PAWS Darwin is a not for profit organisation which is run through the centre, and aims to give Darwin's homeless pets a second chance. PAWS Darwin also helps educate and teach the community about looking after our domestic pets.

Wildlife Rescue Darwin is also a not for profit organisation, which take in sick, injured or orphaned wildlife with help from the prison program. They rehabilitate and release wildlife back to their natural habitats. Wildlife Rescue Darwin are currently expanding to accommodate flight aviaries.

The Ark Animal Hospital plays an immensely important part in the daily running of the Animal Rescue Centre. Without the dedication from the Veterinarians and Vet nurses we could not treat our animals, nor have them desexed before adoption. The Ark Animal Hospital plays a vital part in what we do.

Reptile Rescue is a 24 hour service which collects snakes and reptiles and safely remove them from peoples homes. This is run at no cost to the Community. They also help to educate people on reptiles and snakes of all kinds.

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Darwin's First Zombie Walk!



Darwin is about to experience their very first Zombie Walk. Annually all over the world these walks are held, designed to raise awareness and funds for a variety of chosen charities. The organizers of the very first Zombie Walk have proudly announced PAWS Darwin as their chosen charity. PAWS Darwin have decided to bring along some of the shelter dogs (in costume of course!).

Darwin's first ever Zombie Walk will be held on Saturday the 29th of August. The walk will commence at 3.30pm and starts from the

Esplanade near Peel st. Costume is encouraged for participants and donations or support is greatly appreciated!!!

Visit www.pawsdarwin.org.au for more information.

See you there!

Special points of interest:

- ◆ *PAWS Darwin—one step in the right direction towards finding forever homes for pre-loved pets.*
- ◆ *Wildlife Rescue Darwin—Become a carer today!*
- ◆ *Proudly announcing online donation sponsorship packages COMING SOON*
- ◆ *Contact information and helpful websites*



Welcome to PAWS Darwin shelter

Dakota is a 15 month old female Abyssinian mix who captured the hearts of the staff at the Darwin City Council Pound in November last year.



Nowadays she resides in the cat resort at PAWS, playing with the kittens and lazing her days away. Can you provide Dakota with a forever home?

K9 Obedience Classes

The Animal Rescue Centre is now holding obedience classes for dogs. Classes are held over 5 weeks, on Mondays from 6pm until 7pm. Dogs must have up to date vaccinations and be over 6 months of age to enrol. Fees are \$150 for 5 lessons. Bookings are essential, for more information please phone us on 89329496.

PAWS Pets For Life Seminars—A step in the right direction

PAWS Darwin has changed the way adoptions take place. Due to a rising number of pets being dumped and abandoned, PAWS Darwin are now forced to implement changes to discourage impulse buying of animals and the disposable pet society we now live in. In order to adopt a pre loved pet from PAWS Darwin, the potential owner must first attend a PAWS Darwin pet ownership seminar. These free hour long workshops aim at informing owners of the hard work and dedication it takes to be a *responsible pet owner*. Once an adoption has taken place, the new owners are invited to one free obedience training class to learn how to maintain their new pet.

These seminars are open to anybody in the community thinking about adopting a pet into their lives, no matter where they are purchasing the pet from. PAWS Pets For Life seminars are held on Wednesdays from 6-7pm and Sundays from 1-2pm. Bookings are **not** essential.

For more information, please call us on 89329496 or drop into our centre.

"PAWS Darwin are discouraging impulse adoptions and bettering the lives of our pre-loved pets"

Current Events and Success from PAWS Darwin

PAWS Darwin recently took along 12 of their shelter cats to the Royal Darwin Show. 6 were entered into the cat show with outstanding results! Two shelter kittens, Tahlia and Isabell, took in a lot of awards, including Peoples Choice and Best Companion. Simba and Ron are just two of the shelters adult cats that won awards, and are still looking for their forever homes.



Pebbles is a 7 month old Kelpie cross who came to the PAWS shelter as a stray. Her siblings have found their forever homes whilst Pebbles is still looking. PAWS staff have been working on some obedience training with her, and she is learning very quickly. Come down and say hello to this special little girl!!!!



PAWS 'n' WALK

Bring your dog down and join the pack, as Dog trainer Sandy Irlam lead people and dogs around Palmerston. Learn how to teach your dog to socialise with people, dogs and sounds!

Don't have a dog of your own? Bring a PAWS dog along and help teach them skills needed in finding a new home of their own. Leaves from the Animal Rescue Centre, 6-7pm every Thursday.



Wildlife Rescue Darwin

Wildlife Rescue Darwin is a not for profit organisation which provides emergency treatment and care for sick, injured and orphaned native Australian wildlife in the Darwin region of the



Northern Territory.

Possums, wallabies, frogs, birds and all sorts of wildlife make their way to us. Wildlife Rescue Darwin's services are proudly provided by the not for profit organisation The Ark Animal Welfare Services. Our services are provided at no cost to the community. Not only do we care for and rehabilitate wildlife, our Veterinarians treat these animals as required to give them the best possible chance to get back to where they belong; the wild. This does sometimes involve expensive surgeries and treatments and long, hard work from our dedicated team members and volunteer foster parents. We need your help to continue the work we are doing.

