



Freedom Bousbury

SAFE Avon Valley

Freedom Bousbury is a self-affirmed crazy cat lady who has been in the animal welfare industry for 9 years (but really started out with saving caterpillars at about 4 years of age). She cares deeply about helping not only animals but the people who love them. She lives in Northam, WA with her partner, 3 rescue dogs and more cats than she wishes to disclose and lives by the motto "we shan't save all we should like to, but we shall save a great deal more than if we had never tried."

Abstract

Learning from Lena

Late on the 4th of January 2017 SAFE Avon Valley received a call about a mother and pups -two pups had died of heatstroke and the others were fading fast.

It was 10.30pm before Lena, a border collie x and her six week old pups arrived; they were dehydrated and over-heated, malnourished and riddled with parasites.

When Lena came into care she weighed just 12.5kg.

After 3 weeks in foster her family wanted her back and were willing to pay to cover her veterinary care. Everyone involved was devastated. But we were wrong.

This is a story of why keeping pets in their homes is often the best outcome. It is easy in the animal welfare world to jump to conclusions and make harsh judgements but we must step back and realise that our way is not the only way and keeping pets in their homes has a vital role to play in achieving the G2Z goal.