



TAILS OF THE VALLEY Newsletter

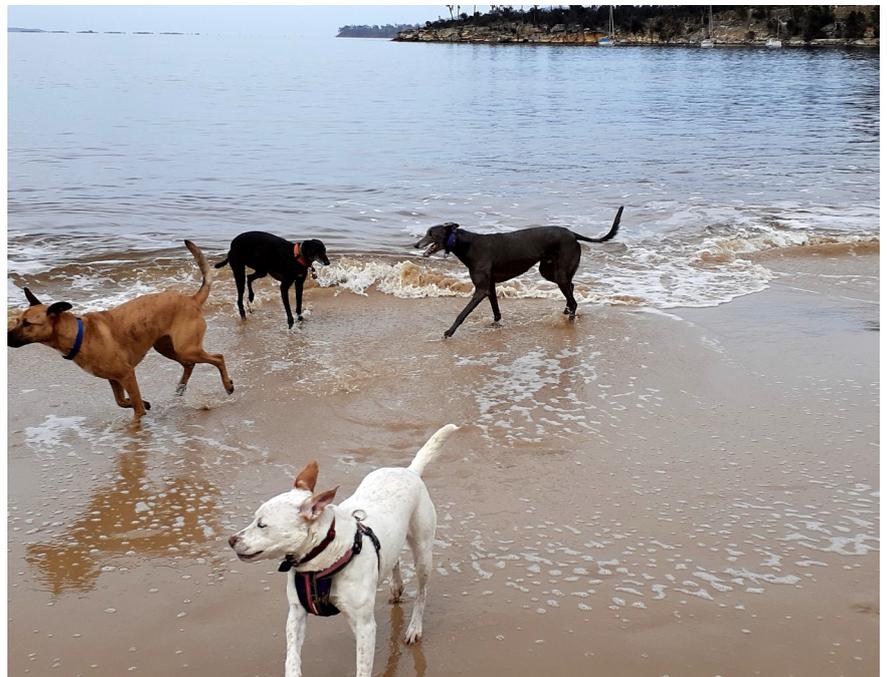
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HURRY UP SUMMER!

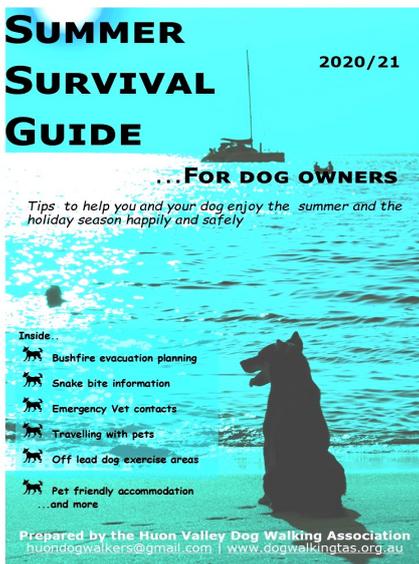
What a strange year it has been, with challenges for many people. Fortunately, with COVID-19 restrictions easing somewhat in August, the HVDWA was able to organize some good dog walks at the beach and in forests and suburban tracks.

Now it's time to look forward to some summer fun. In November, along the Franklin Foreshore, then Copper Alley Bay for a lovely stroll before we head to the Christmas Party and finally, in December, at Randalls Bay. Details are on Page 9.

In the new year there will be more walks for you and your pooch to enjoy! See the February issue for further information.



Keep your dog safe and happy this Summer



With the summer holiday season fast approaching, there are a number of potential hazards ahead for our pets, including bushfires, snakes, parties, travelling and heatwaves. Here are two resources to help you prepare and keep your pets as calm, comfortable and safe as possible.



Bushfire Preparation—Huon Valley Council will be conducting a **Bush Fire Preparedness Expo** on Saturday 5 December—See Page 6 for details.

