Victorian Dog Rescue & Resource Group Inc (VicDRG), in its 10th year of operation, is a not for profit organisation and registered charity whose goal is to stop the killing in pounds and shelters, to help companion animals in need in the community, and to promote responsible pet ownership.

We are a community foster care network which means all our dogs and cats are in foster care in private homes where they are treated as members of the family. We successfully lobbied for the inclusion of this new form of welfare group in the Domestic Animals Act.

We believe the life of every one of our companion animals is important and must be valued. We will keep a dog or cat in our care for as long as it takes. If we do not have a suitable foster carer we will hold them at commercial kennels until we do. If when we rescue them from the pound they are too elderly, with too many health issues to rehome, we place them in permanent foster care. This means that VicDRG pays for the vet care and additional costs for the remainder of their life. If someone else has abandoned them, we shall not.

We believe that it is the responsibility of groups like ours to show how the community can and should look after and value their companion animals.

We are so grateful for our adopters, supporters, carers and volunteers that enable us to continue on with our work.

We initiated the Drought Dogs Program and were the first group to work in rural Victoria, bringing pound dogs and cats to Melbourne for rehoming, which we have done for the past 10 years.

We desexed, with the aid of a rural desexing grant, more than 550 cats and dogs and also ran our $50 cat subsidy program to enable people to adopt cats more cheaply from rural pounds.

A pilot program run with the aid of a grant to feed the pets of low-income and house people in the Bayside and Glen Eira areas.

Another pilot program to assist the pets of the homeless and those fleeing domestic violence.

We are a community foster care network saving dogs and cats throughout Victoria.
Tia & Toby’s Story

Shad’s Story

How You Can Help

We do need your help and there are so many ways you can do this:

- **Foster a dog or cat**
  Help us to save lives - be part of a rescue dog’s journey.

- **Offer to volunteer – use your skills to help us**
  For foster caring or volunteering contact: volunteers@victoriandogrescue.org.au

- **Transport locally or ruraly**

- **Tell your friends about us**

- **Look out for items on our wish list**

- **Support our fundraising events**

- **Perhaps you know of a business or person who can donate an item** to place in a raffle or silent auction at one of our fundraisers

- **Merchandise** - Our online shop has a huge range of clothing, books, gifts, dog and cat aids, cards and our wonderful calendar.
  To see our amazing range go to: www.victoriandogrescue.org.au/victorian-dog-rescue-shop

- **Shop online!** It is that simple, sign up with Shopnate, then every time you shop online at the selected stores, a donation is made to VicDRG at no cost to you: www.shopnate.com.au/charity/victorian-dog-rescue

- **Shop at Ritchies** - We are now part of the Ritchies Community Scheme. We will receive money if you shop there and nominate us.

Sponsor A Dog Or Cat

Can you sponsor a dog or a cat, particularly a senior pet or one with a health problem? We take on many aged and ill dogs. Sometimes we are able to restore them to health and rehome them. Others like Tia will stay with us and we bear all their vet costs.

The more financial assistance we get with these dogs and cats the more we will be able to help. They all deserve to live and die with dignity.

To join our sponsorship program we ask that you donate a minimum of $20 per month for a minimum six month period.

For more information please contact us at rescue@victoriandogrescue.org.au

Donate

You can also help us by making a donation. As our administration costs are minimal, your donation always goes to where it is needed most - to the animals. For details on how to donate, visit: www.victoriandogrescue.org.au/how-you-can-help/donation

VicDRG is a registered charity, all donations over $2 are tax-deductible for Australian tax-payers.

Bequest

Consider leaving us a bequest. Make a difference to so many dogs and cats. Help us toward our dream of a property where we can rehabilitate and heal those that come to us needing long term care.