



ACT Rescue and Foster (ARF!)

President's message

The last six months have been a busy, but rewarding time for ACT Rescue and Foster (ARF!).

Our first meeting was held on 23 August 2001 and since then we have been setting up our policies and procedures as well as rescuing and rehoming over twenty dogs.

ARF welcomes new people into the association and help is always needed in all kinds of ways. You don't have to foster dogs to be a member of ARF.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact us at the address listed overleaf or visit our website at:
www.keywords.com.au/arf

The problem of pet overpopulation is multi-faceted and ARF aims to try and find solutions to long-term problems as well as help in immediate situations.

That is why we strongly urge all people to desex their pets and treat them as valued members of the family.

The next six months will see us building our membership base, finalising some administrative arrangements, increasing publicity, and saving more dogs.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Michele Warner



Dogs looking for new homes...



Rosie is a senior female sweetie, about 10 years old, who is quiet, gentle and affectionate. She would make a perfect companion for an older person or couple. Rosie is vaccinated, wormed, desexed and microchipped.

If you would like to meet Rosie, please contact Katie on 02 6287 1151 katie@keywords.com.au



Arthur is an older fellow, about 10 years old, who still has a lot of life left in him. He gets on well with other dogs and loves people. This adorable dog deserves to live out the rest of his days in a loving, comfortable home with a soft, warm bed.

If you would like to meet Arthur please call Virginia on 02 6231 7508.



Kent is a male Pharaoh Hound, around 12 months old. He is very friendly to all strangers, loves other dogs and is OK with cats. Kent will need training, lots of exercise and someone who is dog wise. He comes desexed, vaccinated, wormed and heart-worm free.

Please contact Marisha on 02 6287 5758 or at jking@netspeed.com.au

About ARF...

ARF is an association of people in the ACT who rescue dogs from euthanasia and foster them for as long as it takes to find them loving, permanent homes.

ARF aims to rescue and rehome as many unwanted dogs as we can and educate the community about responsible dog companionship.

All available dogs are desexed, vaccinated, wormed and registered. ARF asks only for a rescue contribution of \$150 per dog to help cover vet costs, plus any donations people may wish to make.

For more information, please contact us at the address listed overleaf.



Basil with his new 'Mum'

My New Home...

This issue: Basil by Lyn Boyer

We responded to an ARF classified in the Canberra Times looking for a loving home for a three-year old Silky.

Basil has been with us for over two months now and what a wonderful and welcome addition to our family he is!

When he first came to us he had a few misunderstandings about his position in the family and was a bit snappy with 12-year old Julian. However, with a little bit of patience, understanding and some reward-based training,

we've sorted out those problems and our Bazy is now very secure in his position as our much loved family dog.

Basil is such a rewarding little fellow—always so full of enthusiasm and welcomes when we come home and so keen to be a part of every family activity.

He loves going in the car almost as much as he loves chasing his ball!

Without doubt Basil has enriched our lives.



Why do dogs end up in Rescue?

Most dogs in pounds and shelters are perfectly normal, well-behaved dogs who are there through no fault of their own.

- Dogs get accidentally lost from gates being left open.
- Dogs get frightened by thunderstorms and fire-crackers, escape, and then become lost.
- Inappropriate dogs are chosen on impulse, and later dumped or handed into the shelter.
- Or their companions just lose interest in them.



The top ten reasons people surrender their dogs are:

1. Moving
2. Landlord not allowing pet
3. Too many animals in household
4. Cost of pet maintenance
5. Owner having personal problems
6. Inadequate facilities
7. No homes available for litter mates
8. Having no time for pet
9. Pet illness
10. Biting

Recipe!

Cheesie Bacon Dog Biscuits

3/4 cup wholemeal flour
 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt
 200g margarine, softened
 2/3 cup brown sugar
 1 egg, slightly beaten
 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
 1 1/2 cups regular oats
 1 cup shredded cheese
 2/3 cup wheat germ
 250g bacon, cooked crisp,
 drained, and crumbled

Combine flour, baking soda and salt; mix well and set aside. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture, mixing well. Stir in remaining ingredients. Drop rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 180 degrees for 16 minutes. Cool on baking sheet for a minute or so before removing to cooling rack. Yum!

Five ways you can help ARF help dogs...

We rely on donations to continue our life-saving work. Any help you can provide, financial or otherwise, will be very gratefully accepted.

1. Become a member of ARF
2. Become a foster carer
3. Sponsor a dog
4. Donate fundraising items or supplies such as food
5. Make a financial donation

For more information, please contact Michele Warner on 02 6278 4460 or Katie Nelson on 02 6287 1151 or write to:

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 PO Box 827
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<http://www.keywords.com.au/arf>

Facts of life...

There are too many unwanted dogs and not enough homes for them. In 2000-2001, the ACT Pound euthanased 444 dogs and the ACT RSPCA put down 203 dogs and 66 puppies.