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Hi everyone, and welcome to another edition of Love Tales.

I'm excited to share our progress so far and what's shaping up to be a promising year ahead. Despite the challenges facing our sector, we've made significant strides. Since COVID, economic pressures have led to an increase in animal surrenders, putting many shelters under strain. Some have resorted to offloading animals at the expense of their well-being, often resulting in a cycle where animals are sold cheaply or given away, only to be returned because their new owners can't provide proper care.

At AWL NSW, we don't take shortcuts. We invest in each animal's future to ensure they're fully prepared for their new homes.

We've made a deliberate choice to maintain our adoption fees responsibly, with the animals' welfare as our top priority. Our adoption process remains focused on quality—thoughtful and personalised to find the perfect match. Whether a pet is joining an individual, couple, or family, our goal is to create lasting, meaningful connections.

This year, we're focused on strengthening our team and expanding our reach. With new inspectorate facilities opening in Bega, Orange, and Glen Innes, we're enhancing our ability to serve communities across New South Wales. The approval of our West Hoxton Precinct for Animal Welfare (PAW) is another major milestone, positioning us for long-term growth and improved services.

Internally, we've embarked on a digital transformation, implementing new systems for accounting and animal welfare management. These upgrades will boost our efficiency and allow us to provide even better care for the animals.

As we approach our conference and AGM in November, I want to extend my gratitude to our Board, members, volunteers, and staff for their dedication in making every animal's journey through AWL NSW a positive one.

Together, we're not just rehoming animals; we're creating success stories, one life at a time.

Stephen Albin
Chief Executive Officer

Latest news



We've Partnered with Safewill

Animal Welfare League NSW has partnered with Safewill to offer our supporters a **50% off discount for a Safewill online Will** (a total saving of \$80!) Redeem your online will at anytime. Read more to find out how.

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Win a Car or Cash in our New Raffle!

As our newest fundraising initiative, our raffles offer you a unique opportunity to contribute to our important cause, while also getting the chance to win some fantastic prizes! Head online to purchase tickets.

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Register your Interest for our State Conference in November



Meet Veterinary Nurse, Emma

We're thrilled to host our upcoming industry state conference, scheduled for **Friday 15 November 2024**. This year's theme is *'Changing Lives' - Bridging the gap between animal and human welfare*. Register your interest to be the first to receive the program!

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This edition we're introducing you to Emma, one of the incredible nurses at our Kemp's Creek Veterinary Clinic. Emma plays a crucial role in caring for animals in need, from surgery recovery to helping animals heal. Read more about her role and why she's incredibly passionate about her work.

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Our New Range of Merch is Live!

Get your paws on our latest t-shirt range. Shop online now and make a difference in the lives of animals while showcasing your support for AWL NSW!



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Happy tails

We love hearing from pet owners who have opened their hearts and homes through adoption with AWL NSW. The following pets have recently found their perfect match with their wonderful people.



"I absolutely love Cream Bun more than I can express. He is such a beautiful, affectionate and hilarious bunny who loves snuggles and tolerates my 5 million daily smooches. He is my little entertainer. I adore him and care for him. I introduced and bonded him slowly with my 2 female bunnies. Cream Bun loves them as much as they love him and is living his best life and being the perfect husbun to his girls. One big happy bun family."

- Cathie

"Gidget always makes sure we're awake for 7am walks. We had a little bit of reactivity and anxiety to work through, but after lots of training, socialisation, and positive reinforcement we now have a (mostly) fantastic dog. My favourite memory is when she first snuggled up to me on the couch. For the first few months she would either lie on the floor or the other end of the couch when we watched TV. Also, seeing her sprint around the local dog park never gets old."



- Sarah

FIND YOUR PERFECT MATCH TODAY

Pet Legacy Program

Planning for the future of your pets is essential in securing their safety and wellbeing in the event that something happens to you. Our **Pet Legacy Program** is an option for those who have thoughtfully included a bequest to AWL NSW in their Will. It ensures that your pets will have a safe place to go and someone to care for them should you no longer be around.

How the Pet Legacy Program works:

1. Contact our Bequest team to receive appropriate paperwork and information by emailing bequest@awlsw.com.au.
2. Bequeath your animals and a gift to Animal Welfare League NSW in your Will.

3. Should you pass away, your animals will come into our care.
4. After initial veterinary checks, we will place your pets in a permanent foster home. They will remain under the guardian and ownership of AWL NSW. All ongoing requirements for their care such as medications and nutrition will be covered by us.

Hear from some of our wonderful legacy foster carers on the legacy animals in their care:

Legacy Cat, Charlotte, finds a new home with Kay and her family



Charlotte has been with her legacy foster carer Kay since June 2024.

“Charlotte is 11 years old and still likes nothing better than a good play session with her feather toys and bell balls.

Charlotte is pretty low maintenance so I focus on just letting her know she is family now and her voice is heard. I often reflect on the person who included Charlotte in their legacy and try to give Charlotte the love they wanted her to continue to enjoy.

She loves pats and has been quite friendly from the very start. She did hide in the closet for the first day or so, if I tried to interact with her too much. She just needed time to suss me out, I'm guessing.

The best part of the AWL NSW Legacy Pet Program is it reassures people that they can enjoy the companionship of a pet, knowing there is a plan in place should their beloved buddy outlive them.”

- Kay

Legacy Cats, Minnaloushe & Sasha, thrive in their legacy home



Minnaloushe (Minna) and Sasha came as a sibling pair to foster carer Rachel in 2023.

“Minna is very affectionate and playful, he darts off in the morning to have his food and is very vocal regarding his appreciation. He then gallops off down the hallway and waits for play time with his fishing line toy. Sasha is very sweet tempered, and loves to be petted about the head. She often comes up and jumps on our work tables whilst we are working, for some bonding time.

We think the Pet Legacy Program has ensured that these beautiful animals are given a new forever home - they deserve to be loved as they have been loved in their previous lives.

Their past owner obviously loved them very much and considered their wellbeing and longevity. We consider that the Pet Legacy Program has given us the opportunity to be a part of these wonderful cats lives and they have really contributed to making our family unit complete.”

- Rachel

For more information on the Pet Legacy Program, contact bequest@awlinsw.com.au.

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Give a shelter pet a home and receive years of love in return. We'll find you your perfect match.

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