



# PTSD Dogs Australia ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**RESCUING DOGS WHO  
RESCUE HUMANS**





"WHEN IT'S TOO HARD TO LOOK BACK AND  
YOU ARE TOO AFRAID TO LOOK FORWARD...  
LOOK BESIDE YOU...I'LL BE THERE!"

Your Rescue Dog 🐾







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## DIRECTORS

Julie Morrison  
Angie Weeks  
Roger Weeks

## CEO

Angie Weeks





## **PTSD DOGS AUSTRALIA VISION STATEMENT**

PTSD Dogs Australia believes every rescue dog can save a human, but equally every human can save a rescue dog.

In a world where demand for Assistance Dogs far exceeds supply, the re-purposing of suitable homeless and unwanted dogs to be matched with PTSD afflicted Military and First Responders makes sense.

## **PTSD DOGS AUSTRALIA MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Heart and Mission is to Rescue Dogs who Rescue Humans.

We find homeless and unwanted dogs, train them for the vital work of assisting our PTSD Afflicted Military and First Responders.

We stand to provide enhanced quality of life for both our dogs and our service personnel.

## **PTSD DOGS AUSTRALIA VALUES**

1. Understands & earnestly works in collaboration for the best impact for homeless dogs & the Australian wounded hero, potentially reducing waiting times to 1 year instead of 3 years.
2. Intently strives to be the leader in re-purposing of unwanted dogs, into task driven empathetic PTSD Assistance Dogs.
3. To be a heart driven organisation where decisions are based on Trust – Respect – Compassion.
4. To have and share a state of the art training facility where Assistance dog organisations can utilise the facility and work collaboratively for the highest good of the community.
5. To be a national organisation reaching out far and wide across our great country. Bringing communities closer together and ending the divide of distance & remoteness.



## MEET OUR CEO

As I reflect on PTSDDA's past 12 months, I am filled with a sense of accomplishment, despite it being a year we have all had to endure and yet, I can honestly say we have learnt to be resilient and flexible and above all else, be the humans our dogs believe we are!

My approach to dog training is that dog training isn't about training dogs! It's actually about training humans! Our dog's behaviours and personalities are a reflection of us. In life, we make simple but critical mistakes that have consequences, through consequential learning we as humans can often see how our decisions impact and have consequences on our life and wellbeing. These consequences also impact on our dog's wellbeing.

I have always believed every human can rescue a dog. But equally, every dog can rescue a human. So, when it comes to self-improvement, our dogs are the best teacher. They can motivate and challenge us to be our best version of ourselves.

Just as we are constantly learning, so are our dogs. Learning for both human and dog should be about empowerment. In trust and respect for one another, it allows and encourages an open mind, where thoughts and beliefs can be faced together.

Our rescue dogs come to us without a voice, they are vulnerable, some even display caution and distrust. All from different experiences, similar correlations could be drawn for our veterans. The difference in the dogs is that for most, their heart is open, they quickly let go of prejudice and judgement. It is through the dogs' unconditional love and their genuine desire to be with us, that they unconsciously open our veterans' hearts. An analogy would be our veterans come to us having lost all hope, deep suffering can be seen in their eyes, heads hung low, they look at life with caution and distrust. If they had tails, they would be firmly positioned between their legs. As veterans learn to trust in their new mate and accept that this dog relies on them; bonds are forged, hope returns, eyes become bright, heads are raised, caution and distrust turn to hope, trust and respect. I can honestly say "In dogs we trust."



As a community we all know the saying 'dogs are man's best friend' and yet they are far from considered equals. Humans purchase them, surrender them, and treat them however they see fit. Regrettably, humans often treat them as a commodity. Dogs, just like us, have a heart, they are sentient beings, with great empathy. Dogs experience similar emotions to us including fear, frustration, anxiety, joy, love, trust and respect.

