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PRESS RELEASE

Thieves Reach All-Time Low!

The Animal Welfare League of Qld was broken into in the early hours this morning stealing a donation tin and ransacking offices.

Thieves gained entry by smashing a side door and were disturbed by a staff member who heard voices upon arrival, fleeing the shelter to flag down a passing motorist who called the police.

Spokeswoman Kim Assim from the AWL Qld said we are grateful that no one was harmed during the break in.

“It’s a hard blow to the AWL Qld right before Christmas when we are facing record lows for rehoming of our cats and dogs and this type of vandalism makes it so much harder,” she said.

“Christmas is typically a bad time of year for us and this year we are feeling the effects of the economic crisis and also breeding season seems to have started earlier than usual,” she said.

“We are dealing with the constant pressure of our Coombabah and Stapylton shelters being at full capacity and we are working tirelessly to keep our doors open to all the homeless animals,” she said.

“Stealing from a charity is a low act and we are all in disbelief that anyone would stoop so low,” she said.

“This isn’t the first time the AWL Qld has been vandalised as in recent weeks we have also had one of our busback advertisements vandalised,” she said.

The AWL Qld cares for 10,000 stray and unwanted cats and dogs every year on the Gold Coast and surrounding areas, with an average of 500 animals rehomed each month.

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