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ABOUT ARF

ARF is an incorporated association of people in the ACT and surrounding NSW region who rescue dogs from euthanasia and foster them in their own homes for as long as it takes to find them loving permanent homes. All dogs are de-sexed, vaccinated, wormed and micro-chipped before going to their new homes.

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COVER: GYPSY

Gypsy is a staffy cross now living with her new owners in Belconnen.

If you are looking for your new best friend check our available dogs at fosterdogs.org/available-dogs-gallery

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a totally gorgeous autumn this has been, and the flow of beautiful dogs coming into foster care has continued; watched over by our wonderful team of carers. This team is really top notch and we are so proud of them. Like any good team, they watch out for one another all day, every day, and often nights. They're always ready to jump in and help with the challenges being faced by their team mates and also to share in the joy of finding the right homes for our dogs. Have a read of our lead article in this issue and step into the secret world of one of our foster carers.



There are many ways you can help ARF without being a foster carer, and you can find out how you can help, and who to contact, in this issue. Apart from our public Facebook page, we have now set up another page to help owners rehome their dogs. Please check it out at Facebook's Canberra Dog Rehoming List and spread the word about this community service.

Our trivia night team is hard at work on arrangements for the 2016 ARF Trivia Night. This fantabulous event, compered by the irrepressible Larry Appley (Radio 2CA) is on Saturday 24 September at the Canberra Labor Club Belconnen, and you can book your tables and tickets at arfrivia@gmail.com. We also congratulate all winners in the ARF Mother's Day Raffle—well done ladies!

We're delighted with the steady stream of wonderful donations we've received following the launch of our donation box at Ainslie IGA, and our sincere thanks to our supporters Dogs on the Run and Ainslie IGA. ARF has been in the news a number of times in the last few months—take a closer look at your Yellow Pages! You can check out some of our amazing donations in this issue.

So stay warm, cuddle your dog, light the fire, and don't forget to celebrate Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of the journey towards spring.

Thanks, as always, for your ongoing support.

Wendy Parsons

President, ACT Rescue and Foster

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WHO NEEDS SHOES ANYWAY?

BY MEL MARTIN

Now I have arrived at your home,
everything is strange, and I don't
feel good.

Do not be impatient if I don't sleep
in my new basket.

Yesterday I slept on a stone floor.

Do not be terrified if I gobble
up my food.

Yesterday I had to do it to survive.

Do not get angry if I pee on your floor.

Yesterday it didn't matter.

Do not be sad if I'm afraid of your
loving hand.

Yesterday I didn't have one.

Have patience with me.

It's your world, but not yet mine.

If I trust you I can give you the
greatest gift I have to give ...
my heart.

Please never forget I was a Pound dog.

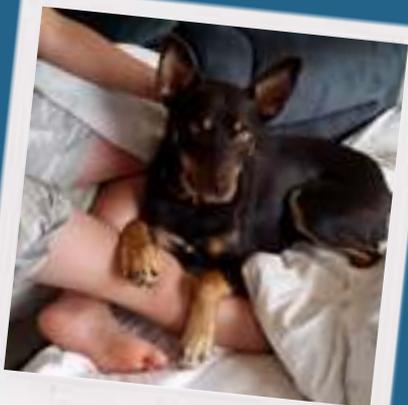
All I need is a bit of time to adjust.



“I don’t know how you can let those dogs go when you find them a home!” That’s the one comment I hear every time I explain what I do, and it’s exactly what I was wondering when I signed up as a foster carer with ACT Rescue and Foster.

I was determined to be strong, but I pretty much figured I’d end up with a second dog, and that would be that ... but, at least, I would have saved one life. Yet somehow, after several chewed up thongs, sneakers, and heels, some inexplicably exploded dog beds, many laughs, and many more cuddles, I sobbed all the way back from Marley’s new home where I’d left him with two delighted kids.

It was, without a doubt, one of the hardest things I’ve ever had to do. And I couldn’t wait to do it all again. Now, after finding loving homes for a dozen or so dogs, the sobbing has subsided (mostly—I did leave small pieces of my heart with Banjo and Kai), and now I focus on the smiles on their new owners’ faces.



Kai learning to trust



Jax – it’s a big world out there

My fosters have ranged from 4 to 40 kilos; some have turned up fully trained, while others have needed extensive training to address difficult behaviours; some were ready to play the minute they arrived, and some began their stay huddled in a corner, trembling in fear.

There was Kai, who was so scared in the pound, he had to be carried out; Winter, whose ominous looking lumps gave her little chance of getting adopted from the pound; and Jax, who’d never seen the outside of a backyard and thought everything was out to get him. And, pretty much every one of them has chewed up something!

But every single one was worth saving.

All of them have taught me something new—in a few months, I’ve learned more about dog behaviour, dog body language, and stashing away my shoes than in a lifetime of dog ownership.

