

## How can I help?

There are many ways that you can help support POOPs. Being a charity we rely solely on donations and the assistance of a growing team of volunteers and foster carers.

For more information on POOPs, to refer a client to our service, or to enquire about volunteering or foster care, please contact

POOPs on **(02) 9782 4408**



## Volunteers help by:

- 🐾 Dog walking
- 🐾 Cat feeding
- 🐾 Assist with transport to and from the vet
- 🐾 In home assistance
- 🐾 Grooming

## How do I become a volunteer?

Complete an application form

Nominate the activities you can help with  
e.g. dog walking

## Foster carers

Provide temporary emergency home Care for short periods of time.

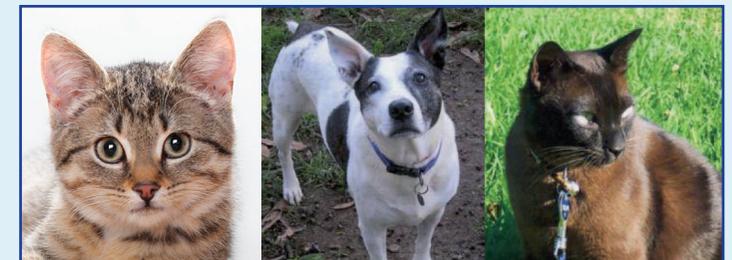
## How do I become a foster carer?

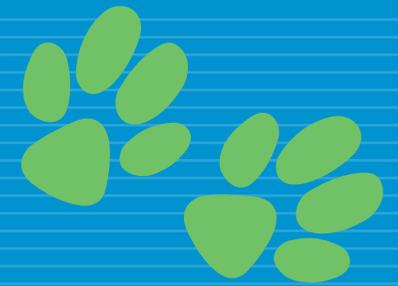
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Pass a Premises inspection

Nominate the type of animal  
e.g. small dogs, cats etc you are willing to foster

**Donations to POOPs are greatly appreciated and donations \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.**





Pets of Older Persons (POOPs) was established by the St Joseph's Hospital Auburn Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) and the RSPCA, NSW.

The program assists elderly clients in the community with caring for their pets in their own homes and also provides emergency boarding and foster care services when elderly animal owners are admitted to hospital.

This allows elderly owners to attend to their own medical needs and concentrate on their own health as well as ensuring the good health of their much loved pets.

**The POOPs program is as much about human welfare as it is about animal welfare**



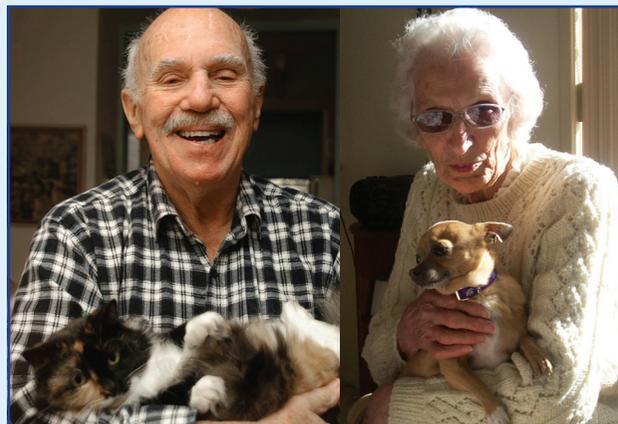
## Services provided by POOPs

- 🐾 Temporary foster care and/or emergency boarding of the pet should the owner require hospitalisation or care.
- 🐾 Veterinary treatment when necessary.
- 🐾 Assistance with grooming.
- 🐾 Limited in home assistance in caring for pets e.g. flea treatment, worming etc.

## Who is eligible for POOPs?

Any person 65 years of age or over who:

- 🐾 cannot access veterinary assistance due to age and disability
- 🐾 have no relatives or friends willing to help care for the pet
- 🐾 Palliative care patients of any age



## Referrals and access to POOPs

Clients are often referred to POOPs by ACAT (Aged Care Assessment Teams) workers, Community Services, Nurses, Carers, Social Workers and RSPCA Inspectors.

However, anyone in the community can refer someone to the POOPs program, including the elderly pet owner themselves.

**In any case, the pet owner must be aware that the referral has been made.**

## Is there a charge for POOPs services?

The RSPCA is a charity which does not receive government funding. POOPs clients are asked to contribute what they can towards the cost of any veterinary treatment, grooming and boarding. POOPs services are subsidised through special events, fundraising and the generous support of our donors.

