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President's message

This message comes from the memorial service held at the site of the Weston-Woden Animal Hospital in Holder, tragically destroyed by fire on 18 January:

"We give thanks for animals, for sleek coats, firm muscles, beautiful form and uninhibited life.

"In our pets we know the trusting hearts and unconditional love. The nudging and challenge to look outside ourselves to the needs of another being.

"We celebrate these animals and give thanks for their presence in our lives.

"We acknowledge all those who dedicate their lives to caring for animals, paid or unpaid. We give thanks for their endeavours.

"We are aware of the responsibility of trust that comes with caring for animals. Some owners and carers will feel great guilt and sadness at the death of their animals in apparent breaking of that trust.

"We pray for peace and forgiveness within the hearts of those people - forgiveness of themselves, knowing there is no more they can do.

"We give thanks for the lives of all the animals who died, here and throughout this singed city and nation.

"We salute and fare them well."

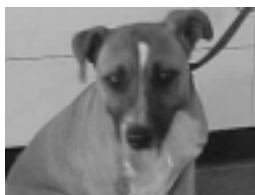


Dogs looking for new homes...



Luke is a loving & sweet 8-yr old Silky x.

Please call Virginia
02 6231 7508
www.fosterdogs.org



Cody is a friendly & playful 11-mth old x.

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Rani is a large & active 9-mth old female x.

Please call Karen
0405 330 140
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Rex is a handsome 3-yr old male Kelpie.

Please call Ada
02 6287 2613
www.fosterdogs.org



Holly is a cuddly 6-mth old female x.

Please call Paula
02 6253 0308
www.fosterdogs.org



Eve is a gentle 5-mth old female x.

Please call Lyn
02 6248 0906
www.fosterdogs.org



Dylan is a robust & loyal 6-yr old Cairn.

Please call Katie
02 6287 1151
www.fosterdogs.org



Sparky is a playful & cheeky 18-mth Chi x.

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About ARF...

ARF is an 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, 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 Karen Hindley or Katie Nelson at the address at the top of this page.

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'Oscar'

My New Home...

This issue: Oscar

I am an 8-year old Maltese and in my early years I had a pretty hard time of it. But once ARF found me it all changed, and now I have a new home and a new name and I am sooooo happy.

I live in a house with another dog called Lily who is pretty nice for a girl dog, and three cats. Well, what can I say? Cats are cats, and these three have given me some hard times I can tell you. However



they are now firmly under control and believe me they know who is the boss. I have short hair and a really blokey studded collar with a red lead, which does wonders for my image. I get lots of walks around the neighbourhood and sometimes we go to the lake and I run and run. I am happy happy happy!

20 Things We Can Learn From A Dog

1. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
2. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
3. When loved ones come home, run to greet them.
4. When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
5. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
6. Take naps and stretch before rising.
7. Run, romp and play daily.
8. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
9. Stop eating when you've had enough.
10. Be loyal.
11. Never pretend to be something you're not.
12. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
13. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
14. Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
15. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
16. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
17. On hot days, drink lots of water & lie under a tree.
18. When you're happy, dance around and wag your body.
19. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
20. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Strange, but true: A doctor from Missouri took time out from human patients to treat a stray dog who'd gotten tangled up in some barbed wire. The pooch recovered and was released. About a year later the doctor heard a scratching at his door. There was the dog and by his side was a strange dog with bruised and bleeding paws. Both dogs looked at the doctor expectantly. "Somehow the animal remembered I was the man who could fix hurt paws!" said the doctor.

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Welcome to 2003!

A common question I encounter from clients about their dogs is "How do I get them to come back?" Here are some tips to help out:

1. ALWAYS reward your dog for coming to you, it need not be food, but get pretty excited.
2. Teach your dog an attention word (other than his name) because if you can't get his attention you can't get him to come!
3. If you walk your dog off-lead, call her to you at a few intervals, not just to go back on the lead.
4. Never call your dog to you to do something unpleasant (eg. Nail clipping, bath) and certainly not to punish, go to him.
5. If your dog does run off in one direction, don't chase her, run the other way.
6. Attend obedience classes with your dog. As he learns to look to you for direction, he will be less inclined to look around the local oval for direction.
7. If you are not 100% sure your dog will return, for her safety and your peace of mind, only let her off in a secure area. Most dog clubs provide a fenced off-lead area for exercise.



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