And that’s all thanks to the huge amount of support ACT Rescue and Foster provides. A mentor system ensures that new carers are guided through the process, a network of knowledgeable carers and accredited trainers freely dole out advice, and formal training helps volunteers build their skills several times each year at little or no cost.

And that’s not to mention the incredible group of volunteers who, time after time, work together to make a save work—from travelling to faraway pounds to fetch a dog, to providing short-term care so that a carer can take on a dog despite having other things happening in their lives. So when I’m asked how I do it, the answer is easy.

It’s knowing I’ve saved a life, and made sure that the life will be as good as it can be in the best possible home. It’s moving straight on to our list of urgent dogs due for euthanasia, to bust the next one out. And it’s watching that first post-pound deepest sleep ever of a dog who knows they are safe.

For those dogs, we’re the only option ... and new shoes are easy to find.

If you’d like to become a dog foster carer, visit www.fosterdogs.org/foster-a-dog

HELP US, HELP OUR DOGS

If you are unable to foster care you can still help ARF in a number of ways.

Stalls

We have stalls at many shows, fetes, country fairs, field days, and other events in and around the Canberra region. If you can spare an hour or two to help on a stall, or if you would like to make items for sale on the stalls (dog coats, biscuits, bandanas, pup-cakes, etc) please contact our stall co-ordinator at carolanderson@grapevine.com.au

Communication

We are looking for volunteers to help distribute ChinWag in Canberra. Submission of articles (either original or sourced), and book reviews and recommendations, are also welcome. Please contact chinwag@fosterdogs.org for more information.

If you can help out with ARF events, or if you’re a photographer with passion for dogs and dog events, please contact communication@fosterdogs.org

Sponsorships and Fund-raising

If you have a business and would like to sponsor ARF at an event or function, or can assist with fund-raising, please contact communication@fosterdogs.org

ARF IN THE NEWS!

AINSLIE IGA DONATION BIN

In collaboration with Dogs on the Run and Ainslie IGA, our wonderful donation bin was launched by MLA Yvette Berry on Monday 18 April. The bin is the brainchild of Carolyn Kidd (Dogs on the Run) who used her powers of persuasion to convince Manuel Xyrakis (owner Ainslie IGA) that it was the best idea ever! In actual fact, dog owner Manuel didn't need much persuading!

The bin is large enough to hold big bags of dog food, blankets, toys and accessories, and is wheeled securely inside the store at night, and emptied every week. And, just out of interest, last year we ran a story on Shen Morincome who conducted a social experiment and fund-raiser to determine which colour of donation box attracted the most donations from passers-by—it was blue; hence our lovely blue bin.

Each week we've had the most fantastic haul of dog goodies (see pic below) that has been gratefully distributed among our foster carers. A huge thanks to Dogs on the Run, Ainslie IGA, Yvette Berry, and all our ARFers and ex-ARFers (with carers and owners) who turned up for the launch, and also to The Canberra Times, and WIN TV for their coverage of the event.

Image (top): ARF President Wendy Parsons (centre) with Sylvia and Manuel (IGA)



CANBERRA YELLOW PAGES

Have you got your copy of the Yellow Pages yet? If you have, you could not have missed their fabulous front cover of our very own Beverley Margosis with two of her rescue dogs (and children).

Bev has been saving dogs for many years. She is also one of our foster carers, a mentor to new carers, and our DAS Liaison Officer who leads our intrepid team of temperament testers every Saturday morning at the Canberra Pound—rain, hail or shine!



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

BY CAROL ANDERSON



COLLECTOR PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Great day at the Pumpkin Festival! \$79.75 in donations (double last year), \$270 in sales and \$246 in raffle ticket sales—absolutely brilliant considering the gale force winds! But nothing stops the country folk. Thanks to ARF Ambassadors Mouse and Mungo (with Lisa and Lyn), Mishka (with Helen), and Gorgeous Gus (with Kirsten). Lisa has just informed me that Mungo has been adopted (barring some checking) by a family that saw him at the festival! Thanks also to Dee and Aine for helping on the stall.

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK

The annual Million Paws Walk in Commonwealth Park is becoming Canberra's main Dog Day Out, with over 3,000 pooches and their owners enjoying the sunshine, dress-ups, competitions—including the inaugural Paw-lympic Games, and market atmosphere. A few ARFers and ex-ARFers joined in the fun and our stall was once again a huge success! Thanks to all who participated.



ARF MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS!

Congratulations to

- 1 Jan Felton—Ticket Number 0606
- 2 Susan Black—Ticket Number 0553
- 3 Katherine Bucke—Ticket Number 0159
- 4 Carol Anderson—Ticket Number 1445
- 5 Kathryn Holland—Ticket Number 1247

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you can help at any of the following events or stalls please contact our stall organiser extraordinaire Carol Anderson at carolanderson@grapevine.com.au

July

1 July

Dickson Shops
11am-2pm

August

5 August

Dickson Shops
11am-2pm

September

26 September

ARF Trivia Night
Canberra Labor Club—
Belconnen
Bookings essential at
ARFtrivia@fosterdogs.org

October

9 October

ARF 2017 Calendar launch
Venue tba—all ARFers and
ex-ARFers, carers, owners and
friends welcome!

