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President's message

October 4 is World Animals Day, a day dedicated to fostering respect for, and recognition of, the value of all animals.

Companion animals, such as dogs and cats, play an important role in the lives of many people, with the majority of homes in Australia having at least one companion animal.

Those of us who share our lives with such animals will attest to the love and companionship they bestow on us and the extra dimension they add to our lives.

Importantly, though, we share our world with many other animals who we often leave out of our thoughts. Statistics show the number of animals killed for food in Australia in 1999-2000 was a staggering 452.5 million animals, or 14.3 animals each *second*.

So, this issue, please cherish your dogs and cats, but also think about how you might be able to help other animals.

You are welcome to contact me for information about going vegetarian! Your body, the planet and the animals will thank you!

This is my last message as President of ARF, as, for personal reasons, I have decided to take a break from the position but will, of course, continue to foster dogs in need.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped ARF in its formative year – let's continue to work together to help the dogs of the Canberra region.

Best wishes,
Michele

Dogs looking for new homes...



Jessie is a small 8-9 year old female cross.

Please call Michele
02 6278 4460
www.fosterdogs.org



Harley is a sweet and loving young male.

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Max is a young male Border Collie.

Please call Sarah
02 6292 4048
www.fosterdogs.org



Rex is a handsome 2 year old male Kelpie.

Please call Ada
02 6287 2613
www.fosterdogs.org



Scotty is a 2-year old Smooth Collie X.

Please call Paula
02 6253 0308
www.fosterdogs.org



Larry is an 8-year old male Maltese.

Please call Katie
02 6287 1151
www.fosterdogs.org



Kelly is a young female Cocker X.

Please call Michele
02 6278 4460
www.fosterdogs.org



Monty is a 5-year old Staffordshire Terrier.

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org

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.

The dogs are desexed, vaccinated, heartworm-tested, wormed and registered before going to their new homes. They cost \$150 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 Michele Warner or Katie Nelson at the address at the top of this page.

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'Dizzy'

My New Home...

This issue: Dizzy

My name is Dizzy and I am a Staffy x approximately 3 years old. In my new home I had to learn to go through the doggy door and am now quite good at it, even if I do say so myself! I am allowed to sleep with Sue on her bed and she covers me with my *own* blanket but only when I have had enough tummy tickles. Sue says I have a lizard tongue and



calls me Dizzy Lizzy Lump of Lard! I have chewed up a few things (quite innocently) I wasn't meant to but other than that I am well behaved. I get heaps of love and games from everyone, and I am *very* happy. Everyone says I can stay, so I think I will do just that! Thank you rescue team.

What to do if your dog is lost...

1. Act immediately—don't wait for a couple of days.
2. Search the neighbourhood thoroughly & ask everyone.
3. Visit animal shelters in person every couple of days.
 - Domestic Animal Services
Mugga Lane, Symonston ACT 2609 - (02) 6207 2424
www.domesticanimals.act.gov.au/
 - RSPCA
12 Kirkpatrick Street (off Cotter Road) Weston
ACT 2611 – (02) 6287 8100
www.rspca-act.org.au/
 - Queanbeyan Council Pound - Old Sydney Road,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620 - (02) 6298 0269
www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animal/Impounded/
4. Advertise, Advertise, Advertise
 - Put posters in shops, vet clinics, bus stops, telegraph poles, community noticeboards, school noticeboards, and in the back window of your car.
 - Advertise in daily and weekly newspapers. Contact local radio stations - many run free announcements.

Did you know...

The Canberra Pound euthanased 313 dogs in 2001-2002 (18.5%), down from 444 dogs in 2000-2001 (24.5%). In 2000-2001, NSW Council Pounds euthanased 26,856 dogs (56%).

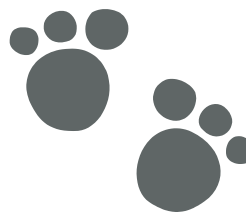
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My name is Kim and I am a member of ARF and the owner/operator of Kimz K-9z. I offer positive reward-based training and behavioural advice.



Reward-based training focusses on rewarding the dog for doing something 'right', rather than punishing him or her for doing something 'wrong'.

This is a more effective, not to mention kinder, method of training because it is line with the way dogs learn. Dogs have no concept of right or wrong—only safe versus dangerous or rewarding versus unrewarding.



Training is an important part of owning a dog, and I look forward to providing some useful tips and information in future issues of the ARF newsletter.

Please email your dog-related questions to:
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