



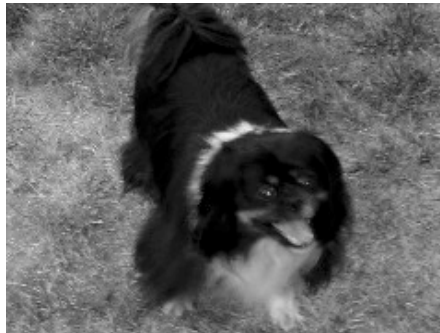
President's message

May we all have a special relationship with our dogs...

"He is my other eyes that can see above the clouds; my other ears that hear above the winds. He is the part of me that can reach out into the sea. He has told me a thousand times over that I am his reason for being; by the way he rests against my leg; by the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile; by the way he shows his hurt when I leave without taking him. (I think it makes him sick with worry when he is not along to care for me.) When I am wrong, he is delighted to forgive. When I am angry, he clowns to make me smile. When I am happy, he is joy unbounded. When I am a fool, he ignores it. When I succeed, he brags. Without him, I am only another man. With him, I am all-powerful. He is loyalty itself. He has taught me the meaning of devotion. With him, I know a secret comfort and a private peace. He has brought me understanding where before I was ignorant. His head on my knee can heal my human hurts. His presence by my side is protection against my fears of dark and unknown things. He has promised to wait for me... whenever... wherever - in case I need him. And I expect I will - as I always have." - Gene Hill

Paula Zylstra
President

ARF's featured dog...



Name: Morris
Sex: Male
Age (approx): 6-7 years
Breed: Tibetan Spaniel
Size: Small
Contact: Katie
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Phone: 02 6287 1151

Morris is a very happy and friendly boy who loves to be near his family.

His favourite thing in the world at the moment is to eat, however, must be on a strict diet until he loses 3-4 kilos. Otherwise, he is in very good health and would make an ideal companion for either a single person or a family.

He is very social, and his new home will need to make him part of the family and let him indoors.

Fondly known as the 'Tibbie', the Tibetan Spaniel is a very intelligent breed, with keen sight and acute hearing. As well as being used as a 'hot water bottle' by the Dalai Lama and the Buddhist monks of Tibet, they sat atop the monastery walls to warn bigger dogs of approaching strangers.

To keep his coat in top shape, Morris needs to be brushed well about once a week. Please contact his foster carer for more information about Morris.

More dogs inside...

About ARF...

ARF is an incorporated association of people in the ACT region who rescue dogs from euthanasia and foster them in their own homes for as long as it takes to find them loving, permanent homes. The dogs are desexed, C5 vaccinated, heartworm-tested, wormed, micro-chipped, and registered (ACT) before going to their new homes. The dogs cost \$195 to the new owners to go toward their vet costs and the rest of the money is made up through donations and fundraising. For more info, please contact Paula Zylstra or Ada Prosperi at the address at the top of this page.

This newsletter may be sponsored by an individual or business for \$50 per one issue or \$240 for six (annual). Please help us cover our costs and save more dogs. For more information, please contact ARF by e-mail at: info@fosterdogs.org

What to do if you find a stray dog....

1. Do unto others

The first thing to remember if you find a stray dog is to do the same kind of things that you would like someone to do if they happened to find your animal injured or with their collar missing. You'd want that person to take your pet to a vet if needed, and you'd also want them to try to find you. At the same time, you need to think seriously about how much help you can offer the animal if no owner shows up.

2. Be prepared

Some useful things to carry in your car if you come across a stray animal are: mobile phone; phone numbers of Domestic Animal Services, your local vet, and a 24-hour emergency vet clinic; cat carrier or cardboard box; collars and leads; blankets; water bowls and water; strong-smelling pet foods or treats; and an animal first-aid kit.

3. Consider the safety of the animal

A strange, frightened, and possibly sick or injured animal may behave unpredictably.

A sudden move on your part may spook him, causing him to bolt—possibly right onto the road. If in doubt about your ability to restrain the animal, call the local police or Domestic Animal Services for assistance.

4. Use caution

Even a small animal can inflict a painful wound. When approaching the animal, speak calmly to reassure him. Make sure he can see you at all times, and perhaps entice him to come to you by offering a strong-smelling food such as canned tuna or dried liver.

5. If possible, restrain the animal and get them to safety

If you can safely approach and restrain the animal, try to get him somewhere safe like a garage or laundry while you seek the owners. If he needs vet treatment, take him to your vet, although be aware you may need to assume financial responsibility for any treatment if the owners can't be found. Discuss these issues in advance with your veterinarian.

6. Check the dog for identification tags or microchip

If the dog has an identity tag, it should be a relatively simple matter to reunite them with their owner as long as details are up-to-date. Your vet can scan the dog for a microchip. If the dog has a registration tag, you can call Canberra Connect on 132 281 (24 hour service) and give them the dog's registration number. The person on the switch will call the number of the owner and if they answer, you are put through and you can speak directly with them to organise how best to reunite the dog with them.

7. Don't assume you are dealing with an irresponsible owner.

Accidents can happen to anyone. A frantic owner may be looking everywhere for their beloved pet. If there is no identification, ARF

advises people who find stray dogs to allow them to go



through the pound system to increase the chance of the owners being able to find the dog and reduce the risk of keeping or rehoming 'someone else's dog'.

You can always get the dog out again in your name if their 'time comes up'.

