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A MILLION GOOD REASONS TO TAKE HOME A RESCUE PET

Over 40,000 owners of rehomed cats and dogs have benefitted from \$1 million dollars' worth of discounted pet registration fees, Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock announced today.

Mrs Hancock said the NSW Government introduced half-price pet registration fees for animals adopted from pounds and shelters in 2016 to encourage would-be pet owners to consider adopting homeless pets. The discount was extended to include animals purchased from 95 rehoming organisations last year.

"The registration discount is permanently available so I would encourage anyone thinking of welcoming a pet into their home, to consider adopting a cat or dog," Mrs Hancock said.

"As well as being wonderful new family members, rehoming abandoned cats and dogs has the added benefit of reducing the burden on animal pounds, shelters and rehoming organisations and, importantly, helps lower euthanasia rates.

"Animal welfare organisations such as the RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and Cat Protection Society, local councils with pounds and smaller rehoming organisations do a wonderful job finding surrendered cats and dogs new forever homes."

RSPCA CEO Steve Coleman said the organisation welcomed any initiative which promoted pet registration and adoptions.

"We welcome initiatives that promote pet adoptions over shopping," Mr Coleman said.

"Animals adopted from RSPCA NSW would make wonderful new companions and our organisation does everything it can to find the right homes for the animals in our care."

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