

## Book Launch – Leo escapes from the lab

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 – 7.30pm Cornish Arms Hotel – upstairs function room 163A Sydney Road, Brunswick Complimentary canapes and drinks at bar prices Please RSVP for catering purposes.

For most animals unfortunate enough to be designated as mere 'tools for research' their only escape from the laboratory is an injection of lethabarb. For one lucky cat however, a very different fate lay ahead...



Leo is an ex-laboratory cat who has found a forever home. He has won the heart of many and serves as an ambassador for all those animals remaining in laboratories around Australia.

Whilst around 6-7 million animals are used in Australia for research purposes every year, Leo provides a face to those statistics.

Leo already has his own <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>plush toy Leo's</u> are available for sale through HRA.

We are now taking his plight further afield to let younger audiences become aware of the unethical use of animals in research.

Written by Helen Marston and beautifully illustrated by Alex Jasinski who has truly captured the essence of each of the characters, "Leo escapes from the lab" tells the story of Leo, his little sidekick Alfie, his big brother Rocky and the human characters he has met along his journey. Needless to say, "Leo escapes from the lab" is a true story and the characters are all real!

Now available from Humane Research Australia at http://www.humaneresearch.org.au/hra-shop/leo-escapes-from-the-lab

All profits raised from the sale of the books will go toward HRA's work to end animal experiments.

For more details (and RSVP), please contact: <u>info@humaneresearch.org.au</u> or (03) 8823 5704