Summer Survival Guide—The 7th edition of the HVDWA Summer Survival Guide will be out soon. It focuses on sharing information to help you through the holiday season. If you're planning a road trip, camping holiday or have friends visiting, we've also provided you with a list of dog friendly accommodation, cafes and exercise areas.

The guide will be available at cafes, pet retail outlets and other selected venues.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the Huon Valley Dog Walking Association committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to catching up with you when our walks resume in the New Year.

Best Wishes
Val Andrews, President



Christmas Party

Sunday 29 November 2020

Once again our Christmas Party will be hosted by Karen & Peter Cosier

at
62 Nichols Road, Lymington
(on the Copper Alley Bay walk)

BYO picnic and drinks, plus a salad or dessert to share.

A chair for you and poo bag and towel for your pooch would be a good idea too.

There's an optional walk beginning beforehand at 11.30am .

The property is fenced with a small dam and plenty of room for the dogs to run, swim and play.

There is also shelter should the weather misbehave.

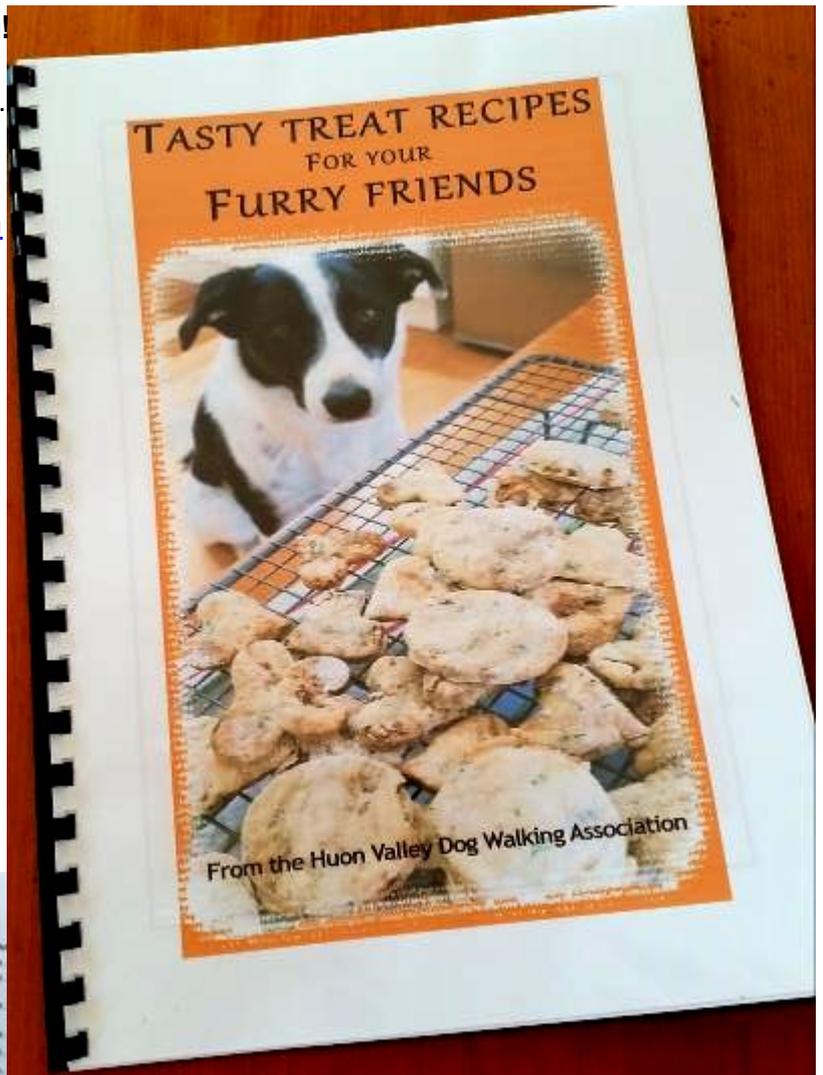
Come along and celebrate the festive season with us !

The pawfect gift this Christmas?