15 – 16 October

Murrumbateman Field Days
Murrumbateman Showground

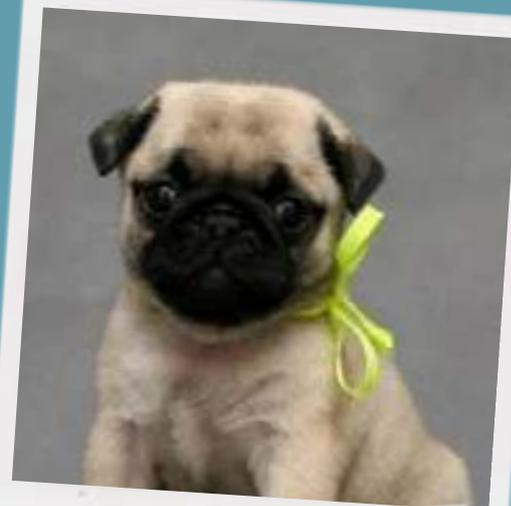
WHAT'S YOUR BREED?

What's Your Breed? covers some of the more popular dogs in Australia in each issue of *ChinWag*. It goes without saying, but we'll say it anyway ... that all dogs need responsible owners that undertake, at least, basic training, and provide plenty of exercise including a daily walk.

PUG

The cute little Pug has a happy-go-lucky attitude, and is loyal, loving and affectionate with its family. Playful and lively, the Pug can be a little willful if they sense they're stronger minded than their humans. Highly intelligent, they need an owner who is calm, confident, and consistent with rules—harsh punishment is unnecessary as they're quick to learn, but they do need their human to be the pack leader. Do not allow the Pug to take over the house as they can then become jealous and display guarding behaviour. They get along well with other dogs, pets and children. Pugs can get cold easily and can become stressed if too hot or cold—get some cute coats for the winter months! They can also be prone to allergies, and their short muzzle tends to make them wheeze and snore! They love their food so a good diet to keep their weight consistent is recommended. The Pug will grow to 25 – 36 cm, and should weigh around 6 – 9 kilos depending on gender.

(Image: sourced)



AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER (AMSTAFF)

According to Australian Geographic, the AmStaff is one of the most popular dogs in Australia. Highly intelligent and easy to train the AmStaff is a people-oriented dog who thrives when he is part of a family. An active breed; they're loyal, feisty, courageous, and very strong, and can be a bit over exuberant especially when young. They love to have job to do and may be destructive if they're bored. They do well in obedience, agility, and tracking, and will do best with an interactive owner who will not only spend time with them but will also establish leadership as Amstaffs definitely have a mind of their own. Given the right environment they will be ideal canine citizens and will love being with other dogs and pets, children, and their family.

The AmStaff weighs between 20 – 27 kilos and will grow to 43 – 48 cm depending on gender.

(Image: Hazel by Liz Dowling)



ROTTWEILER

The Rottie is calm, powerful, and devoted to their owners and family. Brave and courageous they will defend their family fiercely if needed. They are docile, natural guard dogs with a reliable temperament and are often a first choice for police, military, and customs service. Because of their size, the Rottie needs an owner prepared to train, socialise, and provide good leadership, and the lines should be clearly defined and consistent. Given the right training and leadership, the Rottie will be excellent with children, other dogs and pets, and friends and family with be enthusiastically welcomed. Strangers with bad intentions will get no further than the front yard!

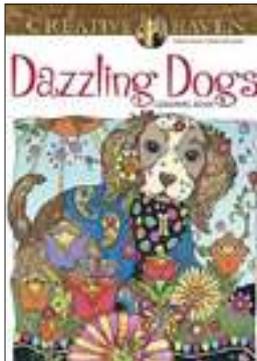
Depending on gender, the Rottweiler will grow to 69cm and a powerhouse weight of up to 59 kilos.



BOOK REVIEWS

BY AINE DOWLING

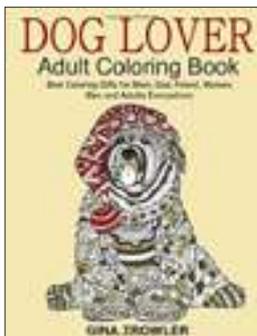
And now for something completely different! Apparently, colouring-in is the new stress relief/calming/therapeutic activity for adults, and if you're a dog lover ... what better! Personally, I'm a bit ambivalent about the colouring-in thing, as I remember, as a child, I used to freak out when I went outside the lines, so I'm not sure it would de-stress me at all. But, if you're looking for something different to stuff in a stocking this year, here are a few suggestions. For obvious reasons, the books are only available in paperback.



