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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 desexed, vaccinated, wormed and microchipped before going to their new homes.

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COVER: SANDY

Our cover girl for this issue is **Sandy!**

Sandy is a Fox Terrier cross who came into ARF care in 2019 at the age of 12 with a flea allergy and not a lot of hair. She now has a thick coat and is an expert on snuggling up for winter.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Winter edition of *ChinWag*!

It has been a challenging year for everyone, first with the Australian bushfires and then a global pandemic. In this edition we meet the heroic rescue dog who is helping to save koalas and consider how best to keep our dogs happy while working from home. We also explore the issue of outside dogs, catch up with some puppies all grown up and learn about planning for your pet. We have all our regular features including Where Are They Now, Recently Adopted and a film review, and introduce a new feature: the Dog Sports section.

There have been some changes to the ARF team since the last edition with Angharad Lodwick commencing as the new editor for *ChinWag* and myself as President of ARF.

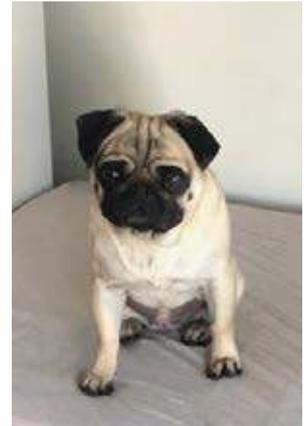
Despite the difficult circumstances, ARF volunteers continue to foster dogs, find their forever homes and temperament test dogs in the pounds we work with.

We hope to have some exciting news to share in the next edition.

Stay warm and stay safe!

Kathleen Rampant

President, ACT Rescue and Foster



WE WELCOME COMMENT AND FEEDBACK ON *CHINWAG* INCLUDING SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL ARTICLES, ADOPTION UPDATES AND REVIEWS.

WE WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHING A NEW ADVICE COLUMN, SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ANSWERED OR IDEAS FOR ARTICLES, CONTACT OUR EDITOR AT CHINWAG@FOSTERDOGS.ORG



BEAR THE KOALA DOG

from rescued to rescuing

Australian rescue dogs made international news and won fans among A-list celebrities following the heroic efforts of one dog in finding koalas during the 2019-20 bushfire season. ChinWag got in touch with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) to find out what it takes to become a koala dog like Bear.

WHAT EXACTLY IS A KOALA DOG?

Dogs have a lot more smell receptors than humans, making them ideal for locating wildlife. The right dog can be trained to track anything that emits an odour, whether it's flora or fauna, on land or even under the sea! Koalas in particular are hard to spot and humans can miss up to 80 per cent of koalas in an area.

Bear has a special place in the USC Detection Dogs for Conservation

team because he has both a conservation mission and a welfare mission – he can find koalas when they need help. This is why from the very start, Bear was the result of a partnership with IFAW, a not-for-profit involved both in wildlife conservation and animal welfare.

Lately, Bear has been especially busy with the Australian bushfires that started ravaging the country at the end of 2019. We've been deployed to many of the bushfire zones to search for koalas who have

found their way back to the areas that were destroyed.

When we find a koala, we visually assess it to determine if it's ill, injured or malnourished. If it's healthy we collect as much data as possible about it and share this information so we can help protect the population. If the koala is sick, we notify and work with local koala-care groups as a sick koala will often need to be carefully coaxed down from the tree to get medical attention.



“His owners gave him up because he he had too much energy for them to handle. But it was that same energy that has made him a perfect detection dog.”

BEAR IS AN AUSTRALIAN KOOLIE. CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT THIS WORKING DOG BREED?

The Koolie is a herding dog one which has a natural instinct to circle widely round sheep and bring them back to their owner. This helps explain why Bear is so gentle with wildlife and has a natural respect for the animals he finds.

BEFORE LANDING THIS GREAT JOB, BEAR WAS A RESCUE DOG. CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND?

Bear is another of our detection dogs who has undergone an amazing transformation through his contributions to conservation work in Australia. Before he joined the Detection Dog team, he spent a lot of time cooped up in a small flat, where he naturally became bored. At home, all alone, he acted out. He destroyed everything, including the walls of the home, which he gnawed at.