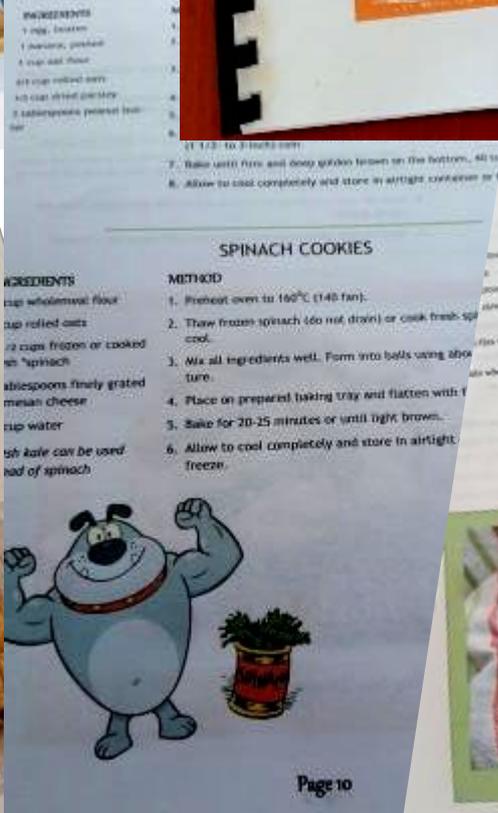
For that special someone who loves dogs *and* baking!
Our new recipe book is packed with healthy, tasty treat recipes and tips on what you can and can't feed your dog.

A must in every kitchen and only \$10.00!

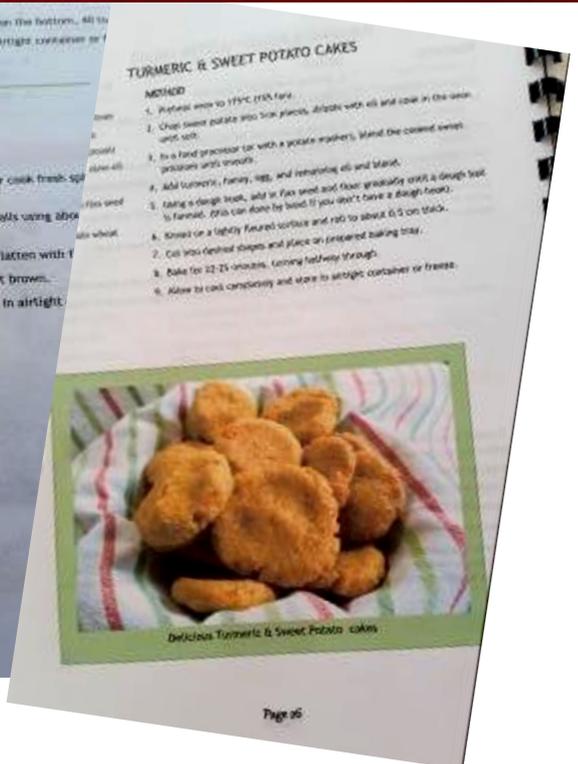
If you'd like a copy, email to huondogwalkers@gmail.com
to arrange delivery or call 0424 504 043.
Also available at our walks and Xmas party.



Salmon Strips and Tuna Treats



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Committee & Meetings

Our AGM was held on 24 October. Thank you to the members who attended the AGM and to the 2020 committee members who signed on for another year. Welcome to our new committee members and thanks also to outgoing committee members.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021	
Val Andrews	President
Joanne Ward	Vice President, (Walks Coordinator - subject to confirmation)
Heather Brown	Secretary, Newsletter Editor
Karen Cosier	Treasurer, (Public Officer—subject to confirmation)
Kerry Salmon	
Frances Cooke	
Jill Adams	
Jess Adams	

NEXT MEETING

Our next and final meeting for 2020 is at 10:00, Saturday 28 November at the DS cafe in Huonville.

