



THE
LOST DOGS
HOME®

2024-25
ANNUAL
REPORT



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OUR VISION

Giving animals the best chance of a happy and healthy life.

OUR PURPOSE

We care for lost dogs, cats and other companion animals. We reunite lost pets with their families, find new homes for others, and always seek the best possible outcomes for all animals that come into our care.

OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS

- 1** Compassionate care for our animals
- 2** A trusted, modern and sustainable charity
- 3** Contemporary, future-proof and fit-for-purpose facilities
- 4** An employer of choice
- 5** A fierce advocate for the welfare of companion animals



OUR HISTORY

The Lost Dogs' Home was founded on 21 December 1910, when a group of compassionate Melbourne citizens came together to end the cruel drowning and poisoning of stray dogs. With £860 (equivalent to almost \$30,000 today) raised from a charity theatre matinee, the founding committee set out to secure land — and a future — for the Home.

After 18 months of searching and overcoming local opposition, four blocks of Crown land were purchased in June 1912 near Macaulay Railway Station in North Melbourne — the same site the Home proudly occupies today.

On 28 February 1913, the Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs officially opened its doors, launching Victoria's first adoption program and boarding kennels, and giving lost dogs a much-needed second chance at life.

In its first year, the Home cared for 1,496 dogs. This number grew rapidly as it became the official place of safekeeping for lost and abandoned animals.

By the 1930s, the Home had expanded to include its own veterinary hospital, and in the decades that followed, it pioneered adoption, education, and animal welfare initiatives that continue to shape our work today.



WHO WE ARE TODAY

More than a century on, The Lost Dogs' Home remains one of Australia's leading animal welfare organisations, caring for over 18,000 lost, stray, injured, and abandoned animals each year.

We reunite pets with their families, find new homes for those in need, and provide every animal in our care with the medical treatment, rehabilitation, and support they deserve.

Our impact extends well beyond our shelters. We deliver low-cost veterinary services and community outreach programs, promote responsible pet ownership, and help keep pets and their families together.

Through our foster program, vulnerable animals are given the time, care, and comfort they need to prepare for adoption, while our volunteers play a vital role in ensuring every animal is enriched, exercised, and loved during their stay.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our passionate staff,



volunteers, and the generosity of our supporters.

With no ongoing government funding, their commitment ensures we can continue providing food, shelter, care, and second chances to the animals who need us most.



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



18,730
animals needing
compassionate care*

185
volunteers
supporting our
work over
23,400 hours



17,000
dogs walked by
volunteers

1,598
active foster
carers



almost
1 in 3
needed foster
care



2,787
animals were
picked up by our
ambulances

7,128
animals
desexed



over
900
animals were
transferred to
rescue partners



231,114km
travelled by our
ambulances

148,000
towels and blankets
washed



3,821
pets reunited
with their
families

5,276
animals
fostered



88,765
veterinary
procedures
& treatments



186
surrenders prevented
through the Home
Together program



150
families kept
together with
their pets through
the Home Together
program



8,045
animals adopted
into loving
homes



6,250
cats and kittens
adopted



1,751
dogs and
puppies adopted

ANIMAL OUTCOMES

In FY24/25, The Lost Dogs' Home maintained strong rehoming and reunification outcomes, achieving a live outcome rate of 92.4% for dogs and 83.4% for cats. While every effort is made to treat, rehabilitate, and rehome as many animals as possible, there are instances where this is not possible for legal, medical, or welfare reasons, or where community safety must be prioritised.

The slight increase in euthanasia during this period reflects a higher proportion of animals falling within categories defined by existing legislation and welfare requirements, such as unidentified wild cats, animals with severe behavioural or medical issues, and dogs held under court or statutory orders, where outcomes are determined externally and outside the organisation's control.

* (This represents every animal that comes through our doors, regardless of circumstance, and includes dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fowl, livestock, and others.)

CHAIR REPORT

2024-25 was another very busy year for the Home, with 18,730 animals coming into our care. That's 51 animals arriving each day that our operational and vet teams, volunteers, foster carers, rescue and council partners, and supporters have ensured are given the love, compassion and support they need.

We saw growth across the Home's activities compared to last year. Our foster care network fostered 32% more animals, our volunteer program increased by 24%, we performed 22% more veterinary procedures and treatments, and 3.1% more animals were adopted into new homes.

It takes a community to fund and support a charity such as The Lost Dogs' Home, and I'd like to acknowledge all the staff, donors, volunteers, foster carers, rescue networks and others that are part of our community for the support that you have given throughout the year. You are the foundations of our success.

This year, we started work on important infrastructure upgrades to our sites in Cranbourne and North Melbourne. These projects will underpin improvement to the welfare of animals that are in our care, the safety of our staff, as well as improvements to productivity.

The Victorian Government's Arden precinct development plan has caused us to delay investment in North Melbourne for some time, but with the uncertainty surrounding the timelines and progress of that redevelopment, we can wait no longer. These are expensive but necessary projects that are fundamental to the purpose of the Home, and you will hear more about these projects over the coming years.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing CEO, Grant Robb, for leading the growth and transformation of the Home for the past six years. He was fundamental in steering the Home through the disruption of the COVID-19 Pandemic, in renewing our reputation in the community and focusing all of us on the purpose of our organisation – finding new homes for dogs and cats in need. We have appointed Tanya Drakopoulos as our new CEO. She comes with a strong background in animal welfare and we look forward to Tanya starting with us later in 2025.

Sue Karzis has been appointed to Chair the Board from the coming year and in the last twelve months we have recruited onto the Board new Directors who bring fresh energy and insight.

With a new CEO and a successful and well-established Executive team, new Chair and refreshed Board, the Home is very well placed for a successful future.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Tanya Khan who is leaving at the AGM in November. She has been a Director of the Home for nearly nine years, Deputy Chair for six years and has served as Chair of the Governance and Risk and Nominations Committees of the Board. Her wise counsel, energy and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

I'm also leaving the Board at the next AGM, at the end of my term. It has been a privilege to be associated with The Lost Dogs' Home, and I look forward with great optimism to seeing its progress from here.