DAZZLING DOGS

Dazzling Dogs has 31 pages of intricate and colourful pooches, with flowers, paisley and multi-colour patters, and pictures of dogs on road trips, digging in the garden, and generally doing stuff that dogs do. The pages are perforated and printed only on one side, so you can remove and display your artwork. This book is designed for experienced colourists—outline 'stressers' need not apply.

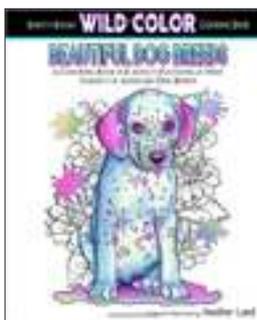
Dazzling Dogs by Marjorie Samat
Dover Publications, May 2016



THE DOG LOVER COLOURING BOOK

The Dog Lover Colouring Book is suitable for adults and older primary children up, and includes 32 pictures of a multitude of different dog breeds. High quality paper means you can use pencils, crayons, or coloured markers.

The Dog Lover Colouring Book
Creator: Gina Trowler
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, November 2015



BEAUTIFUL DOG BREEDS

Saving the 'best for last', Heather Lord, creator of **Beautiful Dog Breeds**, happily admits that of all the breeds in this colouring-in book, rescued is her favourite! With 32 pages of breeds including Corgi, Pomeranian, St Bernard, Border Collie, German Shepherd, Poodle, Chihuahua, and the fabulous mixed breed Rescue, this is the perfect choice for ARFers!

Beautiful Dog Breeds is part of Wild Color
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, December 2015

LOOK AWAY!

A head turn, or 'look away' can be an important signal to help you detect when your dogs is uncomfortable, or help you communicate with other dogs. It's subtle, simple, and says a lot.

That moment when you meet a stranger; what do you do?

- 🐾 Lock eyes and stare intently?
- 🐾 Give a big friendly smile and engage conversation?
- 🐾 Turn and look away?

Most of you probably answered 'look away'. You're communicating that you are not a threat and you're not interested in engaging with that person.

You take your dog to meet another one, who is bouncing, straining, and choking at the lead in his excitement. Your dog appears not to see the other dog—looking away, or into the distance. Your dog is communicating that he wants to avoid this type of exuberance, and if his signal is ignored he may feel the need to escalate his meaning with more obvious signals, such as a low growl. Or he may start to display nervous tendencies such as hiding behind you, or pulling to get away.

Dogs use the 'look away' to communicate different things depending on the situation, but it's generally a sign that your dog feels the need to communicate that they're not threatening and would rather not engage. Either way, it's worth noticing and responding accordingly.

Let's say you're patting a friend's dog when another friend's dog approaches. The first dog turns to stare at the second, and the second does an immediate head turn and looks away. The communication is clear—the first dog is saying 'the treat lady is mine; don't even think about coming over here'; to which the other dog responds with 'that's cool; you can have all the treats you want'. A resource guarding issue was resolved with a turn of the head.

Had the other dog not looked away, or if you insist that it approached for a treat, you could have a potential issue on your hands.

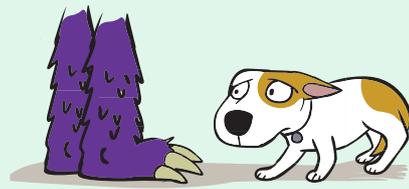
Sometimes it may seem that your dog's attention is all over the place, but their behaviour might not be as random as it appears. Watch carefully!



Body Language of Fear in Dogs

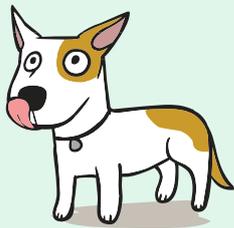


Slight Cowering



Major Cowering

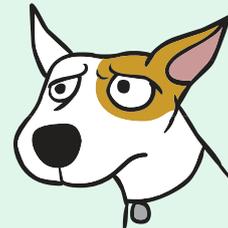
More Subtle Signs of Fear & Anxiety



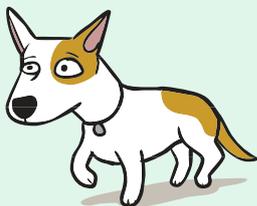
Licking Lips
when no food nearby



Panting
when not hot or thirsty



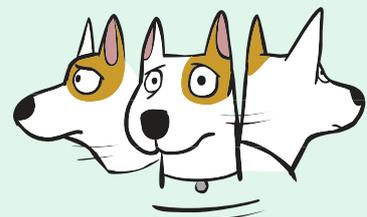
Brow Furrowed, Ears to Side



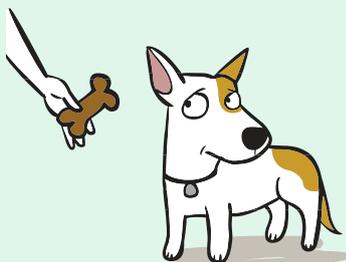
Moving in Slow Motion
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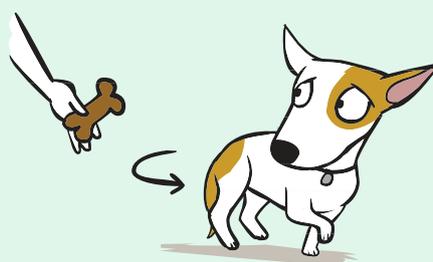
Acting Sleepy or Yawning
when they shouldn't be tired



