

## Animal Welfare League of Qld Inc



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### **56 animals enjoying new 'leash' on life**

More than 50 cats and dogs are starting the week with a new 'leash' on life after a busy weekend at the Animal Welfare League's Coombabah shelter.

Between the hours of 10am and 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 18 cats and kittens, 32 dogs and puppies, and a further six dogs from AWL's Stapylton shelter were adopted.

AWL public relations manger Gabrielle Wheaton said while it was a wonderful result, there were still so many looking for a loving, caring home to call their own.

"It's always great to see the dogs and cats go home at the weekends," Miss Wheaton said.

"But we're open all week long, and sadly, we usually accept more animals in that week than we rehome at the weekend, or even all week.

"Both our shelters at Coombabah and Stapylton are open 363 days of the year and when you look at our figures it's clear to see why."

Last week (Monday, March 9 – Sunday, March 13) the AWL rehomed 90 animals (44 cats and 56 dogs), but in the same period, accepted 169 animals into its care (63 dogs, 93 cats and 12 small stock/poultry).

Miss Wheaton said she was particularly pleased to see two of the AWL's special needs dogs, Coby and Billy, both found new homes in the past week.

“Coby suffered from allergies and her ongoing treatment will cost her new owner about \$100 a month,” Miss Wheaton said.

“While she was a lovely, bubbly labrador this commitment proved to be too much for many people in these tight economic times, so it’s wonderful to see someone come forward.

“Billy was born deaf so he also had some special needs and was lucky to find someone who could take the time to learn some new training techniques.”

Miss Wheaton said while most animals in the special needs category were offered free to a suitable home; it could still be difficult finding owners able to provide higher levels of care, or simply afford the necessary treatment and medications.

All AWL animals are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, wormed, flea-treated and health and sociability checked.

The AWL also offers a 10-day health guarantee covering any illness which may occur as a result of the animal being in our care; and a 21-day settling-in period to ensure you and your new pet are happy.

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