It is our soul vision and mission to raise consciousness and give our dogs a voice along with our humans, to build a life of joy, love, trust and respect for both man's best friend and our veterans. These past 12 months have seen exceptional times due to Covid 19; we have created many successes in the face of adversity, including:

- GHAD (Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs) application completed and accepted by Communities Qld Government. 2021 will see certification after visitation from assessors.
- Our HQ "Addisons Run" concepts finalised with Video and marketing material created.
- NSW has a dog trainer in training. John, a veteran, has commenced NDTF dog training.
- AASP – Animal Assisted Smiles Program has re-commenced at Estia Health Veterans Aged Care. Master Archie, our Emotional Support Dog is creating smiles everywhere he goes.
- 5 of our dogs will graduate as they pass their final exams.

**We will achieve our Mission by living and breathing our 5 core values of RESPECT, TRUST, COMPASSION, RESILIENCE & COLLABORATION, every day in everything we do.**

Angie Weeks  
CEO, Founder & Pack Leader







# ABOUT

# US

PTSD Dogs Australia (PTSDDA) is a not-for-profit charity created and managed by a passionate and committed pack of humans who rescue shelter dogs and train them as PTSD Assistance Dogs for Veterans and First Responders inflicted with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) due to the service they have given to Australia and our community in our hour of need.

Whilst still in our infancy, our heart driven organisation is creating massive positive change in the lives of our rescue dogs who's empathic and unconditional love is helping to save the lives of our wounded Veterans and 000 personnel living with a psychiatric disorder and often physical ailments.

Our services are completely free to our clients (Handlers) and we supply lifetime support to each PTSD Assistance Dog and their handler. The life of a working Assistance Dog is 10 years and under state QLD law must be recertified every 3 years for public access.

Each dog chooses its Handler. A PTSD Assistance dog trained by PTSDDA is not a pet, but a highly trained disability support service that enables a person with PTSD, anxiety and other service-related disabilities, to safely participate in personal and public life activities. Each Assistance Dog is specifically trained to mitigate and alleviate the barriers people living with a psychiatric disorder such as PTSD or anxiety have. In terms of PTSD and anxiety, the Assistance Dog is trained to keep space around the handler, disrupt negative behaviours and help to ground the handler via touch, nuzzling and deep pressure therapy. The Assistance Dog is trained to bring back the handler to the present time when they grey out in a PTSD or anxiety state. Whilst the Assistance Dog is trained to assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effects of the disability, it is also trained to meet standards of hygiene and behaviour that are appropriate for an animal in a public place.

With the support and unconditional love of their service dogs, we have seen handlers taken off suicide watch, regularly attend children sports activities, reduce their reliance on medications, return to their family unit and go out in public unaccompanied by a human, and even get behind the wheel after a 10-year absence.

More than 130,000 dogs are euthanised every year for no good reason and DVA supports a reported 230,000 personnel living with PTSD. There is an average wait of 3 years for a Psychiatric Assistance Dog; it makes pawsome sense to rescue shelter and death row dogs aged between 8 months and 3 years and train them into highly empathic and sentient assistance dogs, reducing the common 3 year wait to under 12 months.



**PTSD DOGS AUSTRALIA – RESCUING DOGS WHO RESCUE HUMANS.**





## WARM & FLUFFY TAIL TALES

### BJ the WONDER DOG – PUPDATE

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BJ'S arrival in 2018, a young rambunctious almost one year old Labrador. He paired with Damo, a medically discharged police officer in February 2019.

February 2021 will be two years the monumental changes in Damo and his family's life. Damo recalls "the first 12 months was all about BJ helping me. Second year my young family of three children and wife. Personally, I now have greater independence: work up to going out isn't as big an anxiety provoking session 9:00 AM appointment would have seen me pacing at 4:00 AM not now. Home life is so much better. BJ has a calming influence on all of us! He intuitively knows who to go to and when. BJ'S ability to disrupt my behaviours with various skills of shaking hands, nudging with a wet nose to deep pressure has made significant differences in my life. The biggest being I have gone 12 months without being in a psych Ward, something I thought would never happen! We have moved house and town, for my little girl to finish her final week in year six, she did her first trip away staying with my old Sargent. I still have the highs and the lows but what I really would say is BJ is a lifesaver! He's not just saving my life but that of my family."



