

Creche keeps doggie blues at bay

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A MOUNT Gambier community organisation has turned its attention to the canine world and is helping lonely pooches.

Anglican Community Care, a not-for-profit organisation, now has a 'Pooch Haven' doggy creche onsite, allowing staff members to bring their dogs to work. ACC marketing manager Anne Hinkly-Tyler said dogs such as Mocha, Ralph, Ged, Sox and Ebony loved going to work.

"Their owners drop them off at the Pooch Haven doggie creche, after which the owners walk across to their offices knowing their pets are with their friends and not lonely at home," she said.

Ms Hinkly-Tyler said the idea was conceived by employees Monica Hart and Ute Herрман-Bullock.

"Monica requested permission to bring Ged to work on the odd day, as he was experiencing being home alone for the first time and not very happy about it," she said.

"Ute thought her Mocha could keep Ged company and Pooch Haven then evolved, offering the team at Anglican Community Care a haven for their pets during working hours.

"Mocha and Ralph, Ged, Sox and Ebony have since become best mates and excitedly greet each other at Pooch Haven, which gives a great and sometimes strenuous start to the working day, for pet and owner."



COMFORTING: A new creche allows people to bring their pet dogs to work with them.