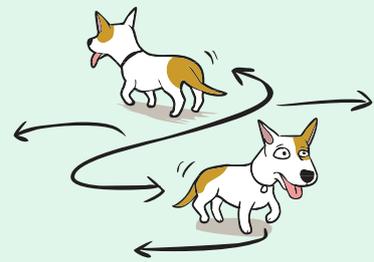
Hypervigilant
looking in many directions



Suddenly Won't Eat
but was hungry earlier



Moving Away



Pacing

SENIOR DOGS

BY AINE DOWLING

**When I am old and grey
my step might be slower.
I may not hear as well.
I may not see as well.
I may not feel as well.
But ...
My love will be the same.
My devotion will be
the same.
My appreciation will be
the same.
My heart and soul
are grateful
for all that you have done
and do ...
When I am old and grey.**



One day you will look at your dog and see that instead of the lively puppy expression you remember, you notice that his muzzle is grey; his eyes may be cloudy, and maybe he moves a little slower than he used to. Your dog is entering his senior years.

Dogs such as Rottweilers, Great Danes, Labradors and other large breeds become seniors at about six years; while the medium breeds are generally considered seniors around eight, and toy breeds may not hit their senior years until their teens. However, as general rule of thumb, a dog who is eight years old can be considered middle to senior age.

You should discuss their health with your vet to determine a health care program for your dog as he ages. Some things you may need to watch for as your pet ages include:

Slowing down/arthritis: look for subtle changes in how he gets up and down and uses stairs—is there any stiffness or hesitation? Do changes in the weather affect his movement?

Arthritis is common in dogs as they age and can occur in any joint. Discuss treatment with your vet for the best possible outcome.

Any muscle atrophy must be professionally diagnosed and discussed with your vet.

Grey muzzle: most dogs commonly show a bit of grey around the muzzle" from six years on.

Reduced hearing: does your dog take longer to wake up from sleep or become startled if you approach from behind? He may be experiencing some hearing loss, and again your vet is the best person to discuss this with. If he does suffer from reduced hearing he will need you to protect him from dangers such as traffic and children (which he may not hear), and you may wish to teach him hand signals for common commands such as sit, stay and come.

Cloudy eyes: your dog's eyes may develop a 'haze' around the pupil. This is a normal effect of aging and generally the vision is not affected. This condition is known as lenticular sclerosis and is not the same as cataracts which are white and opaque.

As your dog ages there may be other signs such as teeth and gum conditions; uncontrolled urination; decreased appetite, and he may also show some confusion and disorientation in what are (or once were) familiar surroundings.

CANINE DEMENTIA

Also known as canine cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CCD) canine dementia is very similar to Alzheimer's disease in humans. As the disease progresses, it causes confusion, disorientation, memory loss and personality changes. The cause of this disease is not known but, like Alzheimer's disease, there are a number of degenerative changes in the brain including reduction in frontal lobe volume, reduced blood flow, and reduced levels of dopamine. Over 33 per cent of all dogs will have some signs of CCD by the time they are ten years old.

As well as confusion and disorientation, other symptoms include: reduced activity; changes in sleep patterns; increased thirst; excessive panting; soiling and urinating inside; lack of interest and changes in navigating their environment, reduced ability to recognise familiar people, and pacing or wandering aimlessly.

With the right care and medication, there is no reason why his older years should not be some of his most rewarding—after all, he's wiser as well as older. With the right diet; a good exercise program and regular vet checks, your older dog can still enjoy a happy and healthy life.

There are many ways we can help and assist our dogs as they age. Remember, it is always best to discuss any medical issues your dog might have with your veterinarian.

- 🐾 veterinary prescribed arthritis medications, apple cider vinegar (non-purified), joint powder, and fish oil can be useful
- 🐾 a good, well balanced diet
- 🐾 regular vet check-ups
- 🐾 spending time with your dog each day, and try to keep him mentally stimulated with different toys
- 🐾 being gentle and never getting frustrated or raising your voice
- 🐾 being mindful of sudden movements or turns (almost invariably there is a dog at your feet)
- 🐾 ensuring the dog is comfortable, dry and warm at all times
- 🐾 ensuring adequate sleep and rest time (and observing when your dog needs them)
- 🐾 not moving the furniture or his bed from their usual positions.