### Saving Miss Lexie

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Little Miss Lexie found herself at just 6 weeks old abandoned and unwanted. The team at Maryborough Animal Refuge noticed something special. Whilst obviously scared and unsure, there was an air of confidence in Lexie not often seen in puppies.

Toys, food, lead, all at the ready for her service dog behavioural assessment, we noted Lexie has a spirit that is endearing and a confidence which is heartening and just the most lovable face, that makes you smile. Now 11 months old, Miss Lexie struts her stuff with confidence & personality, watches and learns from the other dogs and is one of our most empathic and resilient dogs. We have had some ups and downs but as I write now, she is at my feet with the whole world we believe at hers!

### Master Archie – The Animal Assisted Smiles Dog (AASP)

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Master Archie was trained as a PTSD Assistance Dog and if we may say so, he was exceptional at his job. The lesson learnt is Cavoodles are just too small and dainty to access busy environments safely. This said, he is ideal as a therapy dog, incredibly intuitive to people's mood, very well-mannered and just loves strangers, especially Seniors. Affectionately known as Master Archie, he helped pave the way for our Animal Assisted Smiles Program (AASP).

The AASP program benefits our Seniors in 3 ways:

1. Mental health – Pets can be a calming influence, reduce depression, stress and anxiety.
2. Physical – Interactions with pets can impact on senior's physical wellness and lower blood pressure.
3. Emotional – Dogs are renowned for brightening our day, create less isolation, increase self esteem and help support emotional healing through touch.

These very things also help support our men and woman on the front line as 000 workers. We are building both our Veteran based aged care facilities and hands on support with the Emergency Services sector.





## EFFECTS OF COVID 19



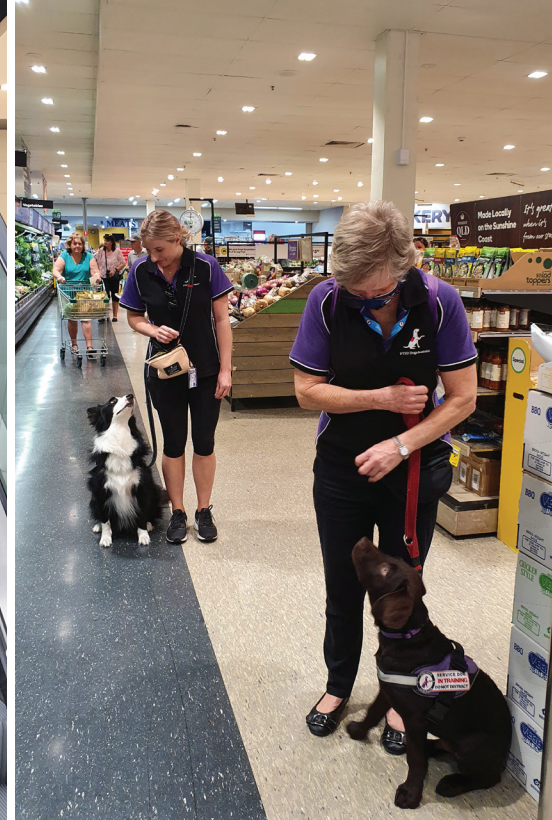
Controlled / mandatory isolation has seen many benefits to a person with PTSD. They have an excuse not to leave home, social distancing means little to no unnecessary communication. The shortfall is that, as time progresses, it becomes essentially more difficult to re-enter the public space. Increased anxiety, as the realisation sets in, to the need to re-enter community life, kids school activities, family picnics and get togethers, all become overwhelming.

As an organisation, it temporarily experienced the cessation of face-to-face training and a permanent move to digital. Many experienced negative reactions to utilising the Internet and digital technology. Performance anxiety was apparent as handlers needed to supply video for training assessment. Continuity of pack members has been impacted as key volunteers have needed to refocus due to Covid destabilisation. Eumundi markets, guest speaking roles and events booked were cancelled, all resulting in reduced income to the charity and less public education around PTSD and mental health in our Veteran and 000 First Responders and the vital role played by a trained Psychiatric Assistance Dog.