His owners gave him up because he had too much energy for them to handle. But it was that same energy that has made him a perfect detection dog. And he was surrendered just as we were looking for a detection dog for live koalas.

MY DOGS ARE GREAT AT SNIFFING THINGS AND BARKING AT POSSUMS, BUT WHAT SPECIAL TRAITS DOES A DOG NEED TO HAVE TO BE SUITABLE FOR THIS KIND OF JOB?

Our detection dogs are lovable rascals whose energy and obsessiveness make them terrible pets! But it's that same energy that makes them dedicated and passionate conservation workers.

We work with animal refuge shelters to find dogs with the ideal traits to join our team. When we think we've found a dog who's suitable we train them, double checking they've got the skills needed to make a meaningful impact.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DID BEAR NEED TO DO TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME A KOALA DOG?

Our dogs are trained to associate the target odour (koala or koala scats) with their reward, they get to play when they find their odour and track the animal. But there could be, and should be, dogs trained on all threatened species.

Detection dogs love chasing balls. Researchers use this as a reward for when detection dogs locate the wildlife or animal waste they have been trained to find. It can take a long time to train a detection dog properly – at least a year in many cases – and it can be expensive, which is why the Detection Dog team needs community support via donations to continue protecting Australia's unique wildlife. It often costs between \$50,000 - \$100,000 to train a detection dog.



Photo by IFAW

BEAR'S WORK OFTEN TAKES HIM TO RUGGED, REMOTE AND EVEN DANGEROUS AREAS, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING THE BUSHFIRES EARLIER THIS YEAR. WHAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT AND PPE DOES BEAR NEED TO DO HIS JOB?

Bear wears a detection dog jacket to identify him so he can be easily recognised as a working dog when in national parks, etc. He also wears protection booties when required.

WHAT DOES BEAR LIKE TO DO TO RELAX?

In their downtime, the detection dogs live like normal pets – they hang out at home with their handlers, come and rest in the office, go to the beach, play with other dogs and just generally live their best lives.

Bear is the clown of the team—he is always up to something, whether to bring you a leaf he hopes you can throw for him or to become

part of the conversation (he does chat with us). One of Bear's most lovable quirks is that sleeps in the most crazy positions. He is a happy soul, always keen to be on the move and do something. Bear's worst nightmare is to be left behind when you go to work—luckily for him, we are allowed to bring our dogs to work every day! Bear's biggest disappointment in life is that Smokey the cat has continuously refused to be his BFF.



Photo by USC

Bear's Bio: <https://www.usc.edu.au/research/animal-and-marine-ecology/detection-dogs-for-conservation/bear>

Social media:

@bearthekoaladog
 @usc_detection_dogs
 @ifawaustralia

Fundraising websites: [usc.edu.au/detection-dogs](https://www.usc.edu.au/detection-dogs) and <https://www.ifaw.org/au>

YouTube video of Bear:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7OYMpu0p1E&feature=emb_logo

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Compiled by Chloe Haseltine

THE PARTY MIX PUPPIES

It's never a dull moment with Lolly's oversized lapdogs who have now all just turned 2! We caught up with four of the pups to see how they are getting along in their new homes.



FRECKLE BY JENNIFER S

Freckle was definitely the pup that chose us, having a nap on Graham's lap as we were having a look at the

pups. He still loves his lap snuggles, even if he is 40kg! He's living a very spoiled life with his two kitty siblings. He goes to Paws2Play once a week and is very good at helping new and nervous dogs which makes us very proud dog parents. Aside from him eating a handful of cherry pips and a choc chip muffin when he was a puppy, we've been lucky that the only things he's destroyed are his own toys! He still has to learn that people walking past the house aren't the enemy, but he's definitely a good boy and we're very grateful for him and his good entertainment!