Simon Greaves
Board Chair

OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS 2024-26

At The Lost Dogs' Home, our work is guided by five strategic pillars that reflect both the challenges we face and the opportunities before us. These pillars keep us focused on what matters most: delivering the best possible outcomes for animals, supporting their owners, and strengthening our organisation for the future. Each pillar represents a commitment, to the animals in our care, to our community, to our people, and to the long-term sustainability of our mission.

Together, these pillars ensure that we continue to evolve as a trusted, modern charity while never losing sight of our core purpose:

Giving animals the best chance of a happy and healthy life.

- 1 Compassionate care for our animals**
- 2 A trusted, modern and sustainable charity**
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COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR OUR ANIMALS

At The Lost Dogs' Home, compassion is at the heart of everything we do. Through exceptional sheltering, veterinary care, behaviour support, foster programs and adoption services, we give every animal the best possible chance at a safe and loving future.

Smarter, Kinder Adoptions

The growth of our Pre-Adoption program has been a game-changer. By matching animals with homes even before they're ready to leave our care, we're reducing wait times, improving outcomes, and creating stronger bonds. This tailored approach has also led to a notable drop in return rates, showing that when we listen closely to both animals and adopters, everyone benefits.

Fostering Care

With thanks to our fostering network, we were able to care for 5,276 animals needing support to get ready to be adopted. Provided across 1,598 individual foster homes, foster care grew by a massive 1,275 from the year before. We celebrate and acknowledge our committed foster carers whose support ensures that animals can rest and recover, and get the socialisation that they need before they go out for adoption.

Powerful Partnerships

Our partnerships are at the heart of what we do and play a crucial role in saving lives. This year alone, we worked hand-in-hand with rescue groups to take to give a second chance to more than 900 animals, including dogs, cats, livestock, and small pets.

Through these partnerships, animals that may have had nowhere else to turn were given safety, veterinary care, and the opportunity to be matched with loving new homes. By sharing resources, knowledge, and expertise with our partners, we are able to extend our reach far beyond our shelter walls and ensure that more vulnerable animals receive the care they deserve.

Our partnerships across the broader animal welfare network allow us to work together on solutions to rehome animals quickly. Our collaborative adoption campaigns with council partners, including City of Casey, Frankston City Council, City of Port Phillip and Wyndham City Council, were a shining example of what's possible when we work together. These partnerships helped rehome over 250 kittens, and the City of Port Phillip hosted our very first adult and senior cat adoption event, a beautiful celebration of the joy older pets bring.

These collaborations also strengthen the broader animal welfare network, allowing us to work together on solutions that prevent homelessness, improve animal health, and advocate for better welfare standards. Each partnership represents a commitment to a shared vision: a future where every animal has the best chance at a happy, healthy life.

Compassionate Veterinary Care in the Shelter and to the Public

Specialising in shelter and primary care including high-volume desexing, teams in our shelters and veterinary hospital performed 7,128 surgeries as well as 88,306 other animal treatments and procedures. Our primary care and shelter teams support pet owners, adopters and foster carers with compassionate and collaborative care of the animals which come to us both through our veterinary hospital, and through our shelters.



Behaviour Services for Better Animal Support

Our behaviour services are central to delivering best-practice animal welfare, assessing, rehabilitating, and guiding ongoing care to give every animal the best chance at a successful new home. This has included the introduction of the Feline Spectrum Assessment program at our Cranbourne site, which is an evidence-based tool to assess cats as they come into the Home. This approach ensures that cats are given the time to decompress before their assessments so that we can better understand their needs and nature. Our behaviour service is delivered through outreach at council and public events, as well as tailored training for animal sector organisations. These programs help build skills and capacity to better support animal welfare.

This year's achievements are more than numbers — they're a reflection of our unwavering belief that every animal deserves love, dignity, and a second chance wherever possible. Through innovation, collaboration, and heartfelt care, we're proud to be making that belief a reality every single day.

Adoption Highlights

This year, **8,045 animals** found their way to loving forever homes.

From playful puppies to wise senior cats, our adoption numbers reflect the breadth of lives touched:

2,910
CATS

3,340
KITTENS

1,433
DOGS

318
PUPPIES

12 RABBITS
13 BIRDS
12 FOWL

KEEPING PETS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER

We are committed to helping families stay together during times of crisis, so that pets and people can continue to thrive side by side.

Our Home Together program supports people who are at risk of surrendering their pets by providing short-term, tailored assistance to address the challenges they are facing.

This includes offering emotional support, exploring possible solutions with families, making referrals to other community services, and coordinating practical plans that prevent surrender.

The support we provide is especially important when people are struggling to meet the requirements of reclaiming their pets, facing the cost of essential veterinary care, experiencing barriers with transport, or finding it difficult to feed themselves and their animals.