Unless otherwise advised, committee and ordinary meetings are held at the DS Cafe, 12 Main Rd, Huonville.

Contact the HVDWA Secretary by
email: huondogwalkers@gmail.com
phone: 0424 504 043

As a financial member of the Huon Valley Dog Walking Association, your support and input are valued and you're most welcome to join us at monthly committee meetings. However due to venue and time limitations, we ask that you advise the Secretary of your attendance and any topic you want to raise for discussion so that it can be added to the agenda. All members attending the meeting are respectfully requested to keep discussion to within items on the agenda.



Our financial year began on the 1st of October and membership renewals are now due.

Fees are still only \$20 for a single or \$25 for a family membership.

You can renew online, in person at a walk or by post.

Details are on the membership form on the last page.

As always, the HVDWA appreciates your support.

HUON VALLEY DOG WALKING ASSOCIATION

President's Report 2019–2020

The club still progresses nicely since the Association was started in 2011 and we look forward to celebrating our 10th Anniversary next year.

Membership remains quite stable with 49 financial members and 384 Facebook members compared to 51 financial and 346 Facebook members last year.

Our good relationship with the Huon Valley Council continues and we appreciate the support we are still receiving from Rebecca Bell and Lisa Phlol.

DOG EXERCISE AREAS: the three areas are well used, double gates have been installed at Huonville, new gates at Cygnet and double gates are to be installed at Geeveston.

DOG WALKS: Due to Covid 19 restrictions our walks had to be cancelled for a few months earlier this year, since starting back some of the walks have been well attended and some less so- we are still doing 2 walks a month - we will be exploring some possible new walks over the summer break.

FUND RAISING: We held two Garage Sales this year, one in March, just before the restrictions came in, which raised \$1120 and another in August, after restrictions were lifted, which raised \$1089. Due to Covid19 our other fundraising activities planned for this year had to be cancelled

DONATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: The collection of Dogs' Home boxes throughout the Huon raised \$2,665.20 and we collected \$550 on Button Day. Once again thanks must go to Val Andrews for taking care of the collection boxes. We have donated \$500 to Maggellies Pets in Need. We will be participating with council on 5th December in a seminar advising people how best to prepare regarding the possibility of an emergency.

NEWSLETTER: Tails of the Valley remains popular with members and non-members alike, as does the Summer Survival Guide. Sincere thanks to Heather Brown, our Secretary, for taking over the job from Rozel Duncan and doing it so well! And thank you Rozel for updating our website – it looks really good.

SINCERE THANKS: A big thank you to all who have volunteered their time, both on Committee and for your help in our fundraising activities. A special thank you to our amazing Committee who voluntarily gave their time, and in particular, their wisdom to ensure the Association ran efficiently, progressively and smoothly.

Joanne Ward,
President, 2016 — 2020
Huon Valley Dog Walking Association Inc.

Thank you, Joanne.

As Joanne Ward retired as President at the AGM in October, the HVDWA Committee would like to acknowledge the great contribution she has made to both the Association and to improving facilities for dogs in the Huon Valley. Joanne will continue to be an active member as Vice President and will continue her work as a trainer with Southern Obedience.

Heather Brown, Secretary and Editor



Joanne with little Millie and her muddy boots after a walk in the country!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE FIRE SEASON?

BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS EXPO.

While we all sincerely hope that we will not have a repetition of bushfires in the Huon Valley this summer Huon Valley Council wants us all to be prepared in case there is another emergency. To that end they are conducting a Bushfire Preparedness Expo. on Saturday December 5th at the Community Hub in Huonville, 23 Main Street, Huonville. It will be a drop-in event from 10.00am until 2.00pm and a number of organisations such as Tasmanian Emergency Services, Tas Networks and Tas Fire Services - Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods, will be present to answer your questions and distribute important information.

Huon Valley Dog Walking Association will also be present, advising on bushfire preparedness for dogs and other small animals, building on the lessons we learned from volunteering at the evacuation centre during the last emergency.