ELIJAH (FORMERLY OREO) BY JOYCE L

I fell in love with Oreo because of his unique blue heeler markings and big puppy head. I re-named him Elijah as I already had an Ellie: the perfect mellow lab cross who cannot understand the crazy staffy

cross. Mementos from Eli's heyday include a chewed panel on our front door, five ripped apart trampoline dog beds (which I gave up replacing), repeated digging in Ellie's sugar cane mulch sunning area and continuously snapping large branches off a courtyard shrub which is also his back scratcher. He has grown into an elegant boy and Pups4Fun say he has lovely manners with other dogs. Although Eli still bosses Ellie, even over a carrot, Ellie got her revenge when she started sleeping in his crate as the weather began cooling down. When Eli stops getting annoyed at the neighbour's barky Maltese I know he will be the best one of all Lolly's puppies. I got lucky!



INDIE (FORMERLY TRUFFLE)
BY JAYDEE D

We first fell in love with our Indie when we came to choose a puppy from Lolly and Chloe. It was almost like she chose us. When we picked

her up, she snuggled right in, neither of us wanted to put her down. On our first night with Indie, the lights went out and she began to cry. Five minutes later I was in the lounge room scooping her up from the pen and took her to bed. It is safe to say that I can count on one hand the nights she has slept in her own bed. When we first took Indie to the beach, she was not sure about the water but now her favourite thing is to chase the ball into the waves (swallowing ALL the water in the process). Our snuggly girl doesn't understand personal space, still seems to think she is 5kg, and 20kg on, nothing will stop her curling up nicely on your lap. Although we have had several vet trips ranging from broken nails to a luxating patella requiring two surgeries, we would not change a thing about our precious girl and would be absolutely lost without her.



NYMERIA 'NYM' (FORMERLY VIOLET CRUMBLE)
BY JESSICA C

Nym came home in July 2018 and what an adventure we've had with her since then! She loves to know everyone's business and will follow anyone and everyone around the house to make sure they're not up to mischief! Nym loves her big brother Obi who was adopted through Queanbeyan pound in 2017 and she can typically be found lying next to or on top of Obi for a cuddle. Her favourite place is the garden and she will run to the laundry door when the washing machine finishes because she knows she gets to frolic through the grass and smell all the plants. Nym loves her daily walks, especially when she gets a little run—she's super fast! Her favourite games

include tag and tug-a-war but her absolute favourite is hide and seek. She requested some bouncy balls for her 2nd birthday and her special kong with peanut butter (yum!). We are so happy with our little Nym (Obi too) and we couldn't picture our family without her.





SAM: A PORTRAIT BY CARLENE BOTT

Dear Sam, fostered by Nerida, was adopted from ARF in December 2007. Sam is now about 14 years old. He has made friends with many neighbourhood dogs and any dogs which I have fostered. Two of his friends are Marty and Teddy Schipperke, and their owners Kris and Bill have a friend who is a pet portrait artist called Barbara Etta who lives in Tasmania.



One day Kris took a photo of Sam and sent it to Barbara. This talented artist made a beautiful pastel portrait

of Sam which now hangs on the wall and is a great delight to us when we walk through the lounge room.

OLIVE BY GWEN SHIRLOW

This quirky girl came into my life by accident in 2016 when she came into the clinic I was working in at the time. She was, through no fault of her own, in ARF's care for the second time in her life and at the time I met her was affected by immune-mediated arthritis. Within a month of adoption she was off all medication, building up strength again and easing out of her shell.

She has a very sweet nature and many endearing quirks! She has a deep love of car trips, stuffed toys and sunbaking and her inner-working dog comes out in the form a love of obedience training! This special girl has definitely found her forever home with us.



HAVE YOU ADOPTED AN ARFER?

If you would like to share an update about your new best friend, no matter how long ago they were adopted, contact chinwag@fosterdogs.org



Photo courtesy of Rochelle Andonian

Working from home WITH DOGS

During the recent pandemic, a lot of us have found ourselves working from home for the first time. While it might be fun to share our pets on Zoom meetings and surprising how much time they spend sleeping, spending a lot more time at home with our pets can have some unexpected consequences! This is a great opportunity to reinforce positive behaviours and have more quality time with your dogs.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'!

The most common cause for nuisance behaviors in dogs is boredom.
Dogs are social creatures and crave attention and affirmation.



Ignoring a dog for long stretches at a time and then reprimanding him for seeking attention is counterproductive. Reprimands are a form of attention. Behaviors that earn the dog attention will increase in frequency. Reprimands only confuse the dog.