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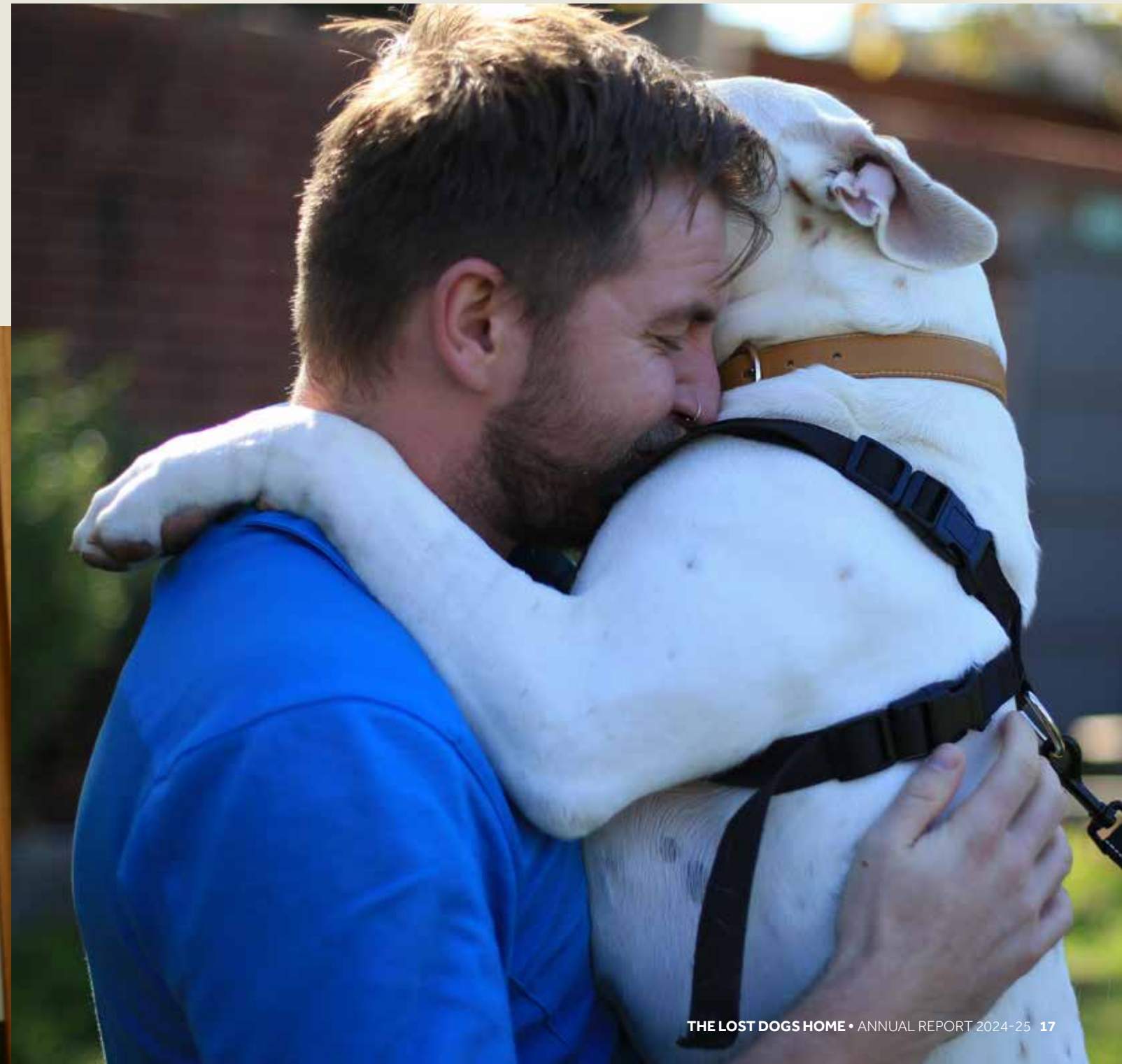


The Home Together Program is supported with thanks to the Petstock Foundation.

FOSTERING A BETTER FUTURE

Kaj and Jessie have been fostering since 2021 and always go above and beyond in their care. Over the years, they've taken in more than 50 animals with ringworm, an intensive and hands-on commitment that many shy away from. Their willingness to care for animals with complex needs, including queens with ringworm and other illnesses, speaks volumes about their dedication. Kaj and Jessie don't just provide shelter; they offer patience, expertise, and a calm environment where recovery is possible. Their work requires daily treatment, careful hygiene management, and a deep understanding of animal welfare.

Thanks to their efforts, dozens of animals have had the chance to heal and find loving homes. Foster carers like Kaj and Jessie are the backbone of our care network, quietly doing the hard things that make all the difference. We're incredibly grateful for their skill, compassion, and unwavering commitment.





A TRUSTED, MODERN AND SUSTAINABLE CHARITY

To continue our critical work, The Lost Dogs’ Home must remain strong, transparent and adaptable. By building diverse income streams, strengthening governance, and enhancing digital and operational capabilities, we are growing into a modern charity that people trust. Our goal is to ensure long-term sustainability, so that every gift of time, care or money makes a meaningful and lasting difference.

Supporting the Home

Every year, we’re humbled by the generosity of those who stand with us, helping ensure the animals in our care receive the compassion, safety, and preparation they need for their new homes. This collective effort makes it possible to deliver the programs and quality care that so many animals rely on.

Partnering for Impact

This year saw the demand for our services increase again to 18,730 animals over the year. Many of these animals come to us for care through our valued council partnerships, who share a commitment to caring for animals in their municipality.

Our partners are a critical part of our work, enabling us to do more to support the animals in our care. This year, our partnership with Royal Canin meant that we could better respond to the increasing costs of caring for the animals coming through our doors, while providing them with the nutrition they need to rest, recover and heal. We also partnered with fellow not-for-profit organisations, such as Pets of the Homeless, to provide discounted veterinary care for people experiencing hardship. Through these partnerships, we help keep much-loved pets with their families and reduce the need for surrenders, making sure that more animals can stay in safe and loving homes.

