

An Animal Is For Life

Sharing your life with a companion animal is a wonderful experience. They are always happy to see us, are there when we need them and they fill our lives with unconditional love.

Research has proven that living with animals greatly improves our health, increases our life span and prevents depression.

However these animals cannot just be measured by what they can do for us.

We need to provide them with a life long home, a happy and safe environment, companionship, veterinary care and the love and respect that they deserve as unique and special animals.

Your Best Friend?

Every year in Australian pounds and shelters hundreds of thousands of homeless and abandoned animals are put to death. Many of them experience great suffering, loneliness, and fear before their tragic lives are cut short.

These animals wait in cages, often neglected and sick, desperately hoping for a loving home and a second chance at life.

One of the most important things we can do for the companion animal in our care is commit to them for the duration of their life.

Finding Your New Friend

If you have decided that you would like to adopt an animal, the best place to choose one is in a pound or shelter. Not only will you find a new friend but you will also be saving a life.

Every year hundreds of thousands of animals are abandoned through no fault of their own. They are all in desperate need of rescue and a new home.

There are many council pounds that exist as holding facilities for stray, lost or abandoned animals. In NSW all animals are held for a minimum of 7 days, and if they are microchipped they are held for a minimum of 14 days. This is to give their guardian a chance to reclaim them. However only a small percentage of animals are ever reunited with their families.

The greatest hope these animals have for survival is through rescue groups and caring people like you.

If you are able to offer a life long home to a companion animal, please contact your local pound, shelter or rescue organisation.

Desexing Saves Lives

Having your companion animal desexed is an essential part of caring for them. It not only improves their health and well being, but reduces the number of unwanted animals born, simply to die.

Desexing prevents certain types of cancers, it stops spraying, fighting and wandering in male cats, and greatly increases the life span of female animals. If you cannot afford the cost of desexing, many animal welfare organisations offer subsidised rates. Please contact your local vet or the World League for more information.

Companionship

Companion animals are incredibly social and thrive on our love and affection. We are their best friends and guardians, and often their sole source of company.

For people who lead busy lives please consider adopting two animals instead of one. This will be great for you and infinitely more enjoyable for them.

Empathy

When living with an animal it is important to try and see things from their perspective. It is sometimes easy to forget that when we go out – they stay at home, if it is raining we may not realise that the dog we left in the back garden is just as unhappy as we would be.