



MDBA PACERS

Prevention of Animal Cruelty
In Emergency Response Situations

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What we are about...

MDBA PACERS is an Australia wide professional charitable organisation committed to preventing animal cruelty to domestic animals (mainly dogs, cats and horses) when they are in emergency situations as a result of their owner's hardship.

This organization came about because The Master Dog Breeders and Associates were getting regular calls for help from pet owners and we felt we could help animals more by offering their owners assistance when they were in desperate times before they got to a point where their animals were being neglected, taken off them, surrendered or punishing them after things were weighing them down or got out of hand.

Many animals, which come to MDBA Pacers, are homeless and looking for a new family to live with. Our shelters [located in NSW and Queensland so far] and foster carers act as rescue, recovery and adoption centres as well as holding facilities for when their owners need time to put

their lives back in order to take their animals home.

Whilst a large proportion of these animals are cats and dogs we also offer refuge and primary temporary care to horses and livestock in need.

Our principal activity is in saving those animals, which are already in dire circumstances. However, some of our programs help owners prepare for possible hardship or disaster and we have established a support, buddy system network to ensure pet owners and their animals have a safety net to aid in preventing them from suffering if their owners are not able to care for them because of hardship or disaster.

We have been able to help hundreds of people which have been affected by natural disasters. We have done this by helping out with animal feed, paying for fencing, supplying crates and pens, temporary care for their animals and help and counselling with welfare issues for owners. We also provided human clothing and food items as well as emergency cash.

New Pacers Flyers...

These are now available for download from our website.

www.mdbapacers.org.au or by calling 02 6927 6706

IF ANYONE IS UNABLE TO PRINT THEM WE ARE HAPPY TO POST SOME OUT TO YOU.

What PACERS has been up to...

We currently feed about 80 dogs and cats which are still in their own homes and staying with our foster carers whose owners have hit hard times and need some help to cover some feed until they get back on their feet. We do this on a case-by-case basis but we help out for a minimum of 4 weeks. We have also been able to supply rescue orgs with free donations of dog and cat food when they needed it.

Eukanuba Have been a God send in helping us to do this and without their donations and support many animals during the bushfires and floods last year and those which are at risk or which have been vulnerable to being neglected due to their owner's personal crisis would not have had what was needed to provide a safety net.

We help out people who are in a position where they would normally have to either neglect or surrender their animals because of personal crisis or suffer adverse consequences themselves. This is most often due to ill health, domestic violence old age or unexpected unemployment.

We have been able to step in with some people who owned too many animals for them to cope with by helping them to clean up their homes and kennels and helping them in finding new homes for their animals before it was necessary to have their animals seized by the RSPCA and them charged with neglect. This has then allowed us to be able to bring in other welfare orgs to give a hand in dealing with the human issues. People who know they are not coping with their animals are reluctant to have people visit such as home care, meals on wheels or people to help clean etc. We have contracts, counselling services and checks in place to ensure the situation doesn't occur again.

We have a few animals, which have been accepted by us for re-homing which have had elderly owners who have been very distressed about having to give them up when their health deteriorated or they have moved into aged care etc where their animals are not allowed. These people get letters and photos and updates fortnightly to let them know how their dogs and cats are doing and a couple of our volunteers are doing a great job at ensuring they still feel part of their animal's lives. We currently operate 2 shelters. One in NSW and one in Queensland.

It's not all work...

We want to help out people and their animals in need but we'd like to have a bit of fun, meet lots of people and have some social interaction and good times while we go about it too.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and support. It's been a monumental task and the demand has been higher than expected but we are over the worst of it now and we can get a bit serious about ensuring all animals have a wide and large safety net.

Major Fundraiser...

We were eager to get a raffle up and running so we could use the opportunity of promoting MDBA Pacers a bit via the MDBA Dog Owners Choice Awards. Raffle tickets will be available at the door and we're hoping to boost ticket sales on the evening as well.