A New Chapter for Greyhounds

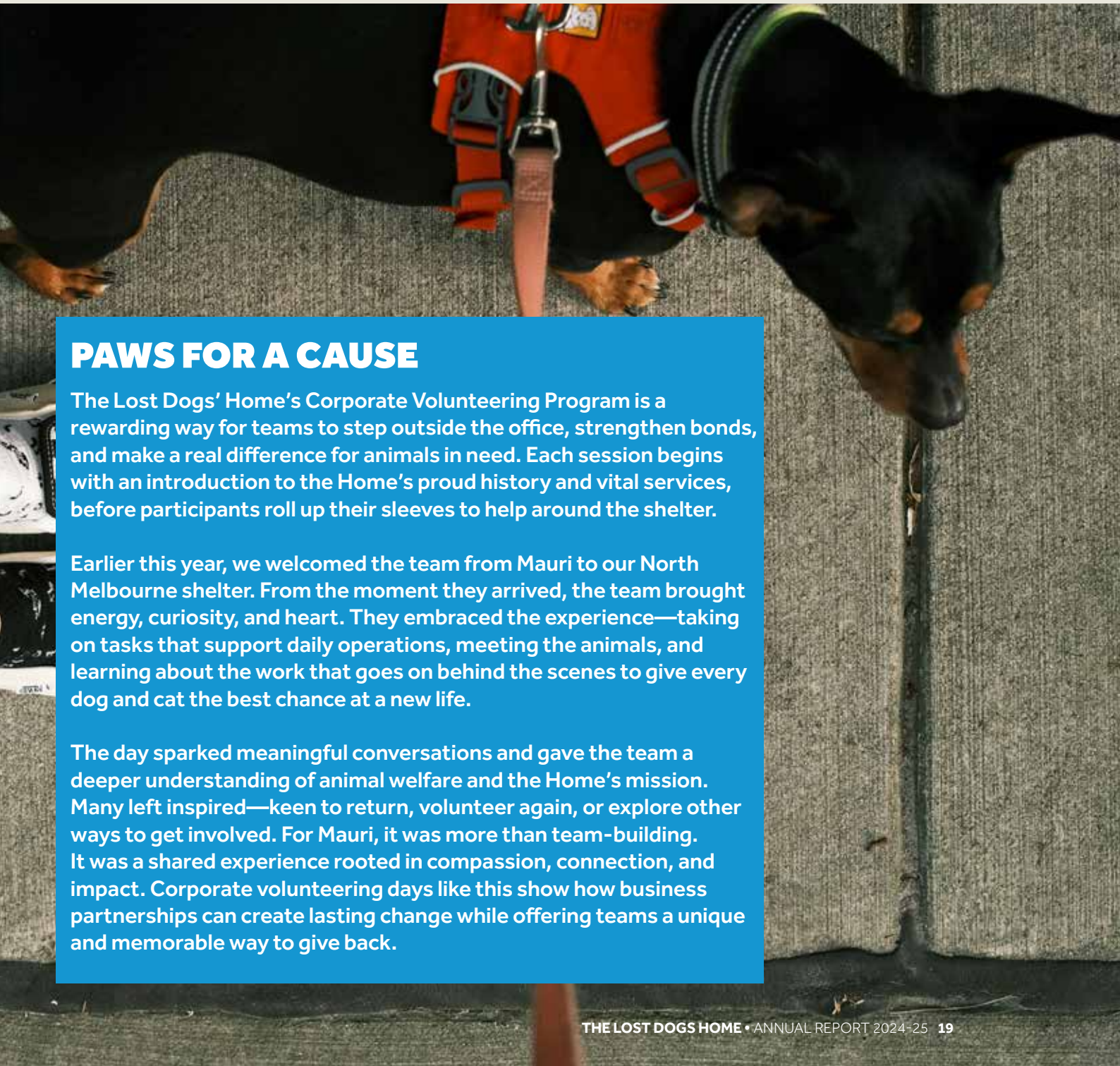
Our new partnership with Greyhound Racing Victoria is helping shine a light on a breed often overlooked. Through their Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP), we’ve supported the rehoming of retired racing greyhounds, giving them the second chance they deserve. In just five months, 15 GAP greyhounds were adopted directly from the Home, and another eight entered GAP’s care after initially coming through the Home. This is just the beginning. We’re looking forward to growing this partnership further, including hosting a dedicated GAP adoption event to help even more of these gentle dogs find loving homes.

Transforming Our Systems

Our systems are a key enabler of our work, supporting the delivery of our core animal management services, as well as our business and revenue generation operations. With cyber security an increasing risk for all organisations, we implemented new controls, software, training and processes to support a zero-trust stance to protect the Home’s operations.

Included in our strategy was the development and launch of a new website for our vet hospital, with direct booking capability to ensure that our customers have a seamless way of getting the care that their animals need.

During the year we implemented VetChat – a telehealth service for pets with a clear purpose: to make veterinary care more accessible for every pet career, while also supporting the long-term sustainability of the veterinary professions. As proud partners of The Lost Dogs’ Home, VetChat provides after-hours support to our foster carers, ensuring animals receive timely advice when our clinics are closed, and is a vital complementary service that helps fill critical gaps, ensuring our carers feel supported around the clock.



PAWS FOR A CAUSE

The Lost Dogs’ Home’s Corporate Volunteering Program is a rewarding way for teams to step outside the office, strengthen bonds, and make a real difference for animals in need. Each session begins with an introduction to the Home’s proud history and vital services, before participants roll up their sleeves to help around the shelter.

Earlier this year, we welcomed the team from Mauri to our North Melbourne shelter. From the moment they arrived, the team brought energy, curiosity, and heart. They embraced the experience—taking on tasks that support daily operations, meeting the animals, and learning about the work that goes on behind the scenes to give every dog and cat the best chance at a new life.

The day sparked meaningful conversations and gave the team a deeper understanding of animal welfare and the Home’s mission. Many left inspired—keen to return, volunteer again, or explore other ways to get involved. For Mauri, it was more than team-building. It was a shared experience rooted in compassion, connection, and impact. Corporate volunteering days like this show how business partnerships can create lasting change while offering teams a unique and memorable way to give back.



CONTEMPORARY, FUTURE-PROOF & FIT-FOR-PURPOSE FACILITIES

Our facilities are central to how we deliver care, support our people, and plan for the future. By redeveloping our Cranbourne site and progressing plans for North Melbourne, we are investing in spaces that ensure high standards of animal welfare today and for generations to come.

Upgrading our North Melbourne Home

With ongoing uncertainty surrounding the future of our historic North Melbourne site — due to the proposed State Government development of the Arden Precinct — we have paused non-essential infrastructure upgrades in recent years.

However, as our facilities continue to age and demand for our services grows, we are preparing to review our long-term plans for the site once there is greater clarity.

In the meantime, we are investing in essential improvements to ensure we continue meeting the needs of the animals in our care. Over the coming year, this will include expanding our capacity to care for a great number of cats through the purchase and installation of additional cat condos.

Developing our Cranbourne Home

The development of our Cranbourne site is a key priority as we seek to manage the increasing number of animals across our network. Cranbourne presents a significant opportunity for the Home: of the 4,500 m² of currently used space, 2,053 m² is comprised of building structures, with the remainder being open ground. This leaves 12,797 m² of undeveloped land that could potentially be developed, subject to funding.

A small section of the site has been identified as having cultural heritage significance. Our development plans will therefore include the completion of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan in collaboration with our heritage advisor and the traditional owners.

Our long-term goal is to enhance our Cranbourne shelter and veterinary operations over the coming years, with a particular focus on improving adoption facilities. Over the past year, 38% of our animals were cared for at the Cranbourne site, highlighting the importance of its ongoing development.

VET CARE ON THE MOVE IN 2026

During the year we were successful in receiving a large \$200,000 grant from Animal Welfare Victoria to support the development of The Lost Dogs' Home Mobile Vet Clinic. This clinic will offer a range of low-cost services into areas of greatest need, including through the provision of desexing, health and routine surgeries; as well as to provide referrals services to other local services.