Have you adopted an ARFer? Where are they now? is about ex-ARFers who have been adopted into their forever homes. We plan for this section to be a regular inclusion in ChinWag and would love to hear from ARF owners wherever you are—in Australia or overseas—to let us know how your new best friend is getting on. They could have been adopted last month or some years ago—we don't mind! Send your update and pics to chinwag@fosterdogs.org



MAGGIE-MAGPIE—FROM ANNETTE CURSLEY

Maggie was adopted in early 2016. She is a 6 year old Staffy/Cattle Dog cross and her parent states that she has easily fitted into the family. She loves, and is loved by, her 9 year old Border Collie cross sister, Roxie. Her parent describe her as "sensational" with their 4 year old grandson. Maggie has proved herself gentle, loving and affectionate. She has even learnt to use the doggie door (with gentle encouragement and lots of treats!). Her parent couldn't be happier with Maggie and wrote in her update that she feels as if Maggie has always been with her, even after just a couple of months, and in an update to Maggie's foster carer wrote: "please don't overlook the older dogs—they have so much to offer and truly deserve a second chance. I am so glad she found me. And thank you ARF for also realising she deserved a second chance at life."

WHERE ARE

COMPILED BY LAUREN CANNELIS

REBEL—FROM ANNETTE SUGDEN

Rebel was adopted in 2005 and now resides with his parents in Brisbane on a hill overlooking the sea. He gets two walks a day, often along the beach, and his parents report that he is an "expert crab catcher!"

He still enjoys the company of his two black cat brothers and various foster cats from time to time. His parents report that he spends the majority of his day sleeping under the desk upstairs. He does, however, enjoy excursions to Brisbane's coastal areas, and as his parents are now retired, these excursions have become more frequent. He is a regular at the local doggy café, Frenchies, and receives a mat, a biscuit and a bowl of water on arrival.

Since adoption, Rebel has faced his own fair share of challenges, such as:

- 🐾 He was bitten by a brown snake and spent several days in a veterinary hospital.
- 🐾 He was bitten on the nose through a fence by a German Shepherd and his wound required extensive bandaging.
- 🐾 He was stung by a bee and his face swelled to double its usual size.
- 🐾 He was attacked by a free roaming dog while walking on lead and obtained severe lacerations to the area around his eyes and his neck. This resulted in another lengthy stay at a veterinary hospital.

Despite these incidents Rebel remains a happy and contented dog. His parents report that Rebel is an integral part of their lives and he "is a hit with all the neighbours" and their family. His parents, in contacting Rebel's foster carer and providing an update on his life, wrote the following:

"Thank you for fostering Rebel and matching us to this wonderful little fellow. Life is so much better with him."



PARKER

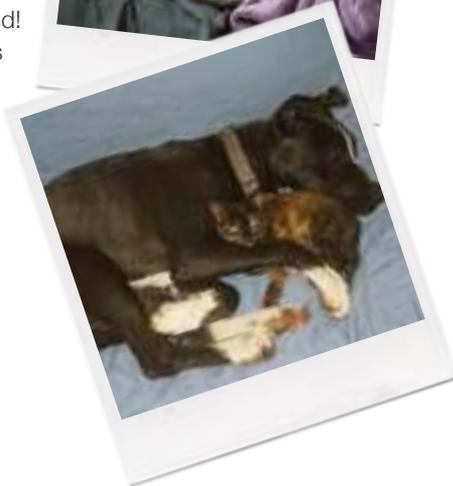
Parker was adopted in early 2014 and as such has been living with his parents for just over two years now. His parents describe him as the most loving, loyal and faithful little fellow. He is no trouble at all

and his parents 'love him dearly'. Parker thoroughly enjoys going for walks and spending time with his family.



ATLAS

Atlas was adopted early this year. He has settled into his new home splendidly and now has his very own kitty best friend! The little kitten was found in the bush. She had been abandoned and was tragically the only survivor from her litter so Atlas adopted her has his own.



THEY NOW?

EMILY—FROM BRONTE FERRARO

Through our recent adventures in Canberra, we now realise that Emily is a bit of a celebrity. Whether we are at the dog park, walking the streets or at events such as last Sunday's RSPCA Million Paws Walk, we are always approached by an unsure yet excited individual who asks "Is this THE Emily from ARF?". So we thought we would write in and let you know how Emily is going since we adopted her in November 2015.

Emily has completely changed our lives. We first met Emily at the RSPCA open day late last year, where she arrived dragging foster carer Joh along behind her, and over the coming weeks as we got to know Emily, we fell in love. When she arrived at our house for a trial she proceeded to inspect every single room in the house. She

particularly liked the backyard, but wasted no time in stamping her official place on the couch. She has a few quirky traits such as moving our shoes during the day. After work, we undertake a daily treasure hunt in order to reunite all our pairs of shoes! Emily is always smiling, and will sit on your foot and wait until you give her back scratches. She's also quick to tell you when it is time to get out of bed by announcing the beginning of the day with a bellowing WOOF, right in your face!

