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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since my last editorial ,with your help, SADS has saved the lives of many more dogs and cats. Without your generous support there would have been no happy endings. In this newsletter we have chosen just a small selection of these recipients to represent the important work of Save-A-Dog Scheme and the "special needs" feature on the SADS website gives many more details of the animals saved.

To enable us to secure this important work into the future and to be able to help more and more of these wonderful friends we have now reached a crucial stage in the redevelopment of our Yarrambat shelter.

Having negotiated the difficulties of planning and VCAT and having successfully completed the modification of the infrastructure to comply with acoustic requirements SADS is now poised to build the first new kennel block. To secure this first stage we are looking to raise \$500,000 through an appeal which is shortly to be launched.

Since I founded SADS 32 years ago much has been achieved for companion animals .However the changing nature and ever more aggressiveness of charity fundraising is often at odds, at least in my opinion, with the quiet nature of our modus operandi. We get on with what we do and trust that our good works will be recognised and supported.

Please continue to help us with our important work of saving these companion animals in the knowledge that we do the work you believe in.

Thank you and with best wishes,

*Pam Weaver OAM*

Founder and President.

## Zara's Tale

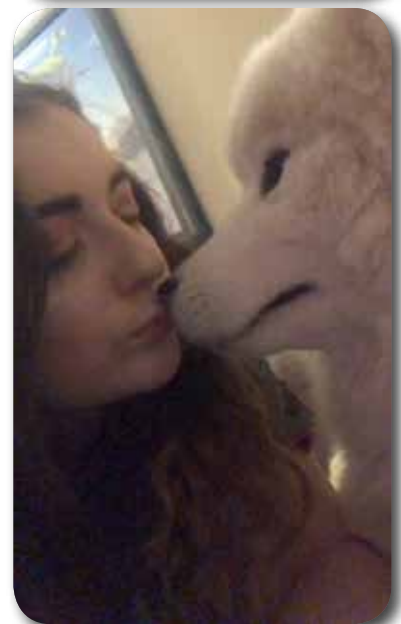
Zara came to Save A Dog Scheme as a young pup with a major congenital malformation causing severe urinary incontinence.

After visiting a specialist it was discovered that one of her ureters (a tube connecting the kidney to the bladder) was positioned in the wrong place with her bladder also misplaced in her pelvis. SADS provided major surgery to re-implant her ureter in a normal place within the bladder, as well as a procedure to attach the bladder further forward within the abdomen to relieve it from the pressure of the pelvis.

Unfortunately, despite the best specialist surgery possible and ongoing treatment for some months the operation was not successful and Zara will remain incontinent and in need of medication for life.

Save A Dog was not prepared to give up on such a happy, affectionate young pup and the search continued to find her the perfect loving forever home which was accomplished with the wonderful family who adopted

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## DONATIONS YOU MAKE TO SADS OF \$2 OR MORE ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR ANNUAL TAX RETURN

Save-A-Dog Scheme (SADS) was established in 1985 to offer a humane alternative to the killing of unwanted dogs, especially dogs of good temperament, that would otherwise be destroyed at pounds and shelters.

SADS is an incorporated, non-profit, community based organisation controlled and operated by volunteers with the help of paid staff. It operates as a registered animal shelter and combines this with foster care in the community. Each animal is desexed, vaccinated, wormed, microchipped, flea treated, vet checked and temperament assessed prior to adoption.

SADS has a no kill philosophy and believes that the dichotomy of a dog being "Mans Best Friend" on the one hand and an unwanted article for destruction on the other is

totally unacceptable. SADS is a "coal-face" organisation, which saves hundreds of dogs and now cats each year and which seeks, by example, to provide a better way of treating non-human animals.

Save-A-Dog Scheme relies on donations for its continuing existence. Donations to Save-A-Dog Scheme are tax deductible and help with the general care of the animals and the maintenance of the organisation.

The greatest expense is for veterinary treatment for the animals, which includes the care of the sick and injured. These cats and dogs are nursed back to health rather than being destroyed as they may be elsewhere.

# Dogs for Adoption



## Oscar

*German Shepherd X*  
Male  
~6 years old

Oscar has recently arrived at the shelter and is still under assessment. We are currently taking expressions of interest.



## Jet

*Doberman*  
Male  
~18 months old

Jet is young, affectionate and fairly untrained! He is searching for a home with someone who has experience training large breed dogs and has the TIME to dedicated to that training Jet could not be left alone all day and would very much enjoy living with another large, active dog as he loves to play. He does not like cats



## Bear

*American Staffordshire Terrier X*  
Male  
~6 months old

Bear is a happy boisterous pup who tries very hard to please but at the moment is just beginning his education. Because of his energy levels, and his love of other dogs he will probably need a home with another active young medium size dog to keep him stimulated and could not be left at home alone during the day. Bear is going to grow into quite a large dog.



## Cuba

*Labrador*  
Male  
~12 years old

Cuba is a lovely senior dog who adores human company. In fact he becomes distressed if left alone for long periods. His ideal home would be with a couple (he prefers adult company) who are home most of the time and able to give him all the attention he needs. He is toilet trained and very well behaved.



## Princess

*Pinscher x*  
Female  
~ 2 years old

Princess is a happy little dog who loves human attention. She is sometimes a little fearful of bigger dogs for just a few moments until she has had a chance to meet and exchange greetings! She will become a lovely little companion for a busy house where she is part of all the activities and will most likely live with another canine companion



## Luke and his siblings

*Heeler X*  
~7 weeks

They are typical pups that love to run and play and jump all over you when given the chance! They will be available for adoption approximately early July

# Cats for Adoption



## Saffron

*Oriental  
Female  
~12 years old*

Saffron is a very chatty cat and loves being with people. She is not keen on other cats and will need to be the only feline in the family. She becomes quite excited when she is the centre of attention and receiving lots of pats, in fact she becomes quite a showoff!



