



President's message

Well, the year is passing quickly and I'm pleased to note that ARF has had a record year so far for finding forever homes for our foster dogs.

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who has made this possible, to ARF's members and foster carers, to those families who have adopted an ARF dog (or two), and to all those people who have supported and promoted ARF as a great place for someone looking to adopt a new friend.

The vast majority of people I speak to have never heard of 'rescue' before, and had no idea that there are lovely dogs and pups, all over the country, living in foster care with temporary families, until the right home is found for them.

The increase in the number of ARF dogs finding homes this year suggests that more people are becoming aware of the work rescuers do and the plight of the huge number of unwanted dogs.

I hope that, as word spreads, more and more people looking to find a new pet choose to adopt a foster dog. And of course, that less dogs end up in the situation where they need saving in the first place.

Paula Zylstra
President

ARF's featured dogs...



Large and Lovable: Hannah

Sex: Female

Age (approx): 9 months

Breed: Mastiff X

Size: Large

Contact: Raelene

Email: raelene.stewart@fapm.com.au

Phone: 02 6299 5272

Description: Hannah is a wonderful young pup with a kind disposition. She gets on well with other dogs big and small, and also loves kids. Hannah has already learned to sit and is good on the lead. If you love a big dog, you will ADORE Hannah!!!

Big on Character: Griffey

Sex: Male

Age (approx): 10

Breed: Terrier x

Size: Small

Contact: Pauline

Email: ourrusty1@bigpond.com

Phone: 02 6226 5174



Description: If you're looking for a spritely, loveable dog who is past that silly stage of youth then you've found me. I'm 10 years young, good with children, love a good game, and lots of hugs and pats. Houstrained and will come when you call me - pretty good aren't I? That's not all, I will sit and give you the ball back when you ask for it - well - only if you insist!

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 them loving, permanent homes. The dogs are desexed, C5 vaccinated, heartworm-tested, wormed, microchipped, 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.

more dogs inside...

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My new home...

Dougal

Hi everyone!

My Name is DOUGAL—one of those names you get stuck with. It stuck!

I was found wandering around Queanbeyan in December 2003, was picked up by the paddy wagon and put in the pound.

It wasn't such a bad place, plenty of other guys to bark at and regular tucker, but no view at all.

My humans didn't call to collect me, so the powers that be had to put me on death row.

(No Choice! I weigh three kilos and could have eaten em' out of house & home!)

Anyhow.... Because I am small & cute, know how to sit up n' beg for a pat, have deep black eyes and a face like a monkey, I caught the attention of this blonde bird (Lyn) from ARF. She promised to take me away from all this and

take me to HER place. Wow! This sure is a great way to see the world!

DOUGAL!.... WHAT A GUY!

Everything was wonderful..... Lyn can drive, has a good car and not a bad kennel..... but she has OTHER DOGS and a HUSBAND.

(He wasn't bad either, but kept telling me that my front legs were definitely shorter than my back legs, & that I had bad breath... doesn't recognise sports people.)

Lyn is an active member of ARF, who rehome guys like me rather than see us snuff it for no real reason.

(Lyn loves animals, so I guess this is a wonderful way of building up a photo album and getting to meet lots of us.)

Anyhow, around Human new year, or thereabouts, Lyn took me to meet potential new feeders, vet bill payers, walkers and cuddlers in the Weston valley. They had lost their Border collie some time



ago and his companion dog had been gloomy ever since.

I HAVE A JOB! I AM NOW A MENTAL HEALTH CARER FOR A CAIRN TERRIER!

The first thing I had to do was gain her trust. (not easy when you are two inches shorter than the bird you are setting up house with.)

Showing her my desexing tattoos didn't seem to impress her.

And the rope! It's a community rope isn't it? So why the tug of war? How come we still have to tear around the house chasing each other at six AM all over a COMMUNITY rope?

(It is all part of the therapy.)

I love my job....don't mind my humans either. Still think of Lyn every now and then, but she did lead me on, didn't she?



Three cheers for the **ARF fundraising committee!**

ARF would not be able to continue rescuing dogs without the enormous efforts of our fundraising volunteers. If you would like to do something fun and practical to help the dogs, why not consider joining this fabulous group?

Events include market stalls, garage sales, and chocolate drives. All money raised goes directly to helping the dogs.