Emily is absolutely in love with a number of things. Squeaky toys, tennis balls, socks, and her Dad! She uses him as a chair, a bed, and exploits it for all it's worth for treats and a pat.



We could say a lot more about Emily, but that would involve about a month's more of the reader's time! All we know is that Emily is truly one of a kind. She has the most beautiful temperament and is so gentle and so loving. We both love her so much and we wouldn't trade her for the world. Thank-you ARF for all you do for dogs in need!

RECENTLY ADOPTED

ARF has a variety of dogs currently in care from young pups to oldies. If you are interested in adopting an ARF dog please go to <http://fosterdogs.org/available-dogs-gallery/> and contact the carer directly. If you would like to become a foster carer for ARF please contact info@fosterdogs.org. We also work closely with other rescue groups and pounds in the Canberra region and NSW, so if you're after a particular breed/size or age of dog please complete a Dog Wanted form from our website and we may be able to assist you in your search.



Angus (9 weeks)
Boxer-Staffy X
Rescued 24 March, Adopted 8 April



Rhodie (9 weeks)
Boxer-Staffy X
Rescued 29 March, Adopted 16 April



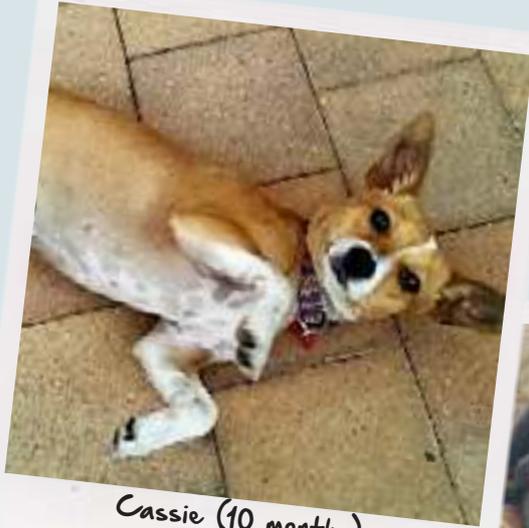
Mash (9 weeks)
Boxer-Staffy X
Rescued 30 March, Adopted 3 April



Jax (9 weeks)
Boxer-Staffy X
Rescued 24 March, Adopted 10 April



Rosie (9 weeks)
Boxer-Staffy X
Rescued 29 March, Adopted 14 April



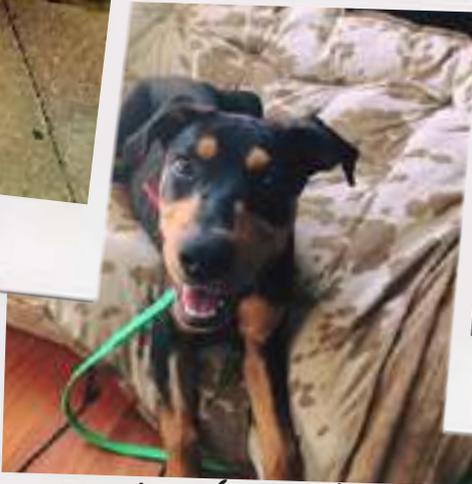
Cassie (10 months)

Terrier X
Rescued 10 March, Adopted 1 May



Cooper (6-12 months)

Labrador-Kelpie X
Rescued 26 February, Adopted 26 March



Aries (5 months)

Doberman X
Rescued 9 February, Adopted 26 March



Beanie (9 weeks)

Special Blend
Rescued 25 January, Adopted 12 February



Tobu (12 weeks)

Border Collie-Staffy X
Rescued 19 February, Adopted 7 March



Nutmeg (3 months)

Staffy X
Rescued 24 March, Adopted 17 April



Little Joe (10 weeks)

Pomeranian X
Rescued 5 February, Adopted 5 March

RECENTLY ADOPTED (CONT.)



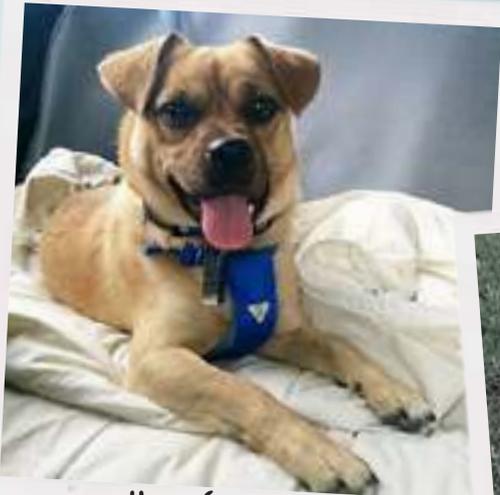
East (12 months)
Wolfhound X
Rescued 22 February, Adopted 3 April



Millie (12 months)
Terrier X
Rescued 26 February, Adopted 12 April



Stirling (12 months)
Australian Cattle Dog X
Rescued 27 February, Adopted 18 March



