



**In the next 8 weeks around 1,200 animals
will arrive at Animal Aid.
Can you help to care for them?**

Dear Supporter,

The Christmas season is about giving, goodwill and family. Sadly not all animals will be in loving homes over the festive season, instead they'll find themselves, confused, alone and scared and in need of Animal Aids compassionate, expert care.

As the CEO of Animal Aid I'm blessed to have a dedicated team of staff and volunteers willing and able to help during this most challenging time.

This Christmas season we're estimating that we'll receive around 1,200 animals that have either strayed, been dumped, abandoned or surrendered, each one needing shelter and care.

During this demanding period our resources will be strained and our costs will increase as we do what it takes to deliver the care they so desperately need.

People are often surprised when I tell them that Animal Aid doesn't receive any Government funding. For 69 years now, we've relied on the generosity of people just like you to help homeless animals.

Please show your support this festive season and donate today.

Your \$25 tax deductible gift will **help us to care for the forgotten and unseen**, at a time when most people are rushing around scooping up toys and decorating their Christmas trees.

You'd be pleased to know that many families are making adoption their first option, giving a much needed second chance to animals in need.

Last financial year we were delighted to find loving homes for 1,947 animals.

However, even with more families adopting, the large numbers of animals we'll receive this Christmas will far exceed those being adopted, and so not all will find their forever home as quickly as we hope.

To make the lives of these animals a little brighter **we need your help** to spread some Christmas cheer. Every dollar counts, for without your generosity and thoughtfulness we couldn't achieve what we do.

During their stay at Animal Aid all animals receive a thorough veterinary examination, most of the 1,200 animals that we'll receive during the festive season will require some kind of veterinary treatment.

It may be a dental clean and tooth extraction, or de-sexing and microchipping. Last financial year our veterinary team de-sexed 1,507 animals, that's more than 5 procedures every day!

Your gift of \$20, \$35, \$50 or \$100 will help us to provide food, shelter, veterinary care, surgery, rehabilitation, special training and equipment.



*"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language."
Martin Buber*

Every dollar will make a difference so please help us today.

Over the festive season Animal Aid staff and foster volunteers will be caring for unwanted litters of kittens. This year we're expecting to **receive more than 1,000 kittens** throughout the breeding season (October – April).

Each litter requires many hours of care, some will need bottle feeding and medical treatment.

This is expected to cost Animal Aid a whopping \$100,000.00 or more to feed and care for them. In addition to this, a further \$100,000.00 to cover the cost of de-sexing and microchipping!



By making a \$100 tax deductible donation today, you'll be helping us to care for these little bundles of joy until they are old enough to be adopted.

Receiving 1,200 animals in the next eight weeks will put added strain on all staff and volunteers, however we are committed to remaining an open door shelter, this means that we will never refuse to help an animal or person in need, no matter what time of year!

As a valued supporter of Animal Aid I would like to ***thank you*** for helping us to do our work to care for lost and unwanted animals.

I am extremely proud of what we achieve each and every day of the year with so little. Our mission is to find every animal in our care a loving and safe home.

Your support is invaluable in achieving this – ***thank you!***

On behalf of the Animal Aid team, I wish you and yours a happy, safe Christmas and New Year.

Until they all find a home

Mark

Mark Menze
Chief Executive Officer



PS: Next time you visit us, please drop by and say hi, I love meeting valued members of the Animal Aid family!





Animals are more than ever a test of our character, of mankinds capacity for empathy and for decent, honorable conduct and faithful stewardship. We are called to treat them with Kindness, not because they have rights or power or some claim to equality, but in a sense because they don't; because they all stand unequal and powerless before us."

Matthew Scully

Mark, I want to help homeless animals this Christmas

Enclosed is my gift of:

- \$20 will provide a precious animal with shelter, food and a bed
 \$35 will provide formula, food and veterinary care for a baby kitten or puppy
 \$50 will vaccinate, worm and flea treat a dog or cat in preparation for adoption
 \$110 to support animals needing rehabilitation, enrichment, or special surgery
 SURPRISE US! \$ _____

Remember gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

I would like to become an Animal Aid supporter by providing a monthly gift of:

- \$15 per month \$25 per month Other monthly gift of \$ _____

Please debit my credit card until further notice

I would like to pay by:

Cheque/Money Order (payable to Animal Aid)

Credit Card Payment:

Card Type: MasterCard VISA Amex

Card Number: Expiry Date: ____/____/____

Name on Card:

Signature:

Please email my receipt to: _____

I do not require a receipt

You can also donate securely on-line via animalaid.org.au or via EFT

Bank: Bendigo Bank Account

Name: VICTORIAN ANIMAL AID TRUST

BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 131333056

Ref: Xmas17

If your details are incorrect, please amend them below. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Please send me information on leaving a bequest to Animal Aid I've already included Animal Aid in my will

Complete this donation form and return it in the reply paid envelope, or post to Animal Aid, PO Box 34, Coldstream, Vic 3770.
Call us and make a gift over the phone (03) 8756 1300

Thank you