1. KEEP YOUR DOG BUSY: GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DO.
2. WHEN YOU TAKE BREAKS, (PLEASE) DON'T FORGET TO PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR DOG.
3. TEACH/REWARD YOUR DOG TO RELAX ON HIS BED.
4. GIVE YOUR DOG EXERCISE, PLAY AND MENTAL STIMULATION EVERY DAY.



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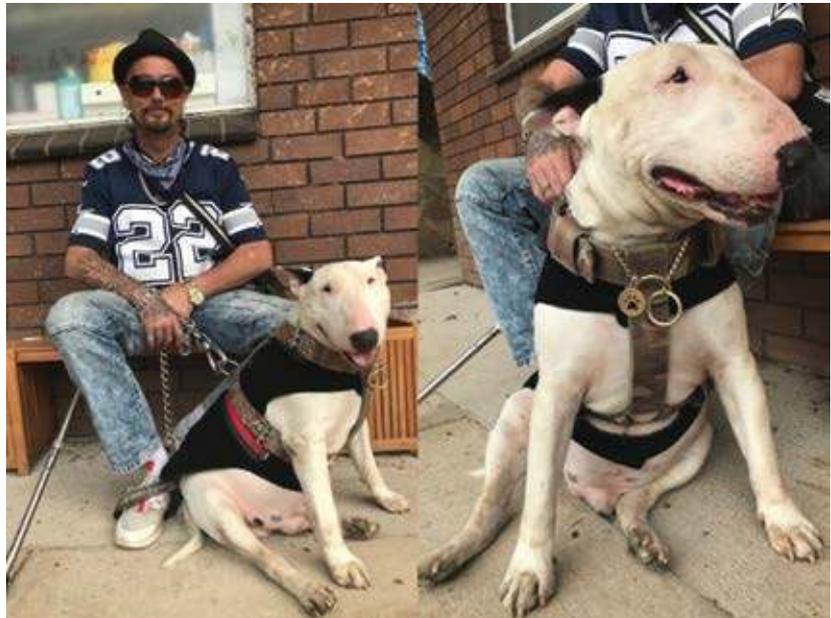
HELPING OWNERS HELP THEIR PETS

By Rose Ciccarelli

Chico's owner was devastated. His beloved bull terrier had an aggressive form of cancer, a mast cell tumour. The estimate for surgery was \$1200, and Chico's owner is on a disability pension after suffering a spinal fracture in a car accident. Fortunately, ACT Pet Crisis Support stepped in to help, and Chico's tumour was removed before it could spread. Chico's owner is relieved and grateful that his best mate is doing well.

ACT Pet Crisis Support exists to help pets by providing subsidised veterinary care and foster care for disadvantaged, low-income pet owners who have no other options. The goal is to avoid economic euthanasia by offering solutions to the most vulnerable members of the community for the medical care, rehoming, or temporary care of their much-loved pets.

The way it works is that low-income pet owners can visit any vet within Canberra and Queanbeyan. If pet owners cannot afford veterinary care or get finance from VetPay (a vet-specific finance company) and



have exhausted all other payment options, then they can ask the vet to apply for subsidised veterinarian care for them through ACT Pet Crisis Support. Donations or inquiries can be made via the website at <https://www.actpetcrisis.com>.

In the last month, ACT Pet Crisis Support has spent \$5,500 to help twelve pets in the local community. Founded by Dr. Eloise Bright, a veterinarian for thirteen years, the organisation is entirely staffed by

volunteers that include veterinarians, nurses, and animal lovers. Since it began in March 2019, ACT Pet Crisis Support has spent around \$45,000 in total to help seventy-five pets, including dogs, cats, a rabbit—even a rat.

To find out more about ACT Pet Crisis Support and its mission to reduce animal suffering by increasing access to affordable pet care, please check out the website at <https://www.actpetcrisis.com>.



Phoenix tried to tackle a possum he saw outside by crashing into a glass window. An emergency vet stitched up his head wounds, but Phoenix needed follow-up treatment at Belconnen Animal Hospital because of a large abscess that developed a week later. His owner—a single mum with a four-year-old daughter—had exhausted VetPay at the emergency vet. She couldn't afford the additional \$500 it would take to flush and clean the abscess. ACT Pet Crisis Support was happy to help, and now Phoenix is hanging out with his best friend Julijana.



