Ark Animal Welfare Services Receive $50 000 Funding

The Northern Territory Government is providing a $50 000 grant to Ark Animal Welfare Services Animal Rescue Centre in Yarrawonga to help with important on-going work as well as the expansion of its kennels and catteries.

Minister for Local Government Rob Knight this morning attended the centre to make the funding announcement and remind Territorians that animals are long term Christmas presents.

“Ark Animal Welfare Services’ PAWS Animal Rescue Centre provides an extremely valuable service, taking in unwanted and stray animals which have in some cases been abandoned and neglected,” Mr Knight said.

“The shelter takes in all types of animals, feeding, caring and often nursing them back to health, before finding them new homes. This funding will help staff continue this work and also enable greater financial security.

“Every year animals are surrendered and dumped after Christmas. While animals can be fantastic Christmas presents for family and friends, it is important to make sure the receiver is able to take care of them long term.

“Animals are a big commitment and Territorians should make sure they have space and energy for a pet, and ensure they can afford ongoing costs.”

At this time of year many people leave the Territory to go on holidays. Unfortunately many animals are left to roam and fend for themselves, while others suffer from lack of food, water and basic care.

“I encourage pet owners to consider boarding kennels, house sitters, professional home care or reliable friends or family if you plan on going away.

“Don’t risk a fine, it is your responsibility to provide adequate care for your pets, even while you are on holidays,” Mr Knight said.

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