DECEMBER 5th, COMMUNITY HUB, HUONVILLE, 10.00am—2.00pm

EMERGENCY PET PLAN

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PET PLAN

Don't leave it until it's too late, otherwise it may not be possible for you to get your animal to a safe location. Plan ahead and be prepared!

EVACUATING YOUR PETS AND ANIMALS TO A SAFE PLACE OFFERS BOTH THEM AND YOU THE BEST CHANCE OF PROTECTION.

Your animals are your responsibility. It is up to you to plan ahead and prepare for the safety and welfare of your pets, livestock or other animals.

A friend or relative may be able to take care of your pet(s) during an emergency situation.

In the event of a major emergency, the Huon Valley Council will activate an Animal Refuge Area at the Ranelagh Showgrounds for those animal with nowhere else to go. The area will accommodate livestock and farm animals.

The fenced dog exercise area located at the Huonville Recreation Ground will be used to accommodate dogs and cats.

IF ATTENDING AN ANIMAL EVACUATION AREA ITEMS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING INCLUDE:

PET EMERGENCY KIT:

- Non-perishable food and bowls
- Vet and micro-chipping details
- Required medication
- Collars and leads
- Waste bags and litter bags
- Muzzle (if required)
- Disinfectant and paper towels
- Toys and treats
- Blankets
- A secure crate to accommodate your pet
- Name tag including owners phone number
- First Aid Kit

Local Dog Lover—Judi Timm

Can you ever imagine life without a dog? I can't.

For most of my life I have tried to rescue older, needy dogs and because of this, I have had to be prepared to let go of many who I may have only had for a few weeks or months. But their joy of having a loving happy home is my best reward.

At the moment I have 2 dogs, Sandy, a terrier with huge attitude, and Bobby, an ex puppy mill breeder, having had to live many years in a small space, constantly having to give birth, never knowing human contact or any kindness. Because of this neglect, she is terrified of people, but thankfully not of me. You can tell in a dog's eyes when they are relieved to have you with them. That they are finally safe. I give both dogs all the love and care they need now, even if it's demanding at times.



Sandy



Bobby



Best Friends!

Sandy is in charge of the household, having been with me longer, but Bobby holds her own and they have become best friends. It's so lovely to see. You never know how dogs are going to get along when you adopt, but mostly they will sort it out themselves without too much human interference.

I would always suggest to anyone who wants a dog to adopt. Adopted dogs are really so grateful and give unconditional love. Especially the older ones. And we certainly love them back, don't we?

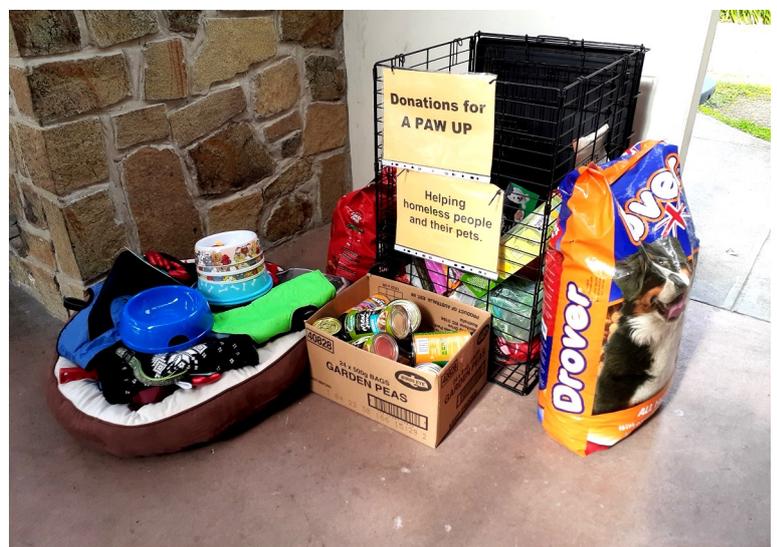
Garage Sales



In August, donations were collected for "A Paw Up", a charity supporting homeless Tasmanians and their pets to help keep animals and their owners together.