The greatest impact has been to the dog's learning and socialisation to key environments, such as shopping centres, lifts, escalators and high distraction environments, all of which have led to a longer training time.

Finally, this year has seen no new handlers brought into the pack, regrettably the demand is steadily increasing after a tumultuous year of fire, floods and Covid 19. With this increased demand, our greatest priority is to fund and establish headquarters here on the Sunshine Coast which will house a minimum of 10 Dogs in the first year then increase to 20 dogs in training.





## SHARING OUR VISION

The ideal Headquarters and training facility for PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd would include:

- Acreage property to facilitate a housing and training facility for our PTSD Assistance Dogs whilst in training. Due to council regulations, it needs to be away from suburbia and have limited impact on surrounding homes and neighbours.
- Ideally, we could obtain a licence for up to 20 Assistance Dogs in training within the property. This would allow for future growth of our charitable organisation.
- Initially 10 Assistance Dogs in training living on site would be manageable for the first 12 months of operation.
- An all-weather training facility where dogs and recipient handlers can be trained on obedience and specific tasks to mitigate the handler's disability.
- Ease of access for many of our handlers who have physical disabilities as well as PTSD and potentially room to build gymnasium and fitness program facilities. Our handlers often have difficulty in joining a swim class or a gymnasium due to the noise and hypervigilance.
- A caretaker in residence to maintain safety and security of the dogs and property.
- Office accommodation to house administration and run the charity.
- Accommodation for handlers to complete a three-week intensive training course with continuing revision and assessment of their Assistance Dog for the working life of the team, usually 10 years.
- A communal kitchen and "chill out" zone where handlers can come together to share a meal and discuss their progress with others.
- Space to create an outdoor training arena with obstacle and textile courses.
- A peaceful environment where nature can aid in the relaxation of the handlers.
- An environment with space to hold family days where handlers and families can come together and where children can play and support each other.
- A venue to hold fundraising such as car boot sales and an annual fundraising event with, potentially space for an Op shop and café with dog petting.
- A venue where open days can be held to help with educating the community.

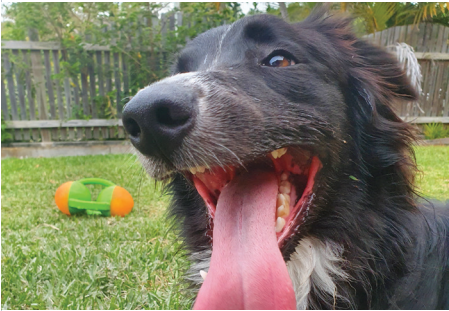
We believe such a property would provide us with the facilities we need to effectively operate as a nationwide organisation and allow for expansion to cater for the rapidly growing need for PTSD Assistance Dogs.



HEAD & TAIL COUNT

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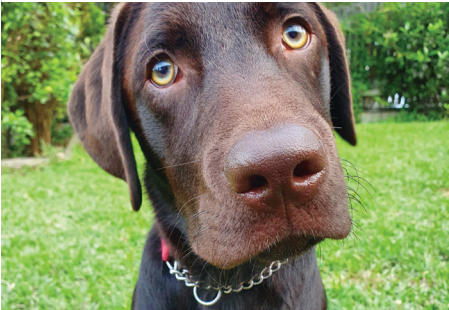
  
17 Volunteers



  
9 Sponsors



  
6 Dogs



  
14 Handlers



  
5 Grants Allocated







## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Company Report

PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd

ABN 96 624 595 759

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Prepared by Accounting and Tax Matters

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OK, I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.'**

 **Phil, PTSD Dog Handler**

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# BALANCE SHEET

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd As at 30 June 2020

	30 JUN 2020	30 JUN 2019
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Gifts & Donations #789	38,484.62	16,520.80
Inventory	2,333.60	2,310.17
Statement Account #771	15,144.09	13,680.02
Statement Account Debit Card #379	1,766.45	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>57,728.76</b>	<b>32,510.99</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>57,728.76</b>	<b>32,510.99</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Angie Bankcard	-	3,030.32
Visa #1	-	(469.68)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,560.64</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Loan	5,500.76	5,500.76
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,500.76</b>	<b>5,500.76</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,500.76</b>	<b>8,061.40</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>52,228.00</b>	<b>24,449.59</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	52,228.00	24,449.59
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>52,228.00</b>	<b>24,449.59</b>