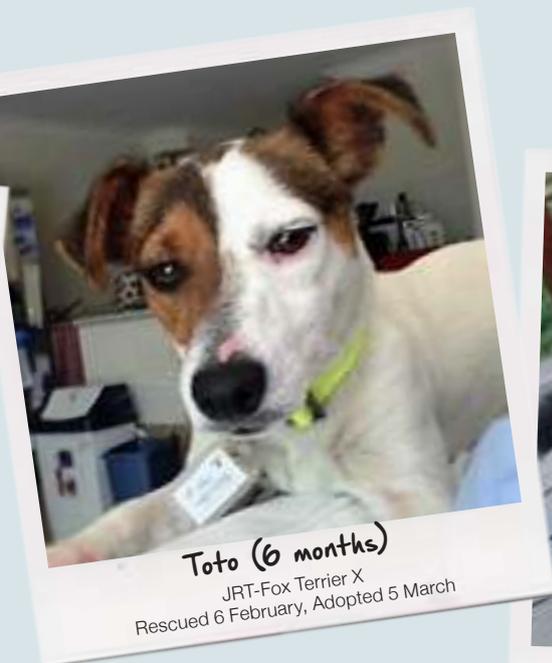
Hugo (12 months)
JRT-Pug X
Rescued 25 January, Adopted 22 February



Nero (12 months)
JRT-Fox Terrier X
Rescued 5 March, Adopted 25 March



Tina (10 months)
Bull Arab-Great Dane X
Rescued 7 March, Adopted 15 March



Toto (6 months)

JRT-Fox Terrier X
Rescued 6 February, Adopted 5 March



Bella-now Ella (3-4 years)

Cardigan Corgi
Rescued 12 February, Adopted 19 March



Bronson (3 years)

Staghound-Mastiff X
Rescued 5 March, Adopted 8 April



Woody (12 months)

Fox Terrier Mix
Rescued 5 March, Adopted 30 March



Bolt (4 years)

Border Collie-Kelpie X
Rescued 27 January, Adopted 21 February



Buddy (5 years)

JRT-Staffy X
Rescued 1 April, Adopted 17 April

RECENTLY ADOPTED (CONT.)



Clyde (3 years)
Premium Blend
Rescued 30 January, Adopted 9 March



Colby (18 months)
Mystery Blend
Rescued 19 March, Adopted 30 April



Harry (5 years)
Australian Cattle Dog X
Rescued 10 December, Adopted 9 April



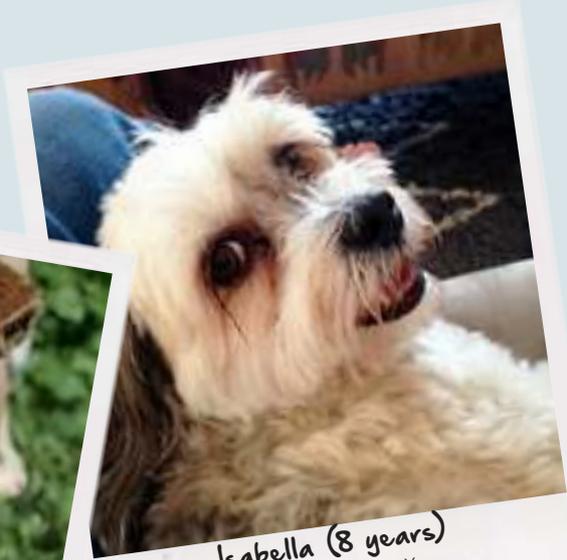
Zara (18 months)
Australian Cattle Dog-Kelpie X
Rescued 11 February, Adopted 3 April



Charlie (7 years)
Labrador X
Rescued 4 February, Adopted 19 March



Calvin (over 10 years)
JRT X
Rescued 11 February, Adopted 7 April



Isabella (8 years)
Shih Tzu-Maltese X
Rescued 11 February, Adopted 29 February



Robbie (11 years)
JRT X
Rescued 30 January, Adopted 5 February



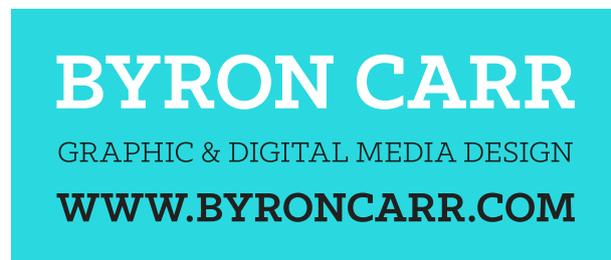
Samson (8 years)
Terrier X
Rescued 11 December, Adopted 27 February



Pepe and Kai (12 years)
Miniature Poodles
Rescued 17 February, Adopted 15 April

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From first hugs, to last hugs, the rewards of foster care are many, and sometimes it's hard to say goodbye. Image: Banjo and his foster carer. Banjo came into care on 24 June 2015 and was adopted into his forever home on 11 July.



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