The Mobile Vet Clinic will also serve as a point of referral for our Home Together program and for information about positive pet care and other services to support the development of better human-animal bonds.

Our Mobile Vet Clinic will be operational in the second half of 2026 and will provide services across metropolitan Melbourne and in regional areas.





AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Behind every wagging tail and gentle purr is a dedicated team of staff and volunteers. We are committed to creating a safe, supportive and inclusive workplace where our people can thrive. Through training, wellbeing initiatives, and a stronger volunteer strategy, we are building a resilient organisation that attracts, supports and retains passionate people who share our mission.

Engaging Our Staff

Our incredible team is vital to everything we do. Every day, they go above and beyond to deliver on our mission, giving each animal the care and compassion they deserve. We could not do this work without the passion, dedication, and kindness our staff bring to every moment.

We also know that while our work is deeply rewarding, it comes with challenges. That's why we are committed to creating a supportive, nurturing environment where our people can grow, feel valued, and truly thrive. This last year was no different:

- We strengthened our approach to Employee Wellbeing, ensuring that our employees have access to industry leading initiatives to support them with the everyday challenges they face working in the animal welfare industry.
- Diversity and Inclusion initiatives have been implemented, such as our Pride Network and involvement in diversity events, including MidSumma Festival.
- New roles have been created to improve efficiency and effectiveness of operations and offer development pathways for staff to progress in their career pathway.
- A strong focus on recognising and promoting our existing talent, with 21 team members promoted internally into higher level positions, and nine moving into opportunities in different areas of the business.

Increasing our Capacity, Investing in People

We continued to invest in the next generation of animal welfare professionals by offering internships and placements to students seeking experience in the sector, while also helping us achieve more through their skills and enthusiasm. This included interns in our Home Together program, where social work students enjoyed 'seeing how animal and human welfare intersect', in our Legal team, where interns 'loved the diverse range of legal tasks' they were exposed to, and in ICT, where interns gained valuable, job-ready experience.

"This experience strengthened my ability to translate theoretical knowledge from the classroom into practical legal work that contributed meaningfully to the Home"
- Sarah, Legal Intern

Safety First

Safety remained of primary importance at the Home, with a range of initiatives and continuous programs to keep this at the forefront of the way we work:

- We continued to strengthen our safety culture through campaigns that encouraged awareness, proactive participation, and open discussion, including toolbox talks, interactive activities, and staff-led safety sessions reinforcing shared responsibility.
- Our teams remained focused on identifying and removing workplace hazards, driving innovation in safe work practices, and continuously improving systems to prevent injuries and incidents.
- The Harm Minimisation Committee played a key role in addressing psychosocial risks such as workload pressures, fatigue, and workplace stressors, helping to ensure a supportive and healthy work environment for all employees.

OUR VOLUNTEERS: THE HEART OF THE HOME

At the heart of The Lost Dogs' Home are our 185 volunteers who make every day possible. Their dedication, compassion, and generosity of spirit fill every corner of our shelters.

Step into our laundry room and you'll see one of the busiest hubs of The Home, blankets and towels stacked high—especially after blanket drives, when we see an incredible outpouring of community support. That mountain of donations is lovingly sorted, washed, dried, and folded by our laundry volunteers, who ensure every animal has a clean, warm place to rest.

But the impact of our volunteers goes far beyond the laundry room. They walk dogs, soothe shy cats, greet visitors, support our fundraising team, help with events, assist in admin, and lend a hand wherever needed. Whether behind the scenes or on the front line, their work is vital to the care and comfort of every animal who comes through our doors. We simply couldn't do it without them.



Ian
Volunteer

"It's a privilege to volunteer in the Enrichment Program at The Lost Dogs' Home. I get great joy from providing activities to all the animals to keep them happy and healthy."



A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR THE WELFARE OF COMPANION ANIMALS

The Lost Dogs' Home stands up for animals, who cannot speak for themselves. As a visible and respected voice in the community, we are educating the public, shaping policy, and influencing attitudes towards responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. By working with government, community organisations and offering expertise in the sector, we are driving lasting change that benefits animals and the people who love them.

Leading With Knowledge at Home

Staff from across the Home are encouraged to represent the Home to Government, the sector and to the public as a way of both expanding our impact and leadership in areas of operational and philanthropic impact expertise. This year, our team members represented the Home across a broad variety of opportunities, including through:

- State Government Rehoming Pets Working Group, which is progressing the implementation of the 17 Rehoming Pets Taskforce recommendations.

- State Government Cat Management Working Group which is focusing on the implementation of the Victorian Cat Management Strategy.
- Domestic Animal Management Plan submissions to 15 Councils, to support:
 - responsible pet ownership including education and information programs
 - better management of semi-owned and unowned cats and
 - cost of living, including better support for low-income families with pets.
- Submissions to government inquiries including City of Melbourne Cat Management Consultation and the Federal Government's Australian Animal Welfare Strategy.
- Presented at Australian Institute of Animal Management Conference, on Keeping Pets and People Together and on cat behaviour at The Pet Show.
- Numerous representations to showcase and support us to deliver best practice in impact through philanthropy and charitable giving, including Fundraising & Philanthropy Forum, Big 4 Forum, Fundraising Institute of Australia International Conference, The Benchmarking Project, and Include a Charity.

Enhancing Our Impact

We developed and chair the Animal Welfare Network, which consists of key Victorian animal welfare organisations, to enhance our ability to influence State Government on key policies and legislation relating to animal welfare. We developed a joint statement on the Victorian Cat Management Strategy, calling for the State Government to coordinate its implementation, and meet regularly with Animal Welfare Victoria to progress the needs of animals.

A particular focus has been on cost of living and pet care. We surveyed 713 people and held a focus group and 14 interviews at the Melbourne Pet Show. Our research found that:

- 61% of respondents to the survey live below the Australian Poverty Line
- 43% had to delay vet care for their pet

This focus on cost of living will help to support our advocacy work, the Home Together program, and the development of the Mobile Low-Cost Vet Clinic.