# TRADING STATEMENT

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2020

	NOTES	2020	2019
<b>Trading Income</b>			
<b>Sales</b>			
Sale of Goods		10,223.15	25,718.50
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donation/Gift Income		57,040.11	32,345.96
Grant Income		13,000.00	-
Income from Fundraising Events		11,049.42	23,425.00
Interest Income		43.47	78.72
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>81,133.00</b>	<b>55,849.68</b>
<b>Total Sales</b>		<b>91,356.15</b>	<b>81,568.18</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>			
Direct Costs		16,797.70	8,782.96
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>		<b>16,797.70</b>	<b>8,782.96</b>
Gross Profit		74,558.45	72,785.22
Gross Profit (%)		81.61	89.23

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.





# INCOME STATEMENT

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2020

	NOTES	2020	2019
<b>Income</b>			
Trading Profit		74,558.45	72,785.22
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>74,558.45</b>	<b>72,785.22</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>74,558.45</b>	<b>72,785.22</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising		2,261.26	2,432.00
Bank Fees		17.57	8.56
Cleaning		80.00	-
Computer Expenses		8,847.00	492.10
Dog Expenses		5,586.77	3,564.66
Equipment		2,579.50	2,723.00
Equipment Hire		-	172.00
Freight		-	481.81
General Expenses		910.26	1,404.56
Insurance		500.50	494.40
Light, Power, Heating		-	38.50
Motor Vehicle Expenses		1,337.21	198.74
Office Expenses		1,413.97	3,339.77
Postage		160.34	11.80
Prizes		3,542.00	19,155.00
Rent		12,400.00	4,000.00
Staff Training		4,191.50	5,750.00
Stripe/Paypal Fees		212.27	40.93
Subscriptions		73.98	291.22
Travel - National		351.44	1,311.38
Uniforms		1,703.11	-
Vet Costs		3,641.68	4,227.29
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>49,810.36</b>	<b>50,137.72</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before Taxation</b>		<b>24,748.09</b>	<b>22,647.50</b>
<b>Net Profit After Tax</b>		<b>24,748.09</b>	<b>22,647.50</b>
<b>Net Profit After Dividends Paid</b>		<b>24,748.09</b>	<b>22,647.50</b>

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# COMPILATION REPORT

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2020

Compilation report to PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2020, the income statement, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

### The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

### Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

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Julie Morrison

Accounting & Tax Matters

PO Box 565  
Hervey Bay QLD 4655

Dated: 6 January 2021





# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2020

### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose report prepared for the sole purpose of distributing a financial report to members and must not be used for any other purpose. The directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

#### Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is based on the first-in, first out method and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bring them to the existing condition and location.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by independent external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount of land and buildings arising on revaluation are credited in equity to a revaluation surplus. Decreases against previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

#### Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

#### Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 June 2020. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### Revenue Recognition

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These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.





## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONT.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.

Revenue from commissions is recognised upon delivery of services to customers.

Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Revenue from dividends is recognised when the entity has a right to receive the dividend.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

### Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity receives the grant, when it is probable that the entity will receive the economic benefits of the grant and the amount can be reliably measured.

If the grant has conditions attached which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the grant, the recognition of the revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value back to the grant contributor, the transaction is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised as a liability in the balance sheet until the required service has been completed, otherwise the income is recognised on receipt.

PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd receive non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for a nominal or zero value. These assets are recognised at their fair value on the date of acquisition in the balance sheet, with an equivalent amount of income recognised in the income statement.

Donation and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.





# DIRECTORS DECLARATION

## **PTSD Dogs Australia Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2020**

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: Angela Weeks \_\_\_\_\_



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPAWTERS

**NexGard**  
SPECTRA

  
**BLACK HAWK**  
*ingredients that matter* 



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