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President's message

On ANZAC day we stop to commemorate the lives lost by our men and women in Australian military operations.

In many instances these personnel were not alone but accompanied by a four-legged friend who lived and died alongside them. Some dogs became unofficial mascots, found in foreign countries and adopted by the officers. These dogs learnt to become guard dogs as well giving early warnings of approaching enemies. "Horrie" was found as a puppy in Egypt by an Australian, Private Jim Moody, and travelled with the 2/1st Machine Gun Battalion throughout the Middle East. Many other dogs involved in wars were specifically trained to track and patrol; carry messengers and equipment in backpacks and accompany their troops through all their hardships.

We know that an easily wagging tail and a smiley face can do miracles for the soul. To find out more, visit the Australian War Memorial or online at <http://www.awm.gov.au/>
On the 25 April – Paws for thought.

Finally, I would like to say a few words for a very special ARF boy. One whom I feel honoured to know and to have had the privilege to learn so much from.

"Dogs are evidently intended by God to be our companions, protectors and, in many ways, examples." Father Bertrand Wilberforce.

Love you Rex.
Karen Hindley



Dogs looking for new homes...



Luke is an 8-yr old Silky x (special needs)

Please call Virginia
02 6231 7508
www.fosterdogs.org



Jordy is an active 1-year old Staffy x

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Rani is a large & active 10-mth old female x

Please call Karen
0405 330 140
www.fosterdogs.org



Arkie is a sweet 10-year old Yorkie x

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Holly is a cuddly 9-mth old female x

Please call Paula
02 6253 0308
www.fosterdogs.org



Eve is a friendly 7-mth old female x

Please call Lyn
02 6248 0906
www.fosterdogs.org



Roxy is an intelligent 5-year old Kelpie x

Please call Kate
02 6284 2345
www.fosterdogs.org



Buffy is a loving 1-year old mini foxie x

Please call Nerida
02 6297 3437
www.fosterdogs.org

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, 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: Lotti

I am finally getting the family trained to do the things I want them to do. Actually, I have been very well behaved for a dog that spent most of my youth (I'm less than two years old) on the streets of Queanbeyan! Only once have I demolished an artefact inside the house, and that was by mistake. I thought the feather duster was a chicken, so I plucked it. Only then did I realise there was nothing under the feathers to eat!

The boss takes me for long walks, and we both like those. He's not up to sprinting like I am, and he won't let me catch a galah when I chase them. I must try to get him to be more active. The missus loves her garden, and won't let me bury bones under her shrubs, so I've found a soft patch of earth under the house. I can gnaw bones there to my heart's content. The down-side is that I get dusty, and the



boss then thinks I need a bath in the laundry tub – not fun. Initially all the people who came to the house thought I was timid. Not so, I just didn't want anybody taking me for granted. Now I just lavish love on everybody – what the heck; they all love to be fussed over, just like I do!

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There are times when you would like to have something cute or smart to show your friends with your dog.

Not sure how to get the finished product?

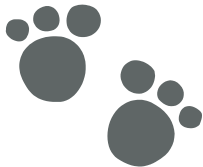
An oldie but a goody is the paw shake.

1. Hold a treat inside your fist in front of your dog's mouth. When he lifts his paw to try to get you to release the treat, catch it with your other hand, and release the treat.
2. When your doggy is starting to get this, hold out your hand to shake, with a treat in the other as a fist.
3. Slowly fade the fist until you can just put out your hand for a shake.



Note: When starting, be careful just to let your dog's paw rest on your hand, as they generally don't like having their paws grabbed.

Email your dog-related questions to: kim@funnelwebinternet.com.au



Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club commences its new term on 29th April, 2003. Join the team of Qualified Instructors on Tuesday evenings at the Queanbeyan Showground. Puppies accepted from 3 months of age. For enquiries & enrolments, please ring 0429 381 348 or Mr Butler on 02 6236 3154.

In the wake of the Canberra bush fires...

ACT Rescue & Foster (ARF), in conjunction with ACT Cat Adoption Team (CAT), is currently working in the fire affected areas to return missing animals to their families.

Family cat, Morgan Moloney lost his home in Duffy but was reunited with his family three weeks after the bushfires. His story will be featured on 'Harry's Practice'.

Cats are resourceful creatures and most will have escaped the fires relatively unscathed by entering the drains where it is cool and safe. As a general rule, they will not stray further than a 1km radius from their territory, however it may take up to seven (7) months to sight and humanely trap them. These animals will be traumatised and may not respond to their normal stimuli. Calling for your pet may not be enough to bring him or her home.

If you have noticed any stray animals in your area, please take note of their markings, any tags, collars and the times they are appearing.

If possible, and without causing further trauma, please check if the animal you have found is microchipped by taking it to your nearest vet.

Your support and observation is invaluable and may help to reunite a family and help them get on with their lives.

For more information, or if you have lost an animal during the fires and would like information on how to retrieve them, please contact Karen Hindley, ARF on 0405 330 140 or Brenda Colebourne, CAT on 02 6288 1219.