Rydges Holiday Raffle - From the 20th of February 2010, we started our own major raffle fundraiser. We hope as many people as possible support this as the demand for our services grows every day. Please sell the tickets to relatives, neighbours and friends, take the books to work etc.

We are calling on people to purchase tickets singly and take books of 20. Each ticket sells for \$2.00

The raffle prize is a 2 night holiday at a Rydges Hotel and Resort of your choice throughout Australia and New Zealand for 2 adults and 2 children in a standard room including daily full breakfast. Second Prize is a MP3 Player and Speakers.

THE WINNER WILL HAVE 12 MONTHS TO USE and IT CAN BE USED OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Major Draw Prize for all - everyone who sells a complete raffle book of 20 tickets will go into a draw to win a MP3 player and speakers.

Anyone who is able to take a book of tickets or who wishes to purchase tickets singly please email

info@mdbapacers.org.au

Buddy System...

We also operate the MDBA Pacers Buddy system which provides pet owners with a safety net in case something unexpected happens where they may need someone to help them to provide temporary housing for their animals, look after them or get them out and ensure they are safe in an emergency or disaster. This has enabled lots of people who felt their animals were at risk if something happened to have peace of mind knowing that someone will step in and help them if or when they need it. Some people who were very affected by the Victorian bushfires and concerned it may happen again were able to go to work each day knowing someone else was watching over their animals who understands the human animal bond and who would try to help their animals as if they were their own, as a priority, in case of an emergency.

Currently we get between 4 and 8 calls every week for

assistance but we can't grow or help as many people as we would like without funding and without volunteers.

Things have been slowed down for us due to all the red tape it takes to set up a charity and the high workload of just a few but we have now recruited a National Marketing Manger with more positions vacant being advertised over the coming weeks.

Our aims are similar to the RSPCA except we only operate with domestic animals and we work with a welfare and preventative prospective rather than a police or punishment focus. We want to help owners before the RSPCA is called.

Our aim is to be the charity of choice for domestic animal owners within the next 5 years.

We believe animals and their owners will be better served by us than any previous system or organization intended to prevent animals suffering.

Fundraising toolkits & meetings...

We are in the process now of putting together fundraising tools kits and sorting out where we will be conducting meetings around the country to get MDBA Pacers on the map.

Any ideas and input from you on this is appreciated.

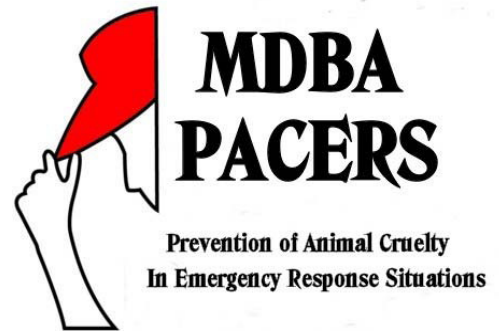
Please Consider Joining Us...

Member benefits for Basic Membership

- Being part of a coordinated voice on animal cruelty prevention issues
- Helping MDBA Pacers provide assistance in emergencies
- Influence research, policy, regulations and best-practice issues
- Ability to act in minor volunteer positions
- Ability to attend seminars and workshops
- Access to PACERS forum

Member Benefits for Top Dog Memberships

- Being part of a coordinated voice on animal cruelty prevention issues
- Help MDBA Pacers provide assistance in emergencies
- Influence research, policy, regulations and best-practice issues
- Network and share ideas with others working in the field of domestic animal safety and injury prevention
- Ability to attend seminars and workshops
- Receive assistance to establish, operate and participate in meeting groups & networks to exchange information, promote good practice and build partnerships
- Participate in MDBA Pacers development workshops and retreats for group leaders
- Involvement in committees on particular topics to respond to technical issues and assist the Board to lobby State and Federal governments
- Have the chance to take part in a range of initiatives that develop the educational, personal and social benefits that come from preparedness and caring for self, and the community
- Invitations to special shopping events, with "Members Only" specials
- Ability to act in a minor and major volunteer position
- Access to PACERS Top Dog forum



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