



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.

A contribution is charged for dogs when they go to their new homes. This covers part of the vet costs and the rest of the money is made up through donations and fundraising. Dogs are \$253 or \$110 for dogs over 8 years (includes GST). For more information, please contact info@fosterdogs.org or see our website — www.fosterdogs.org

Media

The Canberra Times ran two feature articles about ARF in December 2007 and January 2008.

The first was on the work of film maker Billie Dean, whose film "7 Days with 7 Dogs" was shown at a special screening in Canberra. ARF members were invited along. The DVD of the film is available from Laughing Owl Productions. ARF members can get a 10 per cent discount and ARF gets a donation. <http://www.laughingowl.com.au/general/shop.htm>

The second feature article "New Leash on Life — abandoned pets and the people who save them" featured an interview with ARF's Foster Carer Co-ordinator, Raelene Stewart (and her dogs!) as well as some truly lovely photos. The article really captured our key messages.

Committee news

The ARF Committee welcomes Raelene Stewart, who has agreed to take on the role of Foster Carer Coordinator. Raelene is an experienced foster carer who will be a great asset to the committee.

ARF events 2008

We were at the Canberra Show this year and talked to hundreds of people about our work, raising interest in a number of dogs available for adoption.

We will be at Yass Show, 8–9 March, DAS Open Day 12 April, Pet Expo 20–21 September, and the RSPCA Pets' Party in October.

We'll celebrate ARF's Birthday with a Trivia Night on 23 August, and plan to launch our 2009 Calendar on 15 October.

Rescues during October–December

ARF rehomed 72 dogs October to December 2007.



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Good news story

Name: Sam **Breed:** Silky X

Rescued: 26 October 2007 **Rehomed:** 6 December 2007

A word from Sam's new family: Daily I appreciate how well you brought up Sam while he was in your care. I enjoy the way Sam is such a polite, gentle and obedient little dog with such a fun nature. He has a few mischief traits like 'I will nick off with your socks when you take them off' but knows that they are not his to chew. He is very clever about distinguishing which things are his and which are ours and not to be taken.

These days I don't read a book without Sam on my lap — he regards a book as a signal for me to sit down for him. It's the same if I'm watching TV or talking on the phone.

We love our little SamDog and he's such a great companion for LertDog and the BrindaBellaCats.



Member profile

Name: Lee Corrigan

Day Job: Running my own business, Canberra Secretarial Services

Own Pets: Lilly a Jack Russell crossed with a greyhound (we think) and Tilly (and NO, we did not name either of them) a Jack Russell crossed with Chihuahua who we adopted from Rhonda in Temora a couple of years ago. It was Rhonda who inspired me to become a foster carer because I met her in the park in Harden and she had about six dogs on leads with her while she waited to meet different people.

Role in ARF: Foster Carer Extraordinaire (oops, forgot to be modest)

What does it involve? Saving certain dogs from the possible terrible consequences of being in the pound and then matching those dogs with owners. It is absolutely

wonderfully fulfilling work. I am absolutely flat out with my business (I only started it in July last year), being a sole parent to two teenager and carer for my 82 year old invalid mother, and I have had people suggest that perhaps I need to give away fostering because I am so stretched for time but it is sooooo rewarding I just could not bear to do that.

How did you hear about ARF? Searching the internet looking for a dog to keep our remaining dog (Lilly) company after the death of our darling Ashley (Kelpie cross). We found Tilly, Rhonda and eventually ARF as well!

What are the best and worst parts about your role? Best part is saving a dog and then seeing it happy in its new home and the worst part... cleaning up little indiscretions that a new dog may do in my house... but wait?! Isn't that what teenagers are for????? I must work on that.

ARF Membership Form

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

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