Many of the animals in our care go on to our prison program for further rehabilitation. The cost of this is also worn by Wildlife Rescue Darwin. Recently Wildlife Rescue Darwin has expanded their facilities to accommodate better flight aviaries. These aviaries are aimed at rehabilitating birds to be at their best flight capability before release. They can now hold approximately 10 birds at any one time, with stays up to 6 weeks.

Wildlife Carers

Help the NT's native animals. Do you wish to care for and nurture sick, injured or orphaned wildlife?

Visit www.nt.gov.au and download a carers permit application. Once you officially have your application, drop it in at the Animal Rescue Centre.

You will then be contacted if an animal comes to us in need of a carer.

"Darwin's wildlife needs our help; become a wildlife sponsor today!"



Did you know the Northern

Territory's' species of possum, the Northern Brush tail Possum is a protected species? Land clearing has forced these guys to share our suburbia and are now seen by some as pests. A permit is required off NT Parks and Wildlife to remove them from your property. Possum boxes in your trees give them an alternate place to live. Visit www.nt.gov.au.

Online Sponsorship Donations—Available now!!!

PAWS Darwin and Wildlife Rescue Darwin are proud to announce the much anticipated arrival of Online Donations! Through sponsorship packages, donors are now able to choose where their donation goes!

Please visit www.pawsdarwin.org.au or www.thearkvet.com and follow the links.

For more wildlife information and stories on our past and current patients, visit our blog at <http://thearkvet.blogspot.com/>.

Here you will find the recent success story of 'Red Ned', the Red Kangaroo who was featured in the NT News, asking for help to get back home. Red Ned has officially gone home, and reports say he is doing fantastically!!!

Home to PAWS Darwin animal shelter, Wildlife Rescue Darwin and Reptile Rescue.

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Visit us at
pawstarwin.org.au
or thearkvet.com!!!

Contact List

Animal Rescue Centre - 89329496

(PAWS Darwin and Wildlife Rescue Darwin)

Business hours: Monday to Friday 10am til 6pm,
Saturday 11am til 3pm, and Sundays 10am til 1pm.

58 Georgina crescent Yarrowonga, postal address PO BOX 2275 Palmerston, 0832.

Email at pawstarwin@gmail.com or visit
www.pawstarwin.org.au

Ark Animal Hospital - 89329738

Emergency after hours - 0407391543

Business hours: Monday to Friday 7am til 7pm,
Saturday 8am til 2pm, and Sundays 10am til 12pm.

56 Georgina crescent Yarrowonga, postal address PO BOX 2772 Palmerston, 0830.

Email at info@thearkvet.com or visit www.thearkvet.com

Humpty Doo Veterinary Clinic - 89883340

Business hours: Monday to Friday 7.30am til 6pm,
Saturday 8am til 1pm.

Shop 8 and 9 Vereker st, Humpty Doo. Postal address PO Box 2275 Palmerston, 0832.

Email at info@thearkvet.com or visit www.thearkvet.com

Reptile Rescue - 24 hour snake removal service - 1800453210



Vet tip of the week—Desexing: an opportunity to change a life

Dr Stephen Cutter B.V.Sc(hons)

One of the most important aspects of owning a dog or a cat is looking after it properly. Desexing is often considered an optional extra but it really is an essential part of responsible pet ownership. We all love puppies and kittens, but what happens when our pet is left undesexed and the neighbours' dog jumps the fence or the cat goes wandering? More puppies and kittens. Cats can become pregnant from as young as four months of age, dogs from around six months. Desexing is an inexpensive, routine, very low risk surgery which permanently prevents this from happening. In addition to reducing the number of unwanted animals being born, there are many other good reasons to have your pet desexed. Fundamentally, desexing makes them a better pet. It reduces wandering and marking with urine, and helps to prevent aggression. In male dogs it also prevents prostate problems and in female dogs prevents life threatening uterine infections and most breast cancers. Desexing also means that there is no risk to your animal of complications from pregnancy such as milk fever and birthing problems. A late night caesarean is a common occurrence and an expensive reminder to desex your pet.

Unfortunately many people do not desex their pets and the results of this are seen every day at the RSPCA, the pound, and our PAWS shelter. The territory has an enormous burden of unwanted pets. Unfortunately our vets often have to euthanise these otherwise healthy puppies and kittens because of the carelessness and inaction of some pet owners. Not surprisingly we at the Ark are desexing vigilantes and our vets travel all over the Territory to enable people in even the most remote locations to desex their pets. There can be a happy ending to this story: desex, desex, desex!!! When buying a new animal, choose one which is already desexed, or book it in for the procedure as soon as possible. Consider acquiring your pet from our PAWS shelter, where the desexing cost is already covered at the time of purchase. Desexing is an amazingly easy solution to a very large problem. If we all desex our pets and encourage others to do the same then we can make a difference. Animals can be desexed from 8 weeks of age if they are over 1kg, and for boys as soon as their testes have descended. Immature desexing is a well tried and safe method and the benefits to the animals are numerous. There is absolutely no truth to the old wife's tale that you should allow animals one litter before having them desexed.

In our view, the earlier the better.