Planning for Your PET'S FUTURE

By Dr. Eloise Bright and Rose Ciccarelli

Who will look after your pets if something happens to you? Who would take care of them if you had to go into hospital temporarily or into long-term care? What happens to them after you die? Would someone know what to feed them, where they sleep, and all about their favourite toys to help them through the transition?

We often put off this kind of planning, but the best time to do it is when we are healthy and well. Beyond including pets in our wills and power-of-attorney documents, another way to ensure their future is through a Petcare Plan. This kind of plan outlines who will care for our pets and instructions about their care should something unexpected



happen. Some pet-friendly aged care facilities even require a Petcare Plan as part of their contract.

After consulting with pet-friendly aged care facilities in the Canberra area, Dr. Eloise Bright developed a Petcare Plan that people can use for the Pets and Positive Ageing website <https://www.petsandpositiveageing.com/petcare-plan.html>.

Pets and Positive Ageing is a local community organization dedicated to supporting aging pet owners. The organization has also created a Pet Emergency Card for the wallet or adhered to a home window with instructions about the care of your pets in an emergency.

A little bit of planning now can help ensure a happy future for our pets later when the unexpected happens.

Contact Pets and Positive Ageing via email at info@petsandpositiveageing.com or by calling 0427 975 500 if you would like a Pet Emergency Card posted to you.

The plan can be downloaded and printed **OR** completed online and sent to an email address.



A Petcare Plan should include the following information:

- The owner's contact details
- The pet's name, age, sex and breed
- Microchip number and whether it is desexed
- Identifying characteristics such as colour
- Medical history (clinic and preferred vet, medications, pet insurance, vaccinations etc.)
- Diet and mealtimes
- Exercise and enrichment preferences
- Grooming requirements
- Bedtime routine and sleeping habits
- Contact details for the selected future caregiver
- Contact details for boarding or pet-sitter
- Behaviour

OUTSIDE DOGS: YAY OR NAY?

Written by Lexie Green with comments from Veterinarian and Animal Behaviourist Dr Kate Lindsey.

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If you've made the big decision to add a dog to your family and household, but you have reservations about your furry new friend being inside, please take a moment to read the information in this blog post.

"Dogs are biologically wired to live in close contact with their family – that's where they thrive. If that need isn't met, it drives all sorts of behaviour problems, including attention-seeking issues, barking, general anxiety, hyper-vigilance, and separation anxiety, just to name a few." **Dr Kate Lindsey**

Between 50 – 60 per cent of dogs coming into our shelter have either been outside only dogs or have spent the majority of their lives outside with little interaction with the humans they love so much. Our job is not only to find them a new home but to find them a home where they will live enriching lives and be considered as part of the family—putting them in exactly the same environment as their previous home will only exacerbate any undesirable

behaviours and commonly result in the dog being returned to our shelter.

Let's not forget, we have our friends, family, jobs and hobbies to help keep our lives interesting and meaningful, but our canine friend's lives revolve around us, and if we can't include them as part of the family, they end up living a very lonely existence.

"Dogs simply don't function well alone. They only have the cognitive abilities of a three-year-old child and they tend to get frightened if they don't have someone they can check in with regularly. This is not as simple as getting another dog to keep your dog company, that's just like putting two toddlers in the backyard overnight—it doesn't fix the problem—you now just have two toddlers in the backyard with the same issues." **Dr Kate Lindsey**

Dr Kate Lindsey advises people to set aside one room (if not more) that is a dog-free zone in your home. Dr Kate says it's not imperative they have free-for-all access to every area of your home, but they must have areas inside the home that they can share with you so that your dog can be part of the family; this will help alleviate many behaviour problems.

The most common behaviour problems that we see with outside-only and predominantly outside dogs are:

- Excessive barking
- Whining
- Digging and destructive behaviours
- Generalised anxiety
- Separation Anxiety
- Attention-seeking behaviours
- Escaping the property

Attention-seeking behaviours are quite common with outside dogs.



