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President's message

I often wonder why we see so many of the same breeds at the pound so often.

Why are there so many (mixed or pure) of some breeds, but not of others? What are the crucial differences between what breeders of these dogs are doing?

Why are some breeders so much more accountable for their dogs?

And it's not just the pure breeds I'm talking about because somebody must have bred the cross breed's parents!

Responsible breeders care about what happens to the dogs they bring into this world. They choose new owners carefully, provide proper health and welfare care and advice, abide by legislation, insist on desexing pet puppies as part of the sale contract, and always offer to take their dogs back if it doesn't work out. Why don't other breeders do this?

Ignorance and the power of the mighty dollar mean that dogs continue to end up and end their lives in pounds across Australia.

Potential dog owners can help play an important part in helping to solve the problem by choosing to buy a dog from responsible registered breeders, rescue groups, pounds, or shelters. Buying dogs or puppies from other sources only perpetuates the problem. One litter after another....

Karen Hindley



Dogs looking for new homes...



Tammy is a 5-yr old F Tenterfield Terrier

Please call Virginia
02 6231 7508
www.fosterdogs.org



Jordy is a 1-yr old male Staffy x

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Mindy is a 1-yr old female cross breed

Please call Rita
02 6231 6011
www.fosterdogs.org



More dogs looking for homes are listed on the ARF website at:

www.fosterdogs.org



Boots is a 6-mth old male cross breed

Please call Sarah
02 6292 4048
www.fosterdogs.org



Cody is a 1-yr old male staffy x

Please call Raelene
02 6236 3033
www.fosterdogs.org



Roxy is a 5-yr old female cross breed

Please call Kate
02 6284 2345
www.fosterdogs.org



Midge is a 7-yr old F Tenterfield Terrier

Please call Nerida
02 6297 3437
www.fosterdogs.org

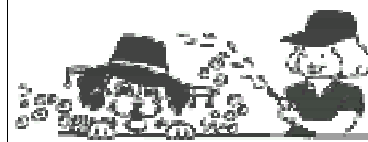
About ARF...

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: Sophie & Natasha

My name is Natasha (on right), or Tasha for short, and I moved in with my new people during November, and a lot has happened since. We had a great Christmas (lots of presents and treats), walks everyday, plus a long swim twice every weekend. Then we had the 18 January fires all around us, my forest is burnt

to black, and the creek has been closed. This was disappointing, but then Sophie also from ARF (on left) moved in. She is my new buddy and we have a wonderful time together, playing tug-of-war, going for swims in the lake, and chasing each other around the garden. Sophie is a real softie and



cautious with other people, cars and dogs, but she is also bright and learns quickly.

I am teaching her the ropes and we all think she's great. Life is pretty good!

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Does your dog turn into Mr Destructo when left home alone? Do you come home to find your washing, sprinkler system, couch cushions or furniture chewed? This CAN be a serious problem but a lot of the time it is simply boredom. How can you help to eliminate your dogs boredom?



- Dogs are very active creatures (some breeds even more so) and should be walked at least once a day every day.
- Leave toys that your dog will play with whilst you are away such as Kongs stuffed with seafood paste and cat biscuits. You can also hide treats or chews around the garden.
- If you do not let your dog off-lead on normal walks, a trip once a week to a secure off-lead area may help.

- Joining an obedience club is a great way to not only teach your dog but to socialise him as well.

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



Health Warning: PARVO Virus

Parvo is a major killer of dogs. It is extremely contagious and transportable to unvaccinated dogs. In some regions of Sydney, Parvo has reached epidemic proportions. However, being so easily transported, it is definitely not confined to these areas. Please ensure your dog's vaccinations are completely up to date.

For more information on Parvo, please visit:

<http://www.animalclinic.com/parvo.htm>

<http://www.vetinfo.com/dparvo.html>

Things To Think About When Adopting A Dog...

1. Why do I want a dog?

This could be a 10-15 year commitment. What do you want from your dog? The answers to this question could greatly influence your choice of dog.

2. Can I afford a dog?

Dogs cost money! The purchase price is the least of your costs – there are veterinary bills, food bills etc.

3. Do I have time for a dog?

Dogs require social contact for their mental well-being. If you can't give a dog at least an hour's attention a day, you might be better off with a less demanding pet?

4. Can I have a dog where I live?

Many landlords don't allow dogs, so check first. Perhaps you long for a dog, but someone you live with can't stand them, or is allergic to them?

5. Is now the right time for me to adopt a dog?

If you have 3 kids under 6 years old, or thinking about going overseas, for instance, it might be better to wait until you can give your new dog the care he will need.

6. Do I have the right home for this dog?

Research the breed, talk to the dog's current carers, and try to establish if you and the dog will be suited to each other.

7. Do I know how to care for a dog?

Dog ownership takes a certain amount of 'know-how'. Fortunately, there are many resources if you need help.

8. What's more important - my pet or my furniture?

If you are houseproud, are you prepared to cope if your new dog soils the carpet, or chews on the couch? Choose carefully so you get a dog you can live with.

9. Can I be a responsible companion to a dog?

There are laws to be followed and neighbours to consider. There's feeding, watering, walking, and grooming. Are you sure you are ready for this commitment!