Giving Our Animals a Voice

As a means of enabling us to advocate for the welfare of pets more broadly, we've continued to grow our social media base every week and strengthened our communications so that we better progress the interests of animals through these channels. Likewise, we've achieved a fantastic 71.3% share of voice over the year, sharing stories of hope, care and providing our expertise in the media so that the public is better aware of our work and the needs and benefits that animals bring.



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Myki's journey to his new home



Just after 6 am one Tuesday morning, a curious young ginger cat boarded a train at St Albans station in Melbourne's west. Without a Myki card but full of confidence, he rode all the way to Flinders Street Station, blending in with morning commuters. Thankfully, kind passengers looked after him during the journey and handed him over to train staff, who contacted our team at The Lost Dogs' Home.

Now named Myki, the adventurous cat was given a safe place to rest, medical care, and lots of love while staff searched for his owners. He was a media superstar, and the call for his owner to come forward went far and wide across the whole of Australia. But no one came forward to claim him.

With his sweet nature, Myki quickly became a favourite at the shelter. After his unexpected city adventure, he was ready to trade train rides for a forever home filled with warmth and affection. He found that with Craig, who came to the shelter to find a new companion after the passing of his own dear cat. Thanks to the care and dedication of The Lost Dogs' Home team, Myki's story had a happy ending: one that began on a train and ended with a second chance and a warm, safe home.



Brimbank Community

Good Morning All members We had found cat came in train this morning at St Albans station 6.05 am train city bound.

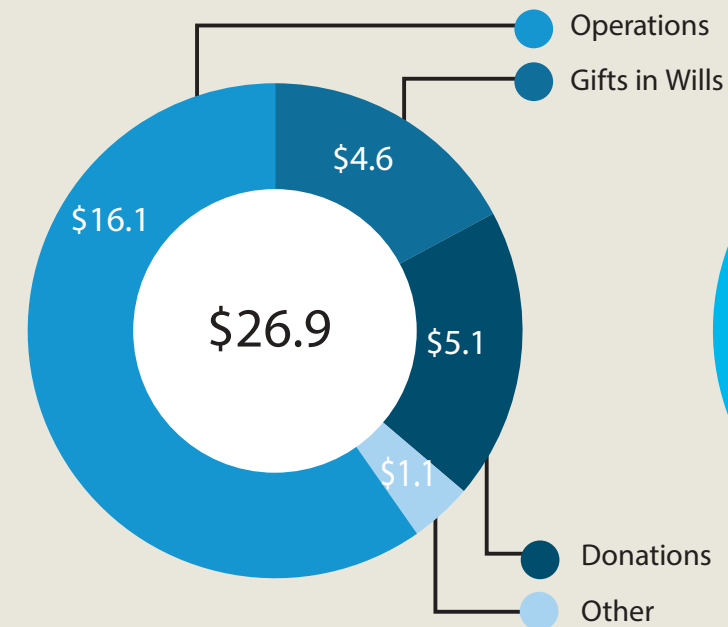
We have attached the photos it will be handed over at Flinders street station staff counter in next 15-20 mins thank you

Dear all members just would like to update that cat has been handed over to council soon will be with the owner

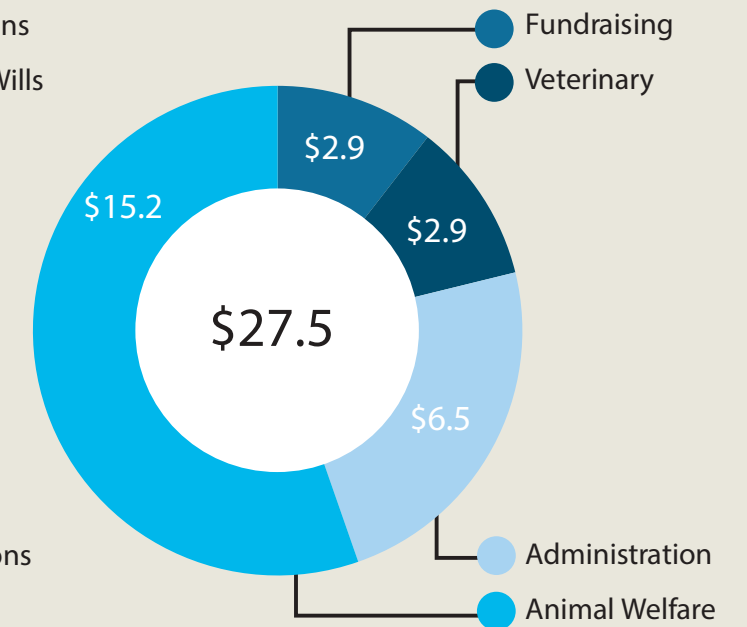


Key Financials 2024-2025

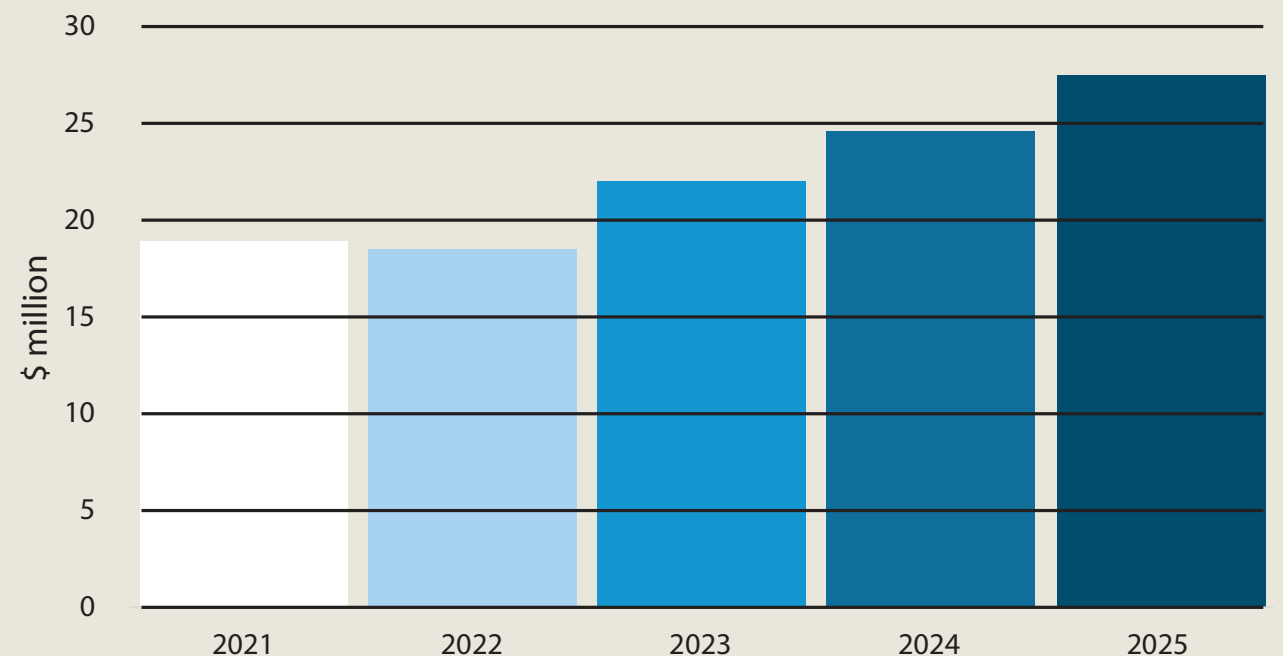
Our income (\$ million)