Dr Kate explains to us exactly what that is and why regular human interaction is important for dogs.

"Dogs, like any mammal, have a series of needs that need to be met on a regular basis and one of those is companionship.

If you don't meet their companionship needs, when you do interact with your dog they will likely show rebound behaviours such as barking at you, pulling at your clothes, nipping and jumping up at you or your guests – this is because they are compensating for the fact that they've been deprived of that need being met.

Love them and let them be part of your family and you will all thrive."

Lastly, it's not often, but sometimes we do have dogs that prefer to be outside and don't like being inside. In this instance, we would be looking for a person who likes spending time in their garden or yard, so that the dog receives adequate companionship.

Information supplied by Dr Kate Lindsey of KALMPETS and Dogs' Refuge Home, Shenton Park.

To find out more information on Dr Kate Lindsey's services at KALMPETS, please visit her website here: www.kalmpets.com



RECENTLY ADOPTED

Compiled by Joh Dunn

ARF has a range of dogs in care from young puppies to mature dogs. If you are interested in adopting an ARF dog, please go to fosterdogs.org/adopt/available-dogs and contact the carer directly. If you are interested in becoming a foster carer for ARF, please contact carer.recruitment@fosterdogs.org. We also work closely with other rescue groups and pounds in the Canberra region including New South Wales. If you are looking for a dog of a particular breed, size or age, please contact us via info@fosterdogs.org and we may be able to assist you in your search.



