



Introducing...

Trudie Chant is a passionate animal lover and the President of Sunraysia Animal Rehousing Group (SARG). Trudie is a firm believer in community collaboration to improve animal welfare outcomes. She holds a Bachelor of Health Science Nursing, and Advanced Diploma of Management. She applies business acumen to the work of SARG, diligently working to bring relevant key organizations to the table in Mildura. She holds a Director position at the Sunraysia Institute of TAFE. Mid 2015 Trudie commenced employment at Mildura Veterinary Hospital as Business Development Manager, aiming to further deepen relationships and collaborations within the Mildura community.



Rescue, local government and education providers collaborate in Mildura - responsible pet ownership

In 2010, the Mildura Animal shelter experienced high rates of animal impounds combined with 59% drop to rehousing rates and 39% increase in euthanasia rates.

In a view to address these alarming numbers, Council formed collaborative relationships with local not for profit rehousing groups and education providers like schools and SuniTAFE to deliver educational programs/ classes, tours and talks about responsible pet ownership.

In December 2013 this drive culminated in receiving \$50k from State Governments Animal Welfare grants program to build and relocate a bungalow from Mildura SuniTAFE site to the Mildura Animal Shelter. The 16880mmx60000mm bungalow opened in September 2014 has a dual purpose of delivering community education and training programs about responsible pet ownership through a partnership with SuniTAFE and provide an improved environment for the community when potentially adopting, caring for or re-housing animals.

This was a collaborative project between Sunraysia Animal rehousing Group, SuniTAFE and Mildura Rural City Council