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Paintings put dogs in picture

ARTIST Helen Norton is exploring the relationship between people and man's best friend in her latest exhibition.

The Lesmurdie artist's exhibition *Dogs' Lives* will be exhibited at Heathcote Cultural Precinct from June 14 to 17 and then at Applecross Art and Framing until July 1.

Funds raised from the exhibition will go to the Dogs' Refuge Home in Shenton Park.

Ms Norton said she had been working on a series of artworks for a while before the exhibition, which is her first in three years.

"I've always been a dog lover and I've supported the refuge for about 10 years," she said.

"The exhibition celebrates the role of dogs in our lives and the way people use dogs for different purposes; it's not a deep message.

"There are working dogs and companion dogs – I've got a chocolate labrador George and he's a crazy boy.

"There are more than 50 pieces of work in the exhibition and it would be wonderful for people to come along and bid for the artwork."

The exhibition will be opened by *Red Dog* movie producer Nelson Woss.



Helen Norton with some of her artworks. Picture: Martin Kennealey d483365