MADDIE

Rescued: 19 April 2019
Adopted: 21 May 2019



MARTIN

Rescued: 20 April 2019
Adopted: 11 May 2019



REMY

Rescued: 29 April 2019
Adopted: 23 May 2019



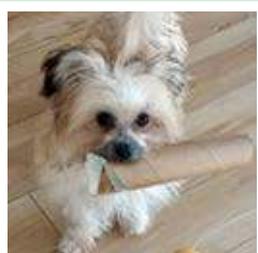
BELLA

Rescued: 7 May 2019
Adopted: 2 June 2019



STEVIE

Rescued: 23 March 2019
Adopted: 3 June 2019



ROCKY

Rescued: 25 May 2019
Adopted: 7 June 2019



AMBER

Rescued: 22 April 2019
Adopted: 20 June 2019



BADGER

Rescued: 31 March 2019
Adopted: 3 May 2019



EBONY

Rescued: 19 May 2019
Adopted: 2 July 2019



PIMMS

Rescued: 16 April 2019
Adopted: 5 July 2019



WILLOW

Rescued: 23 March 2019
Adopted: 6 July 2019



MONKEY

Rescued: 1 July 2019
Adopted: 12 July 2019



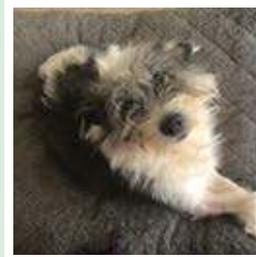
ELLIE

Rescued: 3 July 2019
Adopted: 23 July 2019



PHOEBE

Rescued: 22 December 2018
Adopted: 13 July 2019



STELLA

Rescued: 11 May 2019
Adopted: 27 July 2019



CHARLIE

Rescued: 29 June 2019
Adopted: 27 July 2019



MIKEY

Rescued: 28 June 2019
Adopted: 27 July 2019



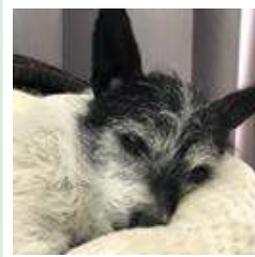
LALIQUE

Rescued: 18 June 2019
Adopted: 29 July 2019



EZRI

Rescued: 18 June 2019
Adopted: 3 August 2019



SANDY

Rescued: 26 February 2019
Adopted: 9 August 2019



SMIDGE

Rescued: 1 April 2019
Adopted: 9 August 2019



JOE

Rescued: 3 February 2019
Adopted: 9 August 2019



LOLA

Rescued: 5 July 2019
Adopted: 14 August 2019



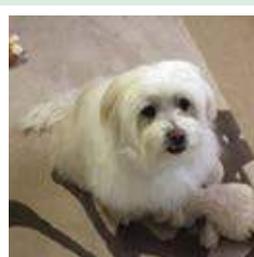
SOPHIE

Rescued: 22 April 2019
Adopted: 16 August 2019



FRANK

Rescued: 10 August 2019
Adopted: 25 August 2019



SHARNIE

Rescued: 24 August 2019
Adopted: 3 September 2019



CHAPPY

Rescued: 10 August 2019
Adopted: 6 September 2019



OBIE

Rescued: 1 July 2019
Adopted: 13 September 2019



NIKO

Rescued: 18 August 2019
Adopted: 13 September 2019



PATCH

Rescued: 27 July 2019
Adopted: 14 September 2019



RHETT

Rescued: 18 August 2019
Adopted: 14 September 2019



PENNY

Rescued: 8 June 2019
Adopted: 14 September 2019



PUMPKIN

Rescued: 28 June 2019
Adopted: 15 September 2019



JARRAH

Rescued: 12 July 2019
Adopted: 11 September 2019

KENT

Rescued: 12 July 2019
Adopted: 15 September 2019



KURI

Rescued: 12 July 2019
Adopted: 11 September 2019



HARRY

Rescued: 5 September 2019
Adopted: 20 September 2019



NUGGET (NOW ALBERT)

Rescued: 12 July 2019
Adopted: 22 September 2019



BUTTERCUP

Rescued: 12 July 2019
Adopted: 22 September 2019



BARRY

Rescued: 6 August 2019
Adopted: 26 September 2019



TIGER-LILY

Rescued: 16 April 2019
Adopted: 29 September 2019



SQUID

Rescued: 31 August 2019
Adopted: 7 October 2019



BILLY

Rescued: 20 September 2019
Adopted: 10 October 2019



SKYE

Rescued: 1 October 2019
Adopted: 26 October 2019



ABBY

Rescued: 28 October 2019
Adopted: 17 November 2019



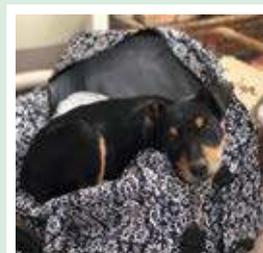
SQUEAK

Rescued: 14 December 2018
Adopted: 27 November 2019



TROY

Rescued: 18 October 2019
Adopted: 30 November 2019



RYAN

Rescued: 2 November 2019
Adopted: 11 December 2019



JACK

Rescued: 2 November 2019
Adopted: 15 December 2019



WYATT

Rescued: 2 December 2019
Adopted: 16 December 2019



TOBY

Rescued: 16 November 2019
Adopted: 17 December 2019



TILLY

Rescued: 5 July 2019
Adopted: 22 December 2019



JETT

Rescued: 23 September 2019
Adopted: 23 December 2019



COAL

Rescued: 21 December 2019
Adopted: 23 December 2019



DASH

Rescued: 16 July 2019
Adopted: 29 December 2019



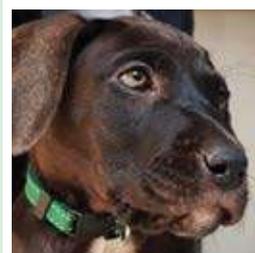
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Adopted: 28 December 2019



PADDY

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Adopted: 1 January 2020



ARYA

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SANSA

Rescued: 10 December 2019
Adopted: 8 January 2020



PEANUT

Rescued: 22 December 2019
Adopted: 11 January 2020



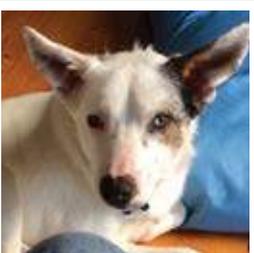
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ARCHIE