## Barney

*Domestic Medium Hair  
Male  
~2 years old*

Barney is an active and curious cat. He finds fun in a bit of a rough and tumble, and is quite the performer. A stable home with a lot of company is likely going to suit him and as he can be a bit too playful he is searching for an adult family. Barney needs an indoor home and will be very happy to live with a dog..



## Whimsy

*Domestic Short Hair  
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Female  
~13 months old*

Whimsy is a very sweet and loving cat and will become a very affectionate companion. She will be happiest if she can move into a home where she will have a much company as possible as she thrives on attention

## Pepe

"Peppe", a 14 year old Maltese x arrived at our SADS shelter in a pitiable state. Frightened and with his eyes all but sealed shut due to an eye infection his gentle and loving nature immediately won all our hearts.

Sadly, despite the best of veterinary care, his badly ulcerated left eye could not be saved and to save his remaining vision his right eye was temporarily closed rendering him blind during this time. Such was his state of neglect that 10 teeth also had to be extracted.

SADS then placed him into an appropriate foster home where he received the expert love and attention he needed until he could be permanently adopted. Today he lives with a dog companion and constant human company in his new forever home, safe and snug, and assured of the necessary ongoing veterinary care for the term of his natural life.



## Fergus

*Domestic Short Hair  
Male  
~6 years old*

Fergus loves a chat! He is very keen to let you know he's by your side waiting for attention. He loves to have space and to be able to run around greeting everyone. He adapts well to change so he will have no problem settling into his new home and in no time it will seem as if he has always been a part of the family

# Location and Hours of Shelter

**36 Weir Street Glen Iris (Past Tait Timber off Carroll Cres.) (Melway 59 F5)**

**Open 7 days: 9am to 5 pm**

**(Please refer to our website or phone for hours on public holidays) (Animal Viewing: 10am to 4pm)**

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Zara into their life and in their words....”

Zara has adjusted well. She and Nala our Beagle have formed a really loving bond, where we actually can't separate them. She loves her McDonalds Ice Cream Treat. Once she worked out how good it was she seems to know by the look of the container, as soon as you walk into the room. She loves to be first in the door at nights to sit with us and watch TV and is eager for continual cuddles and belly scratches. She loves her walks and trips in the car to the beach and around town. She has such an affectionate nature and, unlike Nala who doesn't like to get dirty, Zara is not a princess, she loves to roll in the dirt, especially once she has had a bath.

Believed to have been hit by a car and with possible tyre marks on his head but fortunately no other injuries, 'Sweeney' the 8 year old domestic short haired cat came to SADS in October 2017. For the first four months of his stay he remained shy and without interest in staff, volunteers and other cats. Then one day, as if a switch had turned, he finally responded to the tempting treats, gentle coaxing and invitations to explore his environs even graduating to jumping onto a lap. After that it was all plain sailing with 'Sweeney' moving to the adoption room and making firm friends with the other cats. Now presenting as a confident and friendly cat to both people and other animals he was soon adopted into his loving forever home where he has been a great success from day one!

**From Sweeneys forever home:**

*Was it our much missed late cat "Freddie" who steered us to SADS where we found and fell in love with "Sweeney" with his sad sorrowful eyes, chubby cheeks and stout little legs?*

*On arrival in his new home "Sweeney" reigned from under Sophie's bed for two weeks the only indications of his occupancy being the disappearing food and occasional hisses. Four months later he has responded to food lures and is now not just affectionate but downright demanding ...and so begins the next chapter of his life with us.*

*All that we know of the past life of this perhaps 8 year old cat is that he was found in the street after a vicious attack and left for dead. His friends at SADS nurtured him back to health and 6 months later fate led us to him. The happy ever after will be totally realised when he joins us on our bed, because it is getting cold and he needs to repay all the salami he has been fed by becoming our feline hot water bottle.*

*Much love from Merrilyn, Sophie and the incredibly handsome "Sweeney".*



## Have You Become a Supporter Yet?

Annual Subscriptions are due by the end of June each year. Please fill out the subscription form below and post to:  
**Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc. Central Park P.O. Box 2325 Malvern East 3145**

Single \$15     Family \$30

Title: ..... First Name: ..... Surname: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: ..... Postcode: .....

Phone: ..... Email: .....

Subscription \$ .....

Donation \$ .....

TOTAL .....

**Payment Type**

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EFT - A/c Name: Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc  
BSB: 083-298 A/c No. 792-025-571

- I would like to make a monthly donation of \$.....
- Tick this box if you require a receipt. Receipts will only be issued for donations under \$50.00 if a stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed
- Tick this box if you wish to receive Newsletters via email.
- Tick this box if you do not wish to receive any other information about the shelter which we believe will interest you.

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Name on Card: ..... Card Number: .....

Expiry Date: ..... Signature of Card Holder: .....

**Form of Bequest:** If you care to donate money to SADS in the form of a bequest, the following bequest clause is recommended for insertion in the wills of potential benefactors to Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc. "I BEQUEATH to SAVE-A-DOG SCHEME INC. A0004567T, ABN 71 887 339 646 (the Association) the sum of (AMOUNT IN WORDS) dollars (AMOUNT IN FIGURES) free of all duties, to be Applied by the Association in pursuit of the purposes provided for in its Constitution and I DECLARE the receipt of the Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of the Association shall be complete discharge to my Trustee for any monies paid to the Association."