Our expenses (\$ million)



The Lost Dogs' Home Expenditure trend



The Lost Dogs' Home full financials are available at www.dogshome.com or in hard copy by request via email at communications@dogshome.com

As at June 30 2025

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

		\$	
	Note	2025	2024
Revenue and other income			
Revenue from continuing operations	3	16,057,834	13,460,175
Donations income		5,122,944	4,150,317
Gifts in Wills income		4,615,925	4,039,442
Other income	4	1,096,206	931,205
		26,892,909	22,581,139
Expenses			
Animal welfare expenses		(15,210,101)	(13,195,603)
Fundraising expenses		(2,933,877)	(2,090,327)
Veterinary expenses		(2,884,166)	(2,680,145)
Administration expenses		(6,453,678)	(6,591,505)
		(27,481,822)	(24,557,580)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year attributable to the members of The Lost Dogs’ Home		(588,913)	(1,976,441)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Change in fair value of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income		617,825	697,772
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		617,825	697,772
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to the members of The Lost Dogs' Home		28,912	(1,278,669)

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the full Financial Report.

As at June 30 2025

Statement of financial position

		\$	
	Note	2025	2024
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	4,916,576	4,933,742
Trade and other receivables	7	1,181,143	1,065,183
Inventories	8	149,836	109,772
Other assets		377,572	407,095
Total current assets		6,625,127	6,515,792
Non-current assets			
Financial assets	9	13,977,223	13,671,320
Intangible assets	10	146,610	7,144
Property, plant and equipment	11	13,101,677	13,130,414
Right of use assets	12	25,199	36,828
Total non-current assets		27,250,710	26,845,706
Total assets		33,875,837	33,361,498
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	2,188,812	1,926,360
Provisions	14	1,219,943	1,080,927
Lease liability - Right of use assets	12	10,068	11,387
Total current liabilities		3,418,823	3,018,674
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	14	339,330	242,995
Lease liability - Right of use assets	12	15,403	26,459
Total non-current liabilities		354,733	269,454
Total liabilities		3,773,557	3,288,128
Net assets		30,102,281	30,073,370
Equity			
Reserves	15	3,990,693	3,346,720
Accumulated surplus		26,111,588	26,726,650
Total equity		30,102,281	30,073,370

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the full Financial Report.

As at June 30 2025

Statement of changes in equity

	\$		
	Reserves	Accumulated Surplus	Total Equity
Balance at 1 July 2023	2,774,045	28,577,994	31,352,039
Surplus for the year	-	(1,976,441)	(1,976,441)
Other comprehensive income	697,772	-	697,772
Total comprehensive income for the year	697,772	(1,976,441)	(1,278,669)
Other equity movements	(125,097)	125,097	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	3,346,720	26,726,650	30,073,370

	\$		
	Reserves	Accumulated Surplus	Total Equity
Balance at 1 July 2024	3,346,720	26,726,650	30,073,370
Deficit for the year	-	(588,913)	(588,913)
Other comprehensive income	617,825	-	617,825
Total comprehensive income for the year	617,825	(588,913)	28,911
Other equity movements	26,148	(26,148)	-
Balance at 30 June 2025	3,990,693	26,111,588	30,102,281

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the full Financial Report.

As at June 30 2025

Statement of cash flows

	\$		
	Note	2025	* Restated 2024
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inc GST)		17,700,927	14,979,591
Payments to employees and suppliers (inc GST)		(27,848,846)	(24,282,888)
		(10,147,919)	(9,303,297)
Donations received		5,122,944	4,150,317
Gifts in Wills received		4,615,925	4,039,442
Government grants received		-	177,329
Interest received		162,131	226,485
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		(246,919)	(709,724)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investments		(995,981)	(1,787,635)
Payments for intangibles		(171,000)	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(606,267)	(830,320)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		1,357,556	1,434,348
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		12,455	-
Dividends received		632,991	453,877
Net cash used in investing activities		229,753	(729,730)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(17,166)	(1,439,454)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		4,933,742	6,373,196
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	4,916,576	4,933,742

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the full Financial Report.

*It is identified that Cash Flow from the operating activities for the year ended 30th June 2024 included internal revenue and internal expenses transactions which didn't actual involve cash movement, although net outflow was not affected. Cash Flow statement for the year ended 2024 has been restated as per the extract below:

Statement of cash flows

	\$		
	Original	Adjustment	Restated
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inc GST)	16,060,578	(1,080,987)	14,979,591
Payments to employees and suppliers (inc GST)	(25,363,875)	1,080,987	(24,282,888)
Net Cash Outflow	(9,303,297)	0	(9,303,297)

PHILANTHROPY

Thanks to the vision and generosity of our philanthropic supporters, 2024-25 has been a year of transformative impact. Together, our community cared for animals in need and invested in building a stronger, more resilient future for animal welfare.

Every contribution has played a vital role in creating lasting change that will shape the future of The Lost Dogs’ Home for years to come. We are delighted to acknowledge the following individuals, trusts, foundations, and organisations for their extraordinary generosity, commitment to lasting change, and unwavering support for animals in need.

