

Last Wag Of The Tail

Give A Dog A Bone
Keep Kitty Happy
Christmas Appeal 2017
Final Report



WHAT A FABULOUS OUTCOME FOR THE 2017 APPEAL

- 21 Rescue Services and Community Organisations receiving toys, treats and food from 29 Drop-Off Points.
- All of this coordinated with a team of volunteers and the GADAB Crew, AND at little to no cost.

I truly can't say thank you enough to each and every one of you that helped me to get this appeal off the ground again this year.

- Thank you to those who donated a gift, toy or food
- Thank you to those who delivered posters
- Thank you to the teams that went around to visit the sites half way through the appeal to cheer on the Drop-Off Points
- Thank you for the great photos you all sent to me of your dogs and cats supporting the appeal
- Thank you to all the volunteer drivers who did pick-ups and drop-offs
- Massive thank you to Bell & Maria who did over 14 pick-ups and deliveries all for the good of the animals in the City area and way out West
- Thank you for sharing our posts
- Thank you for passing on the appeal email
- Thank you for collecting at your work or with friends
- Thank you for your encouragement
- Thank you to each and every one of you for helping me with any of the million and one things that need to be completed to get this appeal off the ground.

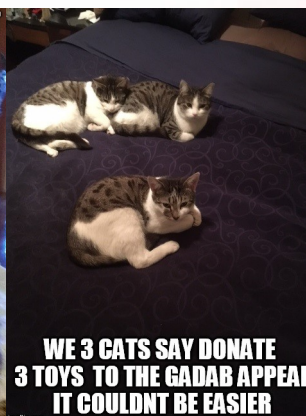
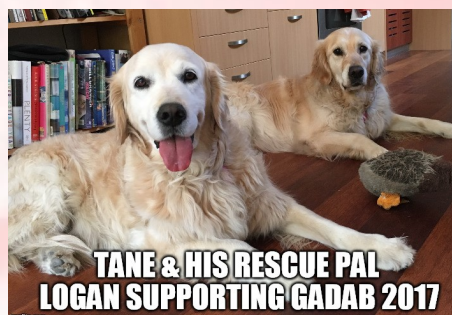
Each year people want more places to drop goodies off or longer times for the appeal to run. GADAB is a totally volunteer appeal, with no funding, run by myself and an enthusiastic team of volunteers. Were it to grow more, or last longer, its sustainability for me would become unmanageable. I allow it to grow organically so I can put processes and structure in place to ensure the core mission of this appeal is achieved each year and "none of the animals in shelters wake up to an empty stocking".

Truly, for me, the best part is knowing I was instrumental in ensuring so many of the animals in rescue services and with owners on little income, including homeless people with pets, did not miss out on Christmas Day. That, and that alone, spurs me on to pull this appeal off each year.

Please have a read and enjoy this 2017 'Last Wag of the Tail' to see photos of the appeal, read some testimonials and just soak up the wonder and true essence of this appeal.

You are all SUPER STARS!

Nicola Addison



Go here for a list of services that received donations (or should I say goodies) from this appeal:

<https://giveadogabone.info/who-benefits/>

And here for the fabulous organisations that acted as Drop off Points:

<https://giveadogabone.info/who-benefits/>

Scroll through our Facebook page and see some of the wonderful photos that illustrate how the appeal went:

<https://www.facebook.com/GADABsydney/>

FABULOUS EVENTS GADAB CREW WERE INVITED TO IN 2017

- Doggiewood hosted by ACON at Fair Day
- Doggie Rescue Trivia
- Casula Power House film launch & celebration of GADAB partnership with Liverpool Animal Shelter who received donations this year



Mikala, husband Jamie & daughter Amelia delivering to the Friendly K9 Rescue at Penrith



K9 Rescue recently took in a pregnant cattle dog named Cassie with a big litter of pups. The donations came at a very good time and were very much appreciated



Rod & Andrew's 3 rescue cats



Boris with his new toy at Greyhound Rescue



GADAB Crew Member Renee with her collection for Blacktown Animal Shelter



Luna's collection for GADAB from Leanna & Cheryl

Below are some comments from some of the people involved in the appeal this year. Some had Drop-off Points, some were receivers of goodies, some are from those who gave their time voluntarily to just be part of the GADAB Team and help in whatever way they could:

Phil, collecting at M & C Saatchi...

It has been a real pleasure working with "Give a dog a bone". M&C Saatchi is thrilled to be working with this inspirational and functional organisation!

It is so good to know that a few minutes of our time can make such a difference for our furry friends! Thank you and Merry Christmas everyone!

Lisa Wray, receiving donations at Sutherland Shire Animal Shelter...

