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President's message

ARF is two years old this month—Happy birthday to us!!

In August two years ago, a small group of Canberrans, who had been rescuing dogs privately, joined forces to help save the lives of even more of their canine friends.

These fringe dwelling rescuers thought they could achieve more by working together than they could on their own. Few may have thought they were creating a monster!

ARF is now a fully incorporated organisation, with wonderfully dedicated and hardworking volunteers. We survive on donations, and our love for dogs - and not necessarily in that order either. Since the idea of ARF was born, we have directly and indirectly saved and improved the lives of over 150 dogs.

More and more people are discovering what we do, how we do it and things can only get better and better.

I believe it is our bipped responsibility to care for Canis familiaris and our reward to love them. I discovered ARF in December 2001 and by joining was given the opportunity to do my bit to make a difference no matter how small I thought it was. By reading this newsletter you too are helping even if you may not realise it yet.

To all ARF members, to the people who give and keep giving of yourselves, you are a truly wonderful, inspiring, supportive, caring, friendly bunch and you do a bloody good job. Happy Birthday and pats to your puppies!!!

Karen Hindley



Dogs looking for new homes...



Rusty is a 7 yrs male
cattle dog x staffy

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Jordy is a 1-yr old
male staffy x

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Rusty is a 4-yr old
male chi foxy x

Please call Maree
02 6297 4308
www.fosterdogs.org



Ruski is a 2-yr old
male terrier x

Please call Katie
02 6287 1151
www.fosterdogs.org



Astro is a male
border collie x puppy

Please call Nerida
02 6297 3437
www.fosterdogs.org



Toby is a 2-yr old
male terrier x

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Nelson is a 2-yr old
male ridgeback x

Please call Kate
02 6284 2345
www.fosterdogs.org



Rosie is a 12-yr old
female chi foxy x

Please call Maree
02 6297 4308
www.fosterdogs.org

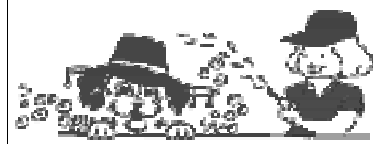
About ARF...

ARF is an incorporated association of people in the ACT 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. They 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 information, please contact Karen Hindley or Katie Nelson at the address at the top of this page.

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My New Home...

This issue: Rocky by Nathan

My Auntie got Rocky for us from a lady who rescues Staffords from the pound. We chose Rocky because we thought he would be a good house friend. We taught him a trick, we say 'UP' and he jumps up and gets the food.

We taught him another trick which is sit and we walk around him a couple of times and he stays. Sometimes we take Rocky for walks around near the lake and he is a very friendly and a human puppy. We play with him everyday, wrestling and tackling, and Rocky loves it.



Sometimes we take him to our Nan and Pops. Rocky is a small solid puppy, he is brindle and about 3 years old. Rocky is my best pal.

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As a follow on from my last article about doggy boredom, many people think that walking and obedience are the only activities you can do to exercise/stimulate your dog. This is wrong! With a little effort on your behalf, your dog and yourself can have a lot of fun. Some extra-curricular doggy activities include: Agility, Flyball, Tracking, Endurance Trials, Sheep Herding, Pets As Therapy, Earthdogging, Frisbee Flying, Rally'O, Doggy Freestyle (dancing with your dog), Search and Rescue, Lure Coursing, Doggy Playgroup, or just going on holiday with your dog. For further



information on how to become involved in these activities or if you have any doggy related questions please send message to: kim@funnelwebinternet.com.au



Volunteer Foster Carers & Members Wanted!

ARF is always seeking suitable volunteer foster carers to help rescue & rehome dogs. Essential requirements: Commitment, a secure & loving home environment, & an understanding of dogs. And if you can't foster, why not become a member for only \$15 and help in other ways! For application forms and more information, please see www.fosterdogs.org or email info@fosterdogs.org

'We Are A Circle'— a poem about dog rescue...

Once I was a lonely dog, just looking for a home.
I had no place to go, no one to call my own.
I wandered up and down the streets. in rain, in heat, and snow.
I ate whatever I could find, I was always on the go.
My skin would itch, my feet were sore, my body ached with pain.
And no one stopped to give a pat, or a gently say my name.
I never saw a loving glance, I was always on the run.
For people thought that hurting me was really lots of fun.
And then one day I heard a voice, so gentle, kind and sweet,
And arms so soft reached down to me, and took me off my feet.
"No one again will hurt you", was whispered in my ear,
"You'll have a home to call your own, where you will know no fear,
You will be dry, you will be warm. you'll have enough to eat,
And rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams will all be sweet."
I was afraid, I must admit, I've lived so long in fear,
I can't remember when I let a human come so near.
And as she tended to my wounds, and bathed and brushed my fur,
She told me about the rescue group, and what it meant to her.
She said "We are a circle, a line that never ends",
And in the centre, there is you, protected by new friends.
And all around you are the ones that check the pounds,
And those that share their home, after you've been found,
And all the other folk are searching near and far,
To find the perfect home for you, where you can be a star."
She said, "There is a family, that's waiting patiently
And pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see,
And then they'll join our circle, they'll help to make it grow,
So there'll be room for more like you, who have no place to go."

I waited very patiently, the days came and went,
"Today's the day," I always thought, "My family will be sent!"
Then just when I began to think, it wasn't meant to be,
There were people standing close, just gazing down at me.
I KNEW them in a heartbeat, I could tell they felt it too,
They said, "We have been waiting for a special dog like you".
Now every night I say a prayer, to all the Gods that be.
"Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me.
But most of all protect the dogs, in the pound, and on the street,
And send a Rescue Person, to lift them off their feet."

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