

Media Release

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ANIMAL WELFARE GRANT SUPPORTING GEELONG ANIMAL RESCUE

Geelong Animal Rescue will be better equipped to fundraise and deliver important community education activities, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's launch of the next round of the *Animal Welfare Grants Program*.

Minister for Agriculture Jaala Pulford today announced a \$4,711 grant to help the organisation purchase customised sun-safe marquees – one exclusively for fundraising, the other for public relations and community education.

Geelong Animal Rescue has also previously received grants that have helped them build a customised mobile fundraising, recruitment and community education trailer, and deliver four new rehabilitation and assessment pens to conduct behaviour assessments, facilitate successful re-homing and provide emergency accommodation.

The Labor Government's *Animal Welfare Grants Program* provides funds to non-profit organisations that promote responsible pet ownership and provide better animal welfare services to companion animals and the community, particularly during natural disasters.

Round 7 applications offering a total of \$250,000 are open now and close 30 November. Not-for-profit animal welfare organisations can apply for large grants of up to \$50,000 and small grants of up to \$10,000.

The grants can support a range of activities, including community education programs, animal relief services and facilities, facilities to promote dog exercise and socialisation, as well as upgrades to facilities to improve companion animal facilities.

To learn more about the grants and apply, visit animalwelfare.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Jaala Pulford

"Geelong Animal Rescue is a fantastic example of the great work not-for-profit organisations are doing to improve the welfare of animals. Since its inception in 2012, its volunteers have rescued more than 1,200 companion animals."

"Victorians care about animal welfare and so do we – that's why we're giving every pet owner the confidence that their furry loved one has come from a good home."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Christine Couzens

"Animal Welfare Grants help organisations like Geelong Animal Rescue improve the welfare of companion animals."

Quote attributable to Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville

"Geelong Animal Rescue is an outstanding organisation that is driven by passionate and caring volunteers who are dedicated to rehoming pets – congratulations on this well-deserved grant."

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