Thanks a million for another successful year of the Give a Dog a Bone, Keep a Kitty Happy Christmas Appeal. As always, the animal shelter has received so many generous donations that will keep the dogs and cats entertained and not so lonely over the Christmas period. We have received so many toys, shell pools, food and treats which will be enjoyed by the shelter pets this Christmas while they patiently wait to be adopted. Thanks Nicola, another great year, well done!

Matt, volunteer at Greyhound Rescue...

Hi Nicola, just wanted to say another huge thank you for yet another amazing collection of toys, food and treats from Give a Dog a Bone. I gave the dogs a toy each today and we have enough for about 3 toys each on Christmas morning. I will email you some pics from today and more from Xmas day. Thank for organising all this, you are truly amazing.

Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter gave GADAB a Certificate of Appreciation with the lovely words...

In appreciation of your kind donation to the animals at Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter. The compassion and generosity shown by you to our animals is accepted on their behalf with deep gratitude.

Monika Biernacki at Doggie Rescue...

Hi Nicola, Doggie Rescue is delighted with the gifts for our kitties and dogs at Christmas time. It is so nice to see how many people care about the not so fortunate animals. It is a wonderful project. Thanks Nicola!

Camilla at Way2Home...

Thanks Nicola. At Way2Home we work with rough sleepers and people transitioning to housing from homelessness. Many of the people we work with have their greatest support from a companion animal. When their furry friends receive gifts from the GADAB Appeal at Christmas it is something special we can give to their amazing animal that never asks for anything back. Happy New Year! All the best, Camilla

Miriam Martin at Maggie's Rescue...

For us at Maggie's Rescue, receiving toys, treats and food from the GADAB Appeal has been a huge help for the animals in our care, and a real boost for our foster carers, who take the animals into their homes and care for them as they would their own. A heartfelt thank you to Nicola and those who donated these wonderful gifts.

Jennifer Arceo at Sydney Dogs and Cats Home...

On behalf of everyone here at Sydney Dogs and Cats Home, thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Our furry residents and the team here truly appreciate the generosity of the community who donated and to you for organising this wonderful appeal.

Thank you also for the certificate. As a small token of our appreciation, please also find attached our Certificate of Thanks from all of us here.

Many Thanks, Jennifer



HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY PHOTOS WE RECEIVED DURING THE APPEAL



Fabulous collection from Chris Maud



Northcott Community Centre receiving their donations



Alex Greenwich MP & Max with their collection for GADAB



Central Coast Pound's 1st GADAB donation with Crew Member Jane Kenny



M & C Saatchi Collection, a big thanks to Phil



Dept of Education Arncliffe Office made a great donation



Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter with Alison & Turbo trying one of the toys with GADAB Crew Member Deb



Mikala and her daughter Amelia delivering to the RSPCA Blue Mountains Branch



Casula Powerhouse Collection



GADAB Crew Driver Bell with a delivery for Blacktown Animal Holding Facility



GADAB Crew Members Maria & Bell off on another delivery



Virginia Furner and her donations with GADAB volunteer driver Shaun Powyer

JUST A FEW FACTS

- Cost of appeal \$35.50 - direct costs plus petrol and toll costs, etc - all covered by GADAB crew and volunteers!
- All volunteers cover their own costs
- Printing and posters kindly covered again by Glen Leith, Young Australians

And finally, Michelle Hubbard has been involved for the last 3 years and is now officially onboard to help me coordinate the appeal.

From Michelle, GADAB Media and Set Up Officer:

From the feedback, it looks like everyone had a great time supporting the appeal again this year. Plenty of photos coming in of your pets, your collections, pick ups and drop offs. Thanks so much for following us on Facebook, tagging GADAB in your posts, sharing and liking what we put up. We added Instagram this year and are building a following there also. Please continue to follow us throughout the year as we support the services that you have donated so generously to.

Michelle Hubbard

All this was made possible with a great team and crew of volunteers. I won't name each and every one of you for risk of leaving someone out. But I do hope the knowledge that you have been part of the solution in bringing joy to the animals at Christmas is the thanks that will ensure you are on board again next year.

Thank you to each and every one of you.

Nicola Addison

Founder and Coordinator

Give a Dog a Bone, Keep Kitty Happy (GADAB) Christmas Appeal

THE GADAB CREW



Some of the GADAB Crew



Michelle Hubbard
GADAB Team



GADAB Crew Driver Melissa
making her yearly delivery
to Golden Retriever Rescue



GADAB Crew Driver Bell
delivering to Liverpool Animal
Shelter



GADAB Crew at Casula Powerhouse with
Director Craig Donarski and staff from
Liverpool Animal Shelter



3 of the GADAB Crew at Edgecliff Pets



Wendy Harmer showing her support for the appeal