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AWL accepts more than 100 animals in two days

STAFF at the Animal Welfare League are pleading for responsible people to come and adopt a dog today - because every rehomed dog means the shelter can rescue one more.

Last week, the AWL Qld accepted more than 100 animals in just two days (Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27) and is now so full the future of incoming dogs is at risk.

On Thursday, 71 animals arrived, with 17 of the 22 dogs coming from the Scenic Rim and Brisbane council pounds.

In the same two-day period (Thursday, February 26 to Friday, February 27) only 4 dogs and 10 cats were fortunate enough to find loving homes.

Dog rehoming team leader Nicole Cannon said until homes were found for the dogs already in her care the AWL would struggle to place all incoming dogs up for adoption.

“Last week was a really slow week – we only rehomed about 30 from here when we usually rehome 55.

“And only about four or five have gone from the Stapylton shelter, and they usually rehome about 10 to 15.”

“This week isn’t looking any better, with only three dogs going home yesterday (Monday, March 2).”

Ms Cannon said until homes were found for her four-legged charges, the AWL would struggle to place all incoming dogs up for adoption.

Currently (Tuesday, March 3), there are 77 dogs available for adoption, with four more preparing for sale and another 49 out on foster care.

Those dogs will return to the shelter for adoption once space becomes available, so it's worthwhile checking regularly to see what breeds - and personalities – are ready for rehoming.

AWL public relations manager Gabrielle Wheaton said the not-for-profit organisation accepted strayed and abandoned animals from all over south-east Queensland.

“The AWL collects animals from six council pound areas; Brisbane, Ipswich, Wandilla, Scenic Rim, Logan and the Gold Coast, and successfully rescues and rehomes more than 12,000 pets each year,” Miss Wheaton said.

“We transfer dogs and cats from these areas every week, and it's nice to think if we can make the trip to collect them, then prospective owners can surely make the trip to us to adopt.

“However, if you can't make it to Rehoming and Education Centre at Shelter Road, Coombabah, or you are short on time you can always check out our animals using the pet search function on our website at www.awlqld.com.au.”

Miss Wheaton also encouraged people to visit the AWL's newest shelter at Rossmans Road, Stapylton, as there were seven dogs in the AWL's pet of the week category ready to go home, and were available at a reduced price of \$120.

All AWL dogs are desexed, microchipped, wormed and vaccinated and have also undergone health and sociability checks.

To ensure you and your new dog have time to really get to know each other, the AWL also offers a 21-day settling in period.

Year-on year rehoming statistics:

Week of Sunday, February 22 – Sunday, March 1, 2009: 28 dogs rehomed.

Week of Sunday, February 24 – Sunday, March 2, 2008: 72 dogs rehomed.

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