



# ARF quarterly

ACT Rescue and  
Foster Inc.

## About ARF

ARF is an incorporated association of people in the ACT and surrounding NSW region who rescue dogs from euthanasia and foster them in their own homes for as long as it takes to find the loving, permanent homes. The dogs are desexed, C5 vaccinated, heartworm tested, wormed and microchipped before going to their new homes.

**ARF rehomed 109 dogs during  
July–September 2007**



## ARF calendars are here!

Only \$10 for a calendar of beautiful dog images throughout the seasons. Available from our website or contact Wendy at [parsnips@cyberone.com.au](mailto:parsnips@cyberone.com.au)

## Coming events

**SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

Hall Markets

**SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

Queanbeyan Pound Open Day

**SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER**

ARF Christmas Party

**SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER**

ARF Raffle Draw

## Congratulations

Kate Dixon has been recognized for her contribution to animal welfare by being awarded a prestigious Action Award from the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). The award was presented on 3 October as part of Animal Action Week by IFAW Asia Pacific Director, Mick McIntyre.

"IFAW is delighted to present Kate Dixon with an Action Award for her work in rescuing and rehoming hundreds of dogs in the ACT region.

Under Kate's leadership ARF plays a vital role in saving the lives of abandoned dogs that would otherwise be put down," Mr McIntyre said.

## Farewells

Following the Annual General Meeting held in September, the following members have decided to retire from active roles in ARF. ARF would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment and wishes them well.

Kate Dixon	Anja Vels	Alice Hathorn	May Claydon
Samantha Flanagan	Justin Kruger	Mel de la Motte	

## Media

ARF Dog of the Month is sent to regional media. The Bungendore Mirror runs the photo and words every month and is a great supporter of ARF.

Kate Dixon was interviewed on ABC radio just prior to receiving her IFAW award, and the Canberra Times ran a photo and story as a result of our calendar launch by Annette Ellis MP on 13 October.

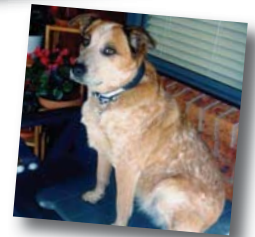


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## Good news story — Poppy Green

Poppy Green, as she is now known, had a pretty sad existence before coming into foster care — she was kept as a breeding dog in a small cage and didn't have much of a life. Somehow she managed to escape her confines, breaking most of her teeth in the process, and ended up at the pound, a skinny, frightened girl, with hardly any fur left on her hindquarters. Poppy was rescued by Sam Flanagan and Justin Kruger before being adopted by a couple who thought she was the most beautiful thing they'd ever met, despite her still-dilapidated appearance! Poppy wrote to let Sam and Justin know about life in her new home.



I have a brand new kennel with my name on it, a yard where I chase the ball for my dad and they even let me inside during the day. I sleep outside at night, but I'm working on it... My dad takes me for a walk in the mornings — I think he needs the exercise more than me because he says he is bugged when he gets home! You will be so pleased, all my hair has just about grown back. The vet said I am a picture of health and believe it or not I now weigh 20 kilos — my mum said I'll have to go on a diet!

Love, Poppy Green xxx

## Member profile

**Name:** Mel (Melynda) McDonald

**Position:** Secretary (as well as various other things!)

**How did you hear about ARF?** I found it one day through a Google search and would check out the photos of the dogs regularly. Then we adopted Tia from ARF, I became a member, and noone had nominated for secretary, so I thought I would give it a go!

**Pets of your own?** Two dogs — Jedda (possibly German Shepherd/Great Dane cross — listed as kelpie cross when we got her from the pound) and Tia (kelpie cross — maybe with staffy or lab).

**What does the position involve?** Organising meetings and taking minutes, documenting decisions, managing the committee emails etc. As part of the various other things, I also receipt donations, participate in the PR sub-committee, take photos of some of the dogs for the website, help out with temp testing and other bits and pieces!

**What are the best and worst parts about being Secretary?** The best thing is being involved with ARF — which is a great organisation with great people! And all those lovely dogs! The worst thing is that I don't feel that I have enough time to follow everything up thoroughly.

## ARF RAFFLE — now on sale

Ten great prizes — only \$2.00 a ticket • To be drawn on 15 December 2007  
If you would like to sell a book of tickets for ARF, check the information on the website.

## ARF Membership Form

Please complete this form and send it with \$15 annual membership fee to the address above.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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