In addition to almost \$90 cash donations, there was heaps of dry and canned dog food, toys, beds, leads, coats and other essentials.

HVDWA held two garage sales this year, in March and August. Funds raised are used for our own projects to benefit facilities for dogs around the Huon and to help worthy Tasmanian charities that support dogs in need.



LAST WALKS FOR 2020!

ALL WALKS COMMENCE AT 10.30AM unless specified.

**Don't forget to bring poo bags and water for your dog(s).
If the weather looks inclement on walk day, please check our facebook page or website
www.dogwalkingtas.org.au**

Wednesday 11 November, 10.30am Franklin, Foreshore.

Meet in the car park below Osteria@Petty Sessions. Dogs must be on lead until we are past the Caravan Park then they can go off lead for a lovely run and play—and a swim if they like—until we reach the Wooden Boat Shed and then return.

Sunday 29 November, 11.30 am Copper Alley Bay—This is

our Christmas Party— Drive into Cygnet and proceed through the town and the roundabout keeping the Service Station on your left – go past the Yacht Club and drive for about 4kms when you will come to a bridge, once over the bridge turn left into Nichols Road and drive down to the waters edge. This walk is on lead. Following the walk the Christmas Party will be held at the home of Karen and Peter Cosier at 62 Nichols Road, Lymington. BYO picnic and drink and a salad or sweet to share.

Saturday 12 December, 10.30am, Randalls Bay Beach— If coming from Huonville, drive south through Cygnet, turn left at the roundabout and drive south along the Channel Highway until you come to the turnoff to Randalls Bay. Drive down the hill and park near the barbecue area. Dogs must be on lead until we are past the barbecue area, then they can go off lead to enjoy the beach!

Please note: As at time of printing COVID-19 restrictions apply. Please remember social distancing and physical and respiratory hygiene.



Off lead and under control ?

Several of our walks are 'off-lead' but please be aware that , under the Dog Act, it is the owners responsibility to keep their dog under control and in sight at all times.

We love to see our dogs running free and playing together but sometimes there maybe a distraction or situation where your dog is not responding to you as he/she normally would and needs to go back on the lead. You may need to put your dog on a lead if he or she:

- Has poor recall
- Has a habit of running off out of your sight
- Is aggressive or upsetting other dogs
- Is behaving in a way that endangers itself or others
- Any other situation where you feel that you don't have control of your dog.

In addition to putting a dog on lead for the behaviours outlined, it is an owners prerogative to have their dog on lead during any of the walks if they feel it is in the best interest of the dog.

We hope this information helps you and your dog to have a fun and relaxing walk.

New Members Welcome

If you'd like to become a member, simply fill out this form and send it to the address below or, join us on a walk and deliver it personally!

Membership Application/Renewal form Huon Valley Dog Walking Association (Inc)

To October 2021

Member No (if known).....

Name (s).....

Address

Dog(s) Name(s).....

Phone(s).....

Email (Please print).....

Amount tendered \$..... subscription for

\$20.00 Ordinary Membership OR \$25.00 Family Membership

My Dog(s) vaccination is current (Yes/No).....

You and your dog(s) participate in Huon Valley Dog Walking Association walks and activities at your own risk. The responsibility for your safety and the safety of your dog rests with you as a responsible member of the Association.

Signed: Date: _ / _ / _ _

Enquiries to: 26 Duggan's Rd. CRADOC 7109
Ph: 0424 504 043 or email: huondogwalkers@gmail.com

Pay: Huon Valley Dog Walking Association (Inc.)

Cash/Cheque/ EFT BSB – 633000 Account No – 144419819

Reference is your surname: _____ or your membership number if you have one.

**Please forward this form with payment to the above address if paying by post.
A receipt and membership card will be issued for new members.**

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