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8. Be familiar with the law

In NSW, it is law for a person who finds a dog or cat to deliver it as soon as possible to its owner (if the owner can be identified) or to the council pound or other authorised council officer. The authorities may agree to you keeping the dog while you track down the owners, as long as they are kept up-to-date and aware of all the details.

9. Seek further advice

Contact the following organisations for advertising and advice regarding individual situations: [Domestic Animal Services](#) - Mugga Lane, Symonston ACT (02) 62072424

[www.domesticanimals.act.gov.au](#)
[RSPCA](#) - 12 Kirkpatrick Street (off Cotter Road) Weston ACT (02) 6287 8100

[www.rspca-act.org.au](#)
[Queanbeyan Council Pound](#) - Old Sydney Road, Queanbeyan NSW (02) 6298 0269

[www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/page.aspx?page=113](#)

Dogs looking for new homes...



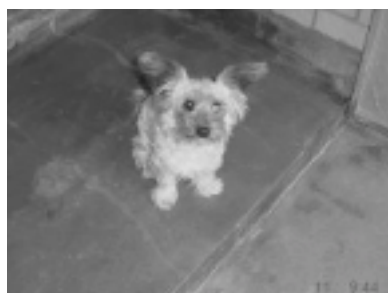
Clever and active: Lucy
Sex: Female
Age (approx): 18 Months
Breed: Staffy x Kelpie
Size: Medium
Description: Lucy is an incredibly clever dog who came first place in Beginners Obedience as a pup.
Contact: Raelene
Phone: 02 6236 3033



Great temperament: Tara
Sex: Female desexed
Age (approx): 8 months
Breed: Mastiff x
Size: large
Description: Tara is a happy dog, who is friendly to other dogs and enjoys a good romp.
Contact: Peter and Sally
Phone: 02 6255 2965



Soft and gorgeous: Tia
Sex: Female
Age (approx): 8 weeks
Breed: Staffy x
Size: Small (will be medium)
Description: As cute and gorgeous as they come! Little Tia is very friendly and playful.
Contact: Raelene
Phone: 02 6236 3033



Cute and cuddly: Merlin
Sex: Male
Age (approx): 12 Months
Breed: Terrier x
Size: Small
Description: Merlin is the most gorgeous, gentle, and cuddly little fellow.
Contact: Nerida
Phone: 6297 3437



Friendly and clever: Mindy
Sex: Female
Age (approx): 12 weeks
Breed: Staffy x
Size: Small (will be medium)
Description: A friendly, outgoing pup who already leads, sits, drops and stays.
Contact: Nerida
Phone: 6297 3437



Gentle faithful friend: Andy
Sex: Male
Age (approx): 2 years
Breed: Maltese x
Size: Small (3.8 kgs)
Description: Andy just wants to be your friend and be loved.
Contact: Lyn
Phone: 02 6248 0906

All the dogs available for adoption are listed on our website at www.fosterdogs.org





My New Home...

This issue: Bonnie

We met Bondoggie in October 2002 and fell in love. Due to bad experiences as a youngster, she had a lot of fears and we weren't sure how she would cope with three children and three cats. However she has been with us for over a year and with a lot of love and encouragement has overcome many of her former

problems. Although still easily frightened, she has learned to walk on the lead, is toilet-trained, uses the doggy-door, travels happily in the car, and even barks when the front door-bell rings. Bon has proved to be the best companion imaginable. She is a bundle of love who is always sooo enthusiastic when we come home, adores



our cats and likes nothing better than to be cuddled and told that she is beautiful. She loves to run near Lake Tuggeranong and looks wonderful in full flight. Bon is affectionate and loyal and a wonderful friend.

Kimz K-9z Kolumn

I am often asked by clients if positive training means that they will always have to feed their dog treats. The answer is no - not if you don't want to. My dog will do what I ask of him most of the time whether I have treats or not. Even if I do have treats he doesn't always get one. I look at it this way: most of us like the work we do. But we wouldn't be nearly as enthusiastic if we didn't get paid occasionally for our effort. Our dogs' job is to be our companion and to do what I ask her to do. In order to keep him enthusiastic about doing his job, I make sure I give him the occasional paycheck - a yummy treat. So I keep treats in the pockets of nearly every garment I own. There is no doubt in my mind I would rather have treat crumbs in my pockets than a chain around my dog's neck.

If you have any doggy related questions please send message to: kim@funnelwebinternet.com.au



Upcoming Events

- Hall markets: fundraiser stall, 4 April 2004
- ARF fundraising meeting: 27 April 2004
- Garage sale: Hackett, 1 May 2004

Please e-mail the Events & Fundraising Officer for information: sophie89@netspeed.com.au

Become a member...

Please complete this form and send it with the **\$15** annual membership fee to ACT Rescue & Foster Inc. PO Box 1308 Woden ACT 2606.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (H) _____

(W) _____ (M) _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to (check all that apply):

- receive** the ARF newsletter and notifications of meetings and events etc
- apply** to be a foster carer (request a *Foster Carer Application* form and *Information Kit*)
- join** the events & fundraising sub-committee
- volunteer** to help dogs in other ways, e.g. administration services, marketing services, specialist grooming or training services
- other:** _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notes: Annual membership to ARF is renewed on 1 July each year. Membership to ARF is approved by the ARF committee. In accordance with ARF's rules, if a member is found to have persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of ARF's rules, or to have persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of ARF, he or she may be expelled from ARF.