



SUNSHINE COAST
**ANIMAL
REFUGE**

How you can support the animals at the
SUNSHINE COAST ANIMAL REFUGE
find a Forever Home!



..... **Our Mission:**

"Giving refuge to abandoned and surrendered cats and dogs until permanently re-homed, and educating the community on responsible pet ownership."

We are dedicated to educating individuals on the REAL needs of any pet and the responsibility required to own an animal. We are committed to increasing community support and awareness through the ongoing provision of education and training at a series of regular SCARS events and promotions.



The Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge

The Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge was established in 1979 to provide temporary refuge and find new homes for abandoned, abused, stray and unwanted cats and dogs.

Sheltering, caring for and re-housing approximately 1,000 pets per year, the Refuge prides itself on being an independent, non-profit, charitable organisation that focuses on finding animals a 'forever home'. The Refuge can house up to 70 dogs and 50 cats. SCARS has a regulated no-euthanasia policy which means that animals are cared for until their new home is found, no matter how long it takes.

All cats and dogs admitted to the Refuge are vet checked, vaccinated, wormed, de-sexed, micro-chipped and medically treated before being available for adoption. They are also given care, love, cuddles and regular exercise ensuring they live not only a healthy life, but a happy life while they await their new home.

The Refuge, on Sippy Creek Road in Tanawha, is managed by an unpaid, elected committee, and is run by a small staffing compliment supported by a large, dedicated group of volunteers. Generally operating at 90% occupancy, and often full, the Refuge is always busy and grateful for the support of the community. Without the hard work of our volunteers the Refuge would struggle to provide its service.

Our Vision

We CARE for animals. We want YOU to CARE too.

Our vision is to successfully shelter and quickly re-home any displaced cats or dogs whilst actively reducing the number of homeless pets on the Sunshine Coast.

We are dedicated to giving every animal the best chance at life and of being a loved pet and family member, through the creation of an all-inclusive community of sponsors working to raise local awareness of the refuge and to empower individuals and the community to enhance the awareness of animal cruelty and the real responsibility one takes on when becoming a pet owner.

Our short-term goals are to:

- ✓ Improve the animal care facilities such as the dog outdoor runs and the cat and dog isolation areas
- ✓ Increase awareness of the refuge through increased exposure in local media, and to
- ✓ Increase re-homings of the animals of the Refuge.

In the long term, with your help, we can make the community more aware of the problems facing our abandoned pets on the Sunshine Coast and build a positive culture of animal welfare and protection. We will also continually be upgrading the animal care facilities as required.

SCARS re-homes between 800 – 1,000 cats and dogs each year. The average time a dog spends at the refuge waiting for a forever home is 4 months and for cats it is 6. Research from around the world suggests that long periods of time spent in shelters is detrimental to the well-being of cats and dogs, and it is for this reason we work tirelessly with the help of volunteers from the community to find new forever homes for our cats and dogs within one month of them arriving.

*“Did you know...?
It costs the Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge Society (SCARS) up to \$2,000 per year to re-home and care for each dog and cat that comes in their door! This amount covers food, de-sexing, annual vaccination, worming and heart guard and incidental vet costs – all the basics. However, the love and comfort given to these animals through finding a forever home is priceless.”*

Becoming a Business Sponsor

Become a business sponsor today by making regular tax-deductible contributions and help care for over 1,000 cats and dogs that are supported by the Refuge each year.

It costs the refuge up to \$1,500 per day or \$45,000 per month to operate; without the support of sponsors and volunteers the task of caring, treating and re-housing so many animals in need is simply unachievable.

Your gift of \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000 each year will assist the refuge in increasing its financial sustainability and in-turn increase its ability to achieve its mission of caring for and finding forever homes for animals in need on the Sunshine Coast.

Specifically, your contribution will support the cats and dogs of the Refuge in these areas:

- ✓ Initial vet checks (\$60 per animal)
- ✓ Vaccinations (\$90 per animal)
- ✓ Food, shelter & care (\$50 feeds 8 cats for a week)
- ✓ Dog training and behavioral assessment (\$120 per week)
- ✓ De-sexing (\$200 per animal)
- ✓ Micro-chipping (\$25 per animal)
- ✓ Worming and heart guard (\$30 per animal per month)
- ✓ Incidental vet costs

Your business, its leaders and staff will be recognised as a partner in raising awareness of the Refuge. The animals will love you for it, and you're welcome to visit them any time you like.

Your Investment... Your Benefits...

