



Maggie's
Rescue
Impact Report FY23



Maggie's Rescue experienced a significant growth in need in 2023.

NSW is currently experiencing an overwhelming crisis in animal welfare, and Maggie's Rescue hasn't been exempt, experiencing an overwhelming growth of animals in care compared with the previous year.

Thanks to the support of our wonderful community, we've been in a position to respond to the significant growth in need, and to continue to deliver a positive impact. We were delighted to bolster our operations by welcoming Laura Chao to the team - more on this in the message from our wonderful Operations Manager, Lisa Brittain.

Thanks to a generous grant from Barbara Tucker Foundation, this year we were able to implement a kitten vaccination station which has allowed us to stretch our investment in vet costs significantly further and take on more complex cases. And a generous investment from our wonderful partner SavourLife in our Better Behaviour program has allowed us to support dogs in care with behavioural issues, ensuring that they are able to become good canine citizens and find forever homes. Another generous grant from SavourLife and the Petbarn Foundation has allowed us to implement a community desexing program which aims to reduce the number of unwanted animals - more on page 5 of this report.

Maggie's Rescue is a volunteer-run organisation, and we express our heartfelt thanks to our amazing team of committed foster carers, committee members and other volunteers for their compassion and commitment to our shared purpose.

To you - our Maggie's community - we thank you for your part in our journey so far, and for your continued support as we grow our impact together.

Sandra Hodgins, Rizwan Meghani (Chair), Suzanne Milthorpe, Ally Murray & Annemi Olivier
Board - Maggie's Rescue



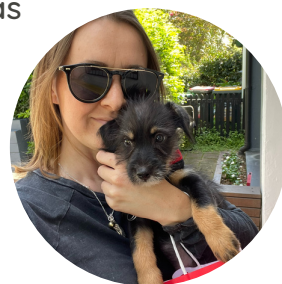
Maggie's Rescue continues to provide exemplary care.

In our 12th year of operation, Maggie's Rescue continues to provide exemplary care for companion animals in need. FY23 has seen a dramatic increase in the number of animals coming through our organisation, 272 cats and 91 dogs have entered care (142 cats and 39 dogs in FY22). These numbers reflect not only the need for organisations like Maggie's to assist animals in need but also our organisational growth and ability to respond to need.

As Maggie's continues to expand and have a greater impact, our outreach and desexing initiatives have assisted numerous families with no/low cost desexing, preventing unwanted litters; while our SavourLife Better Behaviour Program provides additional support and training for dogs at risk within our foster network.

As our volunteer network grows, we brought on another employee to help manage our operations. Laura Chao, a long term volunteer and animal industry veteran has been a huge asset to Maggie's, helping us enter the next phase, as we respond to a greater number of animals seeking refuge.

Lisa Brittain
Operations Manager - Maggie's Rescue



	Cats	% Increase/ Decrease on FY22	Dogs	% Increase/ Decrease on FY22
Rescued	272	90%	91	133%
In Care at 30 June	70	55%	41	190%
Desexed	155	80%	57	470%
Rehomed	249	81%	69	176%
% Rehomed/Rescued	91%		75%	

Cruiser's Happy Tail

6 year old Cruiser was an unclaimed stray who tested positive for heartworm when he arrived at a local pound. Things weren't looking good for this young dog...

Cruiser, a 6 year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier Mix, was an unclaimed stray who ended up at one of Sydney's many pounds. He was severely storm-phobic and tested positive for heartworm. This made it impossible for the pound to rehome him to a member of the general public.

We received an urgent email from the pound in November 2022, telling us that Cruiser had one day before he would be euthanised due to his serious health status. Our team jumped into action, finding him a secure foster carer and giving him the second chance we all knew he deserved.

Cruiser was seen by one of our wonderful vet partners, Summer Hill Village Vet, to begin his heartworm treatment. Heartworm is a disease that is very easily preventable but not quite so simple to treat. It is a long, drawn-out and costly process (totalling around \$2,000), but in Cruiser's case both necessary and worthwhile.

Cruiser is just one example of the overwhelming need that organisations like Maggie's experiences, in order to prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of companion animals.

We are happy to report that after many months of treatment and care, Cruiser went on to be adopted into a loving home.



Improving community desexing with SaviourLife & Petbarn Foundation

Maggie's Rescue were the lucky recipients of a generous grant from Saviourlife and The Petbarn Foundation to start a community outreach desexing program. The 'Community Outreach Desexing Program' targets families in need, offering free desexing to both male and female dogs. Participants completed a short, non-invasive application that captured the name, age, breed and microchip status of the dog and the name, address of the owner and if/how they were referred to the program.

Our anticipated outcomes for this program were:

- Reduction in the number of stray dogs
- Reduction in the number of accidental litters
- Reduction in the numbers of dogs entering council pounds, therefore reducing the strain on council pounds and in turn the likeliness of euthanasia
- Assist struggling families with expenses which in turn will likely lead to more dogs staying in their home long term
- Creating ties with the community so members of the community can feel comfortable reaching out if they are struggling with providing care of their pets

Whilst it is hard to gather data on the long term effects of this program, in the short term, we successfully desexed 36 dogs in our first round of funding - significantly reducing the number of potential accidental litters, stray dogs, and dogs entering council pounds.

Thanks to the success of this pilot program, Maggie's was able to secure an additional generous investment from SaviourLife to continue this essential work.



We are so grateful for your generosity.

This year Maggie's Rescue received a 51% increase in revenue year on year, including \$78,906 of successful grants, reflecting the hard work the team are doing in increasing our awareness across events, education and within communities. The increase in revenue due also reflects the high volume of dogs and cats adopted and the corresponding increase in adoption fees.

Along with the increase in both cats and dogs, our expenses have also increased. Our overall expenses year on year increase by 107% predominantly driven by the extra employee brought on to support operations; delivery of the successful Muddy Paws Event; and an increase in veterinary costs across medication, vaccinations and desexing.

Overall our result for the FY23 year is another surplus, leaving Maggies in a strong financial position to continue to deliver on our strategic plan in future years.

	12 months to 30/06/23	12 months to 30/06/22
Donations & bequests	\$164,211	\$111,271
Government	\$0	\$30,804
Other	\$254,305	\$134,324
Total revenue	\$418,516	\$276,399
Employee expenses	\$76,192	\$56,153
Other expenses	\$272,192	\$112,083
Total expenses	\$348,384	\$168,216
Net surplus/deficit	\$70,132	\$108,183

	As at 30/06/23	As at 30/06/22
Total assets	\$304,570	\$224,201
Total liabilities	\$21,055	\$10,818
Net assets/liabilities	\$283,515	\$213,383

Maggie's Rescue continues to grow and respond to meet demand within the community. This past year has been challenging with a dramatic increase in the number of surrenders and a decrease in adoption interest; however, we are proud to have adapted to the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Looking forward, Maggie's Rescue will continue to hold true to our core values, to rescue and rehome companion animals, to advocate and assist in the desexing of companion animals and to educate and promote animal welfare within the community. We will continue to build up our growing network whilst maintaining an engaged team of volunteers who can work together to help our community and the companion animals within them.

Rizwan Meghani
Treasurer & Chair, Maggie's Rescue



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