



2021 – 2022 PROJECT



*Celebrating
85 years*

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE GUARDIAN CIRCLE



Thank you for being part of the Guardian Circle and supporting Lort Smith in such a very special way.

For 85 years, the very heart of Lort Smith's mission has been a commitment to caring for the animals and people of Victoria.

Guardian Circle was established in 2016 with the aim of bringing together like-minded people who share a love of animals and a commitment to social impact. Over the past five years we have learnt that the passion people have can vary depending on their affinity to a particular Lort Smith project or program.

With that in mind, this year you will be able to direct your support to an individual project or program.

We are giving you, our amazing supporters, the opportunity to contribute to a specific project that is close to your heart.

You may choose from the following:

- Emergency Welfare Assistance (EWA)
- Pets In Need Fund (PIN)
- Hospital equipment
- Adoption Centre
- Capital Campaign (Campbellfield & North Melbourne sites)
- Area of greatest need (Lort Smith's discretion).

One hundred percent of your contribution will go directly to this important work. We have also introduced an option for you to express your support through a multi-year gift, which will help ensure our work remains sustainable.

Please take a moment to read through this brochure and select a program or project that best represents your commitment to caring for the animals and people of Victoria. If you would like further details on any of these projects, please contact Lisa Westphal on 03 9287 6430.

As Lort Smith receives no ongoing government funding, we are grateful for your enduring commitment.

Thank you,

Barbara Pesel

Lort Smith President



EMERGENCY WELFARE ASSISTANCE (EWA)

EWA provides emergency pet accommodation and care for the companion animals of people experiencing crisis. It could be homelessness, severe illness, mental health challenges or individuals fleeing domestic violence. By taking care of their pet, we aim to give people one less thing to worry about while they focus on overcoming the challenges they are facing in their lives.

Taking on between 85 – 100 animals a year, we are increasing our ability to help people and pets in crisis supporting those in our community who are most vulnerable.



PETS IN NEED FUND (PIN)

Established in 2011, the PIN Fund is entirely funded by donors and covers the cost of life-saving veterinary care for qualifying clients. The PIN fund offers financial support towards veterinary costs for responsible pet carers who are in genuine need or experiencing a life-changing crisis.

As part of our mission to preserve the human-animal bond, irrespective of an individual's circumstance, PIN is a vital program that enables Lort Smith to treat more animals and increase the number of positive outcomes.

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Our extensive facilities, coupled with our broad range of specialised equipment, enable us to provide the highest level of veterinary care for all animals. Specialist equipment at Lort Smith can age and need replacing after many years of use. An example of the range of equipment that can be funded include; humidicrib, CryoPen, Autoclave, Ultrasonic Doppler, Electrocardiogram (ECG), Fluid pumps, Surgivet monitors, xray, and ultrasound machines.

Funding this equipment allows us to offer world-class veterinary care to all our clients, irrespective of their financial circumstance.





ADOPTION CENTRE

The Adoption Centre offers sanctuary, rehabilitation, veterinary care and a new home for over 600 animals each year. Our dedicated team of animal welfare officers are focused on achieving the best possible outcome for each animal, taking time to ensure that each animal is carefully placed in a home that perfectly matches their needs.

The Centre provides a safe haven for surrendered animals where they can freely play and let their true personalities shine. It offers an interactive environment for animals and potential adopters.

We stand by our commitment to never euthanise an animal capable of being rehomed, no matter how long it takes - including difficult cases who might otherwise not be given a second chance.

Campbellfield



North Melbourne



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

CAMPBELLFIELD AND NORTH MELBOURNE

Lort Smith has reached a critical point in its operations and desperately needs to expand and upgrade its facilities. The demand for our services continues to grow and our current physical facilities are pushed to their limits. Our Stay and Grow Strategy has a vision to continue to champion the human-animal bond well into the future.

To Stay we are planning to redevelop our existing site in North Melbourne and to Grow we are building a second site in Campbellfield.

Supporting these projects ensures Lort Smith can continue to help animals and their carers, as well as the vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community.

