

General ARF News

In January and February we have been very busy getting our training schedule underway for our volunteers. We have also had a great start to the year for our ARF meet ups but would love to see even more dogs and their humans! Finally, if you are interested in joining one of our Committees or volunteering in another capacity send an email to the link below and let us know.

[Email your interest in volunteering](#)



ARF Meet Ups

January's meet up happened on Sunday the 12th. We met at The Fox and Bow at the Farrer Shops for a coffee and a chat.

February's meet up happened on Saturday the 15th at Little Oink Cafe in Cook. Again, meeting up for a coffee and a chat.

When the weather cools down we will go back to our walks, but for now it's nice to stop for an hour or two.

[Little Oink's Facebook Page](#)

[The Fox and Bow's website](#)



RSC Update

(Rescue Sub Committee)

At the moment ARF has 26 active foster carers with a total of 19 dogs in foster care.

Since January 1st, ARF has rehomed 15 dogs to their forever families.

ARF is getting a new website on 27 February, we hope you like ARF's new look. It can still be found at fosterdogs.org and has all the same features, such as our foster dogs looking for a permanent home, and the lucky ex-foster dogs who have found their new homes.

CSC Update

(Communication Sub Committee)

The ARF Communication Subcommittee looks after events, stalls, media, fundraising and publications. Throughout 2020 the team is working closely with ARF's Rescue Subcommittee on a campaign to attract the new fosters who are urgently needed. 2020 stalls will promote ARF foster caring. We began the year with a stall at Petstock Fyshwick on 15 February, National Pet Adoption Day. There was a great deal of interest in our dogs and particularly in foster caring. On **23 February** at QT Canberra we will be at BarkFest, a modernized dog day that assists in fundraising for under-dog rescue organisations, while providing a paw-fect social environment for dog lovers.

Coming up over the next few months are:

Saturday 14 March Petbarn Tuggeranong for the Petbarn SavourLife Rescue Challenge

Saturday 29 March Petbarn Weston for the Petbarn SavourLife Rescue Challenge

Sunday April 5 Pets and Positive Ageing Dogs Day Afternoon, Companion Dog Club, Narrabundah

Sunday 17 May, RSPCA Million Paws

Saturday 20 June - A Pooch Affair

Christmas in July, Queanbeyan

We have a major fundraising event during March as the nominated rescue group in the Canberra region for the Petbarn SavourLife Rescue Challenge. We were also nominated last year and received a mountain of SavourLife food supplies plus a donation of \$7000.

Watch out for more details on how you can support us in the 2020 Challenge.

Photoshoots for ARF's 2021 calendar are beginning and the calendar will be as beautiful as ever - a showcase for our wonderful dogs.

Our popular magazine Chin Wag has a new editor, Hari Lodwick, and she's looking for stories and articles - if you

have material and/or ideas, please contact her chinwag@fosterdogs.org



Training Update

ARF Volunteers have had their first training for 2020!

There were 8 teams (handler + dog) and 5 people observing the session. This was an introduction to GRC

(Gameness/Relationship/Control)

Dogsports and the trainer, Amy Smith presented us with a different view of interacting with our dogs through training and obedience work. Judging from the responses of the participants, the concepts and practices introduced by



GRC Canberra Facebook
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from the responses of the participants, the concepts and practices introduced by Amy were thought provoking and challenging. They appreciated her thorough explanations and demonstrations with various dogs.

One of the foundations of GRC is to have socially responsible dogs which will happily accompany us in any situation without becoming nervous or stressed. Some other very important aspects being addressed are the dog's biological fulfillment, very often using play and of course effective leash handling.

This session was an open introduction to GRC and Amy did an excellent job catering to all levels of experience. Her ability to remember and impart so much information was pretty impressive. Thank you Amy!

Pound Liaison Update - January and February 2020

Queanbeyan - Yass - Campbelltown - Wingecarribee - Crookwell

From January 1st 2020 until February 21st, ARF has brought 6 dogs into care from these pounds. 1 dog is up on the site and looking for their new home, 3 are only new to care and their foster carers are getting to know them before they go up on the site and 2 only came into care this week.

[Queanbeyan Pound](#)

Goulburn Pound

From January 1st 2020 until February 21st, ARF has assessed 8 dogs and saw them head off to their forever homes directly from the pound or through other rescues.

[Goulburn Pound](#)

DAS Pound

From January 1st 2020 until February 21st, ARF volunteers have spent their Saturday's at DAS assessing 21 dogs ranging from Bull Arabs to Kelpies to German Shepherds.

[DAS Pound](#)

Have your say:

Have some ideas or thoughts you would like to share with ARF? Now is the time! We want to know what you would like to see in the ARF Community, what you would like to be doing and what you would like to be kept informed on. Send through an email and let us know your thoughts!

[Email your thoughts.](#)