As a business sponsor we ask that you make a tax-deductible investment of \$1000, \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year with a commitment of 1, 2 or 3 years. Sponsorship can be as a one off payment or as a series of monthly donations. As well as the wonderful feeling that comes from giving, for this investment you will also receive:

\$3,000	GOLD SPONSOR 
A 'sponsor plaque' at the Refuge with your business name and logo. This will be displayed on our Business Sponsor wall	
Home page advertising space on our website to display a banner with your logo and a link to your website available for the duration of your sponsorship	
A business listing on the sponsors page of our website available for the duration of your sponsorship	
A social media post across the SCARS social pages thanking you for your contribution with an image/logo and link to your website	
Editorial and banner advertisement space in one of our eNewsletters to the SCARS database per year	
Logo placement in the footer of all eNewsletters for the duration of the sponsorship	
A digital banner from SCARS to place on your site or email signature as a badge to show your clients and contacts that you are helping your community	
Your flyers/signage will be distributed/displayed at promotional events	
Your flyers/promotional material will be included in our adoption packs	
Unlimited access to visit the cats and dogs of the Refuge (they'd love to meet you!)	
And a certificate of our sincere appreciation of your support!	
\$2,000	SILVER SPONSOR 
A 'sponsor plaque' at the Refuge with your business name and logo. This will be displayed on our Business Sponsor wall	
A business listing on the sponsors page of our website available for the duration of your sponsorship	
A social media post across the SCARS social pages thanking you for your contribution with an image/logo and link to your website	
Editorial and banner advertisement space in one of our eNewsletters to the SCARS database per year	
Your flyers/promotional material will be included in our adoption packs	
Logo placement in the footer of all eNewsletters for the duration of the sponsorship	
Unlimited access to visit the cats and dogs of the Refuge (they'd love to meet you!)	
And a certificate of our sincere appreciation of your support!	
\$1,000	BRONZE SPONSOR 
A 'sponsor plaque' at the Refuge with your business name and logo. This will be displayed on our Business Sponsor wall.	
A business listing on the sponsors page of our website available for the duration of your sponsorship	
A social media post across the SCARS social pages thanking you for your contribution with an image/logo and link to your website	
Logo placement in the footer of all eNewsletters for the duration of the sponsorship	
Unlimited access to visit the cats and dogs of the Refuge (they'd love to meet you!)	
And a certificate of our sincere appreciation of your support	

SCARS in Action!

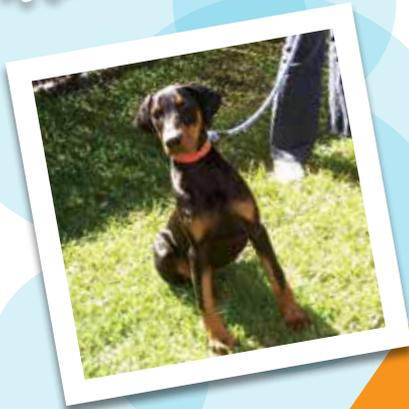
Rajah is a four-month old purebred Doberman puppy who was rescued from a pet shop and who only knew life in a small puppy enclosure. He was confined to his pen for over two months sporting an obvious leg injury that was left untreated. After being rescued, Rajah arrived at SCARS in July 2013. Wanting to give Rajah a chance at a normal life and to be able run and play like other dogs, the SCARS team committed to spending money on investigating what was wrong with his leg and providing the necessary treatment.

Rajah was examined by the SCARS vet, x-rayed, and started going on small walks outside, experiencing and enjoying the simple joys of grass, dirt and fresh air. He could only walk small distances as the pain in his leg would get too much, but he loved it outside. Our worst fear was that he had a badly broken leg that would not be repairable and that we would have to amputate his leg.

After multiple exams we got the good news! The deformity on Rajah's right front leg was not a broken bone but rather the result of being fed poor-quality food for months; basically he had not received the nutrients needed to allow his bones to grow normally. There is hope that this can be reversed with good-quality high-nutrient food, however the reality is that all of his bones and joints are affected and he could break bones at any time. In the first two months at the refuge SCARS spent approximately \$1500 on Rajah.

Rajah is currently recovering with the love and care of a foster carer, and the SCARS team is hopeful that with the right support he will make a full recovery and find a forever home.

Meet Rajah ↘



Next Steps!



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To take advantage of this opportunity and become a Business Sponsor of the Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge, we simply require you to contact SCARS to confirm your participation or if you have any questions, require further information, or would like to discuss this opportunity in person, please contact:

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**Thank you for helping the animals
of the Sunshine Coast!**