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CHAMPIONING CHANGE

“We’re always saddened by the avalanche of lost and abandoned animals coming into the Home’s care — it feels so overwhelming! We’re happy to do anything that we can to help stem this constant flow. Supporting the Home to rehome as many animals as quickly as possible is very important to us.

We also understand that quality veterinary and dental care can be expensive, and that many people sadly make the decision to surrender their pets simply because they can’t afford the escalating costs. Many of these pets could find new homes much faster if they were in better medical condition, and they’d also be happier, healthier pets.

That’s why we’ve been supporting the Home’s Shelter Medicine Program for several years — helping to get lost and abandoned animals into the best possible health and de-sexing them to help reduce that “avalanche” in the future. We also made the important decision to remember the Home in our Wills, as we want to ensure that lost and vulnerable pets can continue to receive compassionate care, long into the future.

Our hope is to see The Lost Dogs’ Home recognised as the truly world-class shelter medicine facility that it is — helping transform the lives of as many animals as possible.”

**- Dr Barbara Cargill & Dr Miles Nicholls,
Philanthropic and Gifts in Wills Supporters of The Lost Dogs’ Home**



GIFTS IN WILLS

Gifts in Wills play a vital role in enabling us to provide compassionate care to thousands of lost, neglected and abandoned cats and dogs each year.

Without these extraordinary gifts we would not be able to care for the thousands of vulnerable animals that come through our doors.

A special thank you to our thoughtful supporters who live out their commitment to caring for lost and abandoned pets in this way. Thank you also to our supporters who have established trusts, endowments and memorial funds that distribute in perpetuity. All of these kind gifts allow our supporters' love and compassion for animals to live on, long after they have passed away.



COMFORT IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS

Rosemary and her beloved late husband John discovered a shared passion—giving senior dogs the love, care, and dignity that they deserve in old age.

This devotion led the couple to adopting their beloved dogs Missy, Georgie, and Megan, each of whom became treasured family members. "John and I had always loved animals, especially dogs! I am passionate about animal welfare and greatly admire the work of the Home," said Rosemary, who continued her support by giving a monthly donation for many years.

Their dog Georgie formed an extraordinary bond with John, becoming his faithful companion in his final days. Rosemary explained, "When John no longer knew where he was or what was going on around him due to his dementia, he always knew who Georgie was and loved having her around!"

In loving memory of her husband and the dogs that have shared their lives together, Rosemary has thoughtfully remembered the Home by including a bequest gift in her Will—an act of kindness that means their love for senior dogs will continue long into the future, and that senior animals can find love and comfort in their golden years.



Vale Rosemary
(17/12/1938 - 26/10/2025)
animal lover and
Gifts in Wills supporter

The Lost Dogs' Home is forever grateful for the thoughtfulness of the following people whose kind Gifts in Wills and Enduring Legacy gifts were received throughout this year.

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Norma Grace Adams	Rhonda Hobbs
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OUR SUPPORTERS

The generosity and commitment of our supporters enable The Lost Dogs' Home to provide essential care, shelter, and new homes for thousands of lost and abandoned animals each year.

Contributions come in many forms, from thoughtful donations; successful grant applications; to the invaluable support offered through workplace volunteering programs. Each act of kindness reflects a shared and deep commitment to improving animal welfare, which inspires us profoundly.

Thank you to all our supporters and organisations whose ongoing support empowers us to continue our vital work, making a lasting difference in the lives of dogs, cats, and the communities we serve.

A RAY OF SUNSHINE FOR ANIMALS AT THE HOME

For Ray, The Lost Dogs' Home isn't just a charity—it's a part of his life's story. "My journey with The Lost Dogs' Home began 45 years ago when I adopted Monty," Ray shares. "Monty was my best friend, and we did everything together for close to 20 years." Since then, Ray has adopted many more animals, each one deeply loved.

Ray has donated to the Home for his birthday every year since 2013. But for his 80th birthday, he wanted to do something bigger. In 2024, he cycled from Albury to Altona—over 337 kilometres—raising nearly \$15,000.

This year, to mark his 81st birthday, Ray rode another 110 kilometres and raised almost \$7,000. His local community has rallied around him, with neighbours, friends, and local businesses cheering him on and giving generously to support the cause closest to Ray's heart. And he's not stopping there—Ray is committed to riding every year until at least 2030, when he turns 86! Ray's incredible dedication is a beautiful reminder of the difference one person can make.

Our condolences to Ray on the recent loss of his dog, Jessie Jay.



ATTICUS FINDS A HOME

Last winter, a five-year-old Staghound named Atticus was found abandoned on a pile of rubbish in Melbourne's west. Severely underweight at just 13kg, less than half the healthy weight for his breed, he was too weak to stand or even lift his head.

Atticus was brought to The Lost Dogs' Home, where Veterinary Nurse Mel immediately recognised his will to survive. "When Atticus found it within himself to raise his head," Mel recalled, "he had a look in his eyes that said, 'I'm not done yet. I still have plans, I still have love to give...'. Atticus required intensive, round-the-clock care. Jamie, our Pathways Team Leader and experienced volunteer foster carer, opened her home and heart to support his recovery. Over the following weeks, Atticus steadily regained strength and confidence.

Just two months after arriving at the Home, Atticus was ready to begin a new chapter. He was adopted by Susan, who had come to the shelter seeking a companion after the loss of

her own beloved dog. "I've never met a dog quite like Atticus," Susan shared. "You wouldn't expect him to be so quirky and joyful after everything he's been through, but he is. I'm so grateful for all the care he got at the Home. Without it, Atticus wouldn't be here, and we wouldn't have this brave, strong, special boy in our lives!"

Atticus's story is a powerful reminder of the resilience of animals and the life-changing impact of compassionate care. His journey, from abandonment to a loving forever home, reflects the heart of our mission at The Lost Dogs' Home.





The Lost Dogs' Home is a not-for-profit open-intake shelter, with a vision to ensure that every animal gets the best chance of a happy and healthy life.

The Lost Dogs' Home receives no ongoing funding from government and relies heavily on the generosity of our supporters to provide compassionate care to over 18,000 animals each year.



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