For more information, please e-mail the Events & Fundraising Officer, Lyn Boyer at sophie89@netspeed.com.au

Dogs looking for new homes...



Clever girl: Lucy
Sex: Female
Age: 18 Months
Breed: Staffy x Kelpie
Size: Medium
Description: Lucy is a very clever dog who continues to win prizes for her outstanding skills in obedience.
Contact: Raelene
Phone: 02 6299 5272



Happy soul: Maggie
Sex: Female
Age (approx): 3 years
Breed: Rottweiler x Kelpie
Size: Large (35kg)
Description: Maggie is a delightful girl who will make a wonderful family pet.
Contact: Tom
Phone: 02 6247 1342



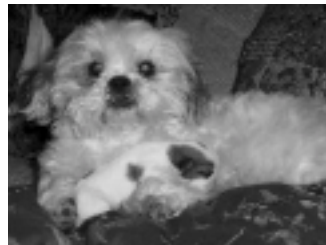
Cheerful: Koola
Sex: Male
Age (approx): 10 years
Breed: Jack Russell x Foxie
Size: Small
Description: Koola is dear little gentleman with a cute, waggy tail and a cheerful disposition.
Contact: Raelene
Phone: 02 6299 5272



Sweet and smart: Jace
Sex: Male
Age: 5-6 months
Breed: Terrier X Cattle dog
Size: Medium
Description: Jace is a gorgeous little guy and very smart.
Contact: Fiona
Phone: 02 6253 2704



Soft-natured: Phoebe
Sex: Female
Age (approx): 6 mths
Breed: Dalmatian x
Size: Medium
Description: A gentle girl who loves people, dogs, kids and cats. Her deafness doesn't seem to limit her at all.
Contact: Kate
Phone: 02 6284 2345



Adorable: Milly & Milo
Sex: Female and male
Age: 1 year and pup
Breed: Shih Tzu
Size: Small
Description: Milly and her pup are absolutely gorgeous. Available for adoption end of June.
Contact: Nerida
Phone: 6297 3437



Playful: Andy
Sex: Male
Age (approx): 2 years
Breed: Maltese x
Size: Small (5 kgs)
Description: Andy is very good-natured, and just wants to be your friend and be loved.
Contact: Lyn
Phone: 02 6248 0906



Laid-back: Monty
Sex: Male
Age (approx): 2 years
Breed: Labrador x
Size: Medium/large
Description: Monty is a great guy who makes friends wherever he goes.
Contact: Kate
Phone: 02 6284 2345

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





My New Home...

Angus (pictured on right with Stella left)

Angus was an unofficial 'therapy dog' for a young girl with cerebral palsy, but very sadly his friend died so Angus came to live with us as an ARF foster dog.

Angus was obviously feeling the loss of his little friend dearly, and would lie on his cushion with sad eyes. My own dog, Stella, quickly helped him feel at home, inviting him to play, licking his nose and

sleeping next to him. Angus started to smile again.

Angus went to the vet for his ARF check up and it was discovered that he had hip dysplasia and arthritis. While Angus was still a happy and active dog, his condition would need careful management, and it could get a lot worse. Each time we take in a foster dog, we make a commitment to that dog. Hearing the vet say that



Angus had a potentially major health problem, I knew Angus had just become a permanent member of our family. Angus and Stella play in the garden or sleep in the shade, and we go for lots of walks and trips to the lake. He also smiles more and more.

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A Word on Chewing. All dogs love to chew no matter what their age. This is what they are built to do. A lot of complaints come from owners with adult dogs that have started chewing inappropriate items. Most of the time this is due to lack of stimulation.

Most people know that a puppy will chew just about anything, but adult dogs also need things that they can chew. You should regularly give your dog raw bones, rawhide chews, dentabones as this not only helps stimulate them but helps with dental health. You should also replace the items regularly. If your dog suddenly starts chewing inappropriate objects previously ignored and has plenty of stimulation with bones, chews, toys etc, a full veterinary examination would be the first port of call, but have



a look at your dogs' available chew toys to see if he has a good selection. If you have any doggy related questions please send message to: kim@funnelwebinternet.com.au



Upcoming Events

- **18 July** – Kingston market stall
- **23 August** – ARF 3rd birthday
- **25 September** – garage sale, Hackett

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.