

Dog lovers everywhere will adore this book. A collation of many fond memories, it will warm the heart and make anyone who has ever owned and cared for a dog laugh out loud. Be warned, though: these beautiful stories may also bring tears to your eyes.

By purchasing this book you will be helping to provide care and shelter for many hundreds of abandoned, stray and neglected dogs in Western Australia every year.

Rest assured — our commitment to the dogs in our charge is ongoing until such time as they leave the safety of our Home for the love and security of yours.

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From Our Home to Yours



The Dogs' Refuge Home Shenton Park
Celebrating 75 years of rescuing and re-homing Perth's abandoned dogs



Stainsey has been a resident of the Home for over four years and is the very capable head of security.

About us

The Dogs' Refuge Home, located at 30 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park, is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the rescue, care and re-homing of Perth's abandoned and stray dogs.

Established in 1935, it is one of the oldest animal welfare agencies in Australia. Our activities are motivated by the fundamental belief that dogs are entitled to the same love and respect that they unconditionally offer us.

Our kennels, which can house up to 150 animals, abide by a no-kill policy, which ensures that none of our dogs are euthanased on economic grounds.

Every year we take in many hundreds of strays that have been abused or neglected or are simply no longer wanted. And without donations from dog lovers right across Perth, as well as the ongoing support of the community as a whole, we could not provide vital care to the many hundreds of beautiful dogs who find their way to the safety of our Home every year.

By purchasing this book you have supported us and the work that we do, and we cannot thank you enough!

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We are also incredibly lucky to receive support every year from both City Farmers and BHP

Billiton Iron Ore — our Home would not be the place it is without their sponsorship. Again, we would like to express our genuine appreciation.

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We hope that in the years to come this book will inspire others to adopt their next best friend from our Home. As you will read here, giving an unwanted dog a second chance at a happy life is a truly special thing to do.

And so, from our Home to yours, thank you!

Karen Rhodes

President

The Dogs' Refuge Home, Shenton Park

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