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Aaron Gilson is an extremely talented Behavioral trainer, he holds a certificate IV in Companion Animals- Behavior through the Delta Society and runs his own dog training business when not working with the many animals that come into the care of the AWL on a daily basis. Aaron has been part of the AWL team for 12 years and is also currently studying under a scholarship with The Jean Donaldson Academy for Dog Trainers in San Francisco in the US.

Troy Ellis is a long standing Team Leader with over 20 years' experience in the animal welfare industry. He is both a dog and cat specialist and is a great problem solver. Troy enjoys teaching team members new skills and has been enjoying dabbling in the world of doggy playgroups when he is not managing the AWL's Edinburgh North Shelter.

Abstract

How Far have we come at the AWL of SA?

This presentation will share the progress of the AWLSA over the last couple of years. We will discuss places we have visited (UK, other states etc.) and people we have hosted (Dr Cynthia Karsten and Trish McMillan Loehr) that have inspired and educated us to work towards improvements and the impact that the 2015 G2Z Summit had on those of us whom attended.

It will talk about some of the smart sheltering strategies i.e. managed intake, capacity to care etc. that we have been working towards.

This presentation will share the struggles we have had with introducing change, although positive and maintaining enthusiasm within the shelter environment. How we engaged the staff and volunteers and the outcomes.

We will share how we got started, how we prioritized, some of our successes and some of our challenges. There will be lots of examples, pictures and anecdotes that we hope will inspire people to get started and encourage people to continue and just keep going!