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Adopted: 15 January 2020



SOPHIE

Rescued: 10 December 2019
Adopted: 16 January 2020



SIRI

Rescued: 2 December 2019
Adopted: 18 January 2020



BERT

Rescued: 22 December 2019
Adopted: 19 January 2020



ANGEL

Rescued: 21 December 2019
Adopted: 23 January 2020



MAISIE

Rescued: 10 December 2019
Adopted: 25 January 2020



RUBY

Rescued: 14 December 2019
Adopted: 8 February 2020



HARPER

Rescued: 22 December 2019
Adopted: 9 February 2020



UNO

Rescued: 22 December 2019
Adopted: 16 February 2020



SCOTTIE

Rescued: 11 February 2020
Adopted: 24 February 2020



PATRICK

Rescued: Unknown
Adopted: 28 February 2020



ERNIE

Rescued: 22 December 2019
Adopted: 27 February 2020



TOMMO

Rescued: 2 March 2020
Adopted: 16 March 2020



ROO

Rescued: 17 January 2020
Adopted: 6 March 2020



ALLY

Rescued: 21 February 2020
Adopted: 20 March 2020



TEDDY

Rescued: 16 July 2020
Adopted: 25 March 2020



MOON DUST

Rescued: 21 February 2020
Adopted: 26 March 2020



NALA

Rescued: 29 January 2020
Adopted: 27 March 2020



COVE

Rescued: 21 February 2020
Adopted: 28 March 2020



DYLAN

Rescued: 15 February 2020
Adopted: 1 April 2020



LILY

Rescued: 27 March 2020
Adopted: 25 April 2020



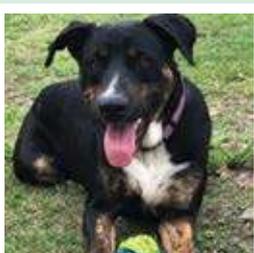
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PILOT

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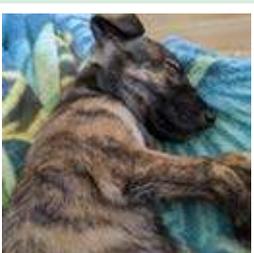
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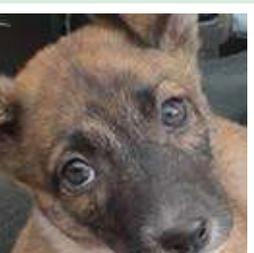
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MAUI

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WISH

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MIA

Rescued: 5 March 2020
Adopted: 3 May 2020



KAYLEE

Rescued: 15 July 2020
Adopted: 5 May 2020



BYRO

Rescued: 25 March 2020
Adopted: 2 May 2020



MOLLY

Rescued: 5 May 2020
Adopted: 19 May 2020



VIPER

Rescued: 28 March 2020
Adopted: 23 May 2020



ARKIE

Rescued: 13 April 2020
Adopted: 23 May 2020



CLYDE

Rescued: 25 April 2020
Adopted: 31 May 2020



MOET

Rescued: 1 May 2020
Adopted: 29 May 2020

REVIEW: THE CALL OF THE WILD (2020)



By Angharad Lodwick

If you are looking for a good winter film about dogs, you cannot go wrong with *The Call of the Wild*. Based on the novel of the same name by Jack London and starring Harrison Ford, this film is about a boisterous, mischievous and pampered St Bernard cross Collie called Buck who wreaks havoc in his California home. However, Buck is kidnapped, transported and sold for his size as a sled dog in the Yukon. Far away from the bustle of town life, and exposed to the ignorance, cruelty and violence of humans, Buck excels at sledding and begins to rely more and more on the instincts of his ancestors. Eventually, Buck must choose what kind of dog he will be: tame or wild.

This was a great adaptation with strong writing and direction. The film is a mix of live action and CGI, and the many visual gags balanced nicely against the more emotional parts of the film. Ford plays the character of Thornton well, bonding with Buck while prospecting near an abandoned cabin in the the wild. This film also has a great soundscape with Ford's gruff narration and a beautiful, atmospheric score.

However, the CGI does appear a little uncanny, and the illusion of real dogs is undone by some strange movement mechanics (although a lot of the dog body language was very realistic).

A gripping and heartrending film, I definitely recommend snuggling up with at least one dog to watch.



Photo of Erin by Shadow's Farm Photography

DOG SPORTS

2020 Royal Canberra Show flyball competition

By Angharad Lodwick

During the very brief window between smoke from the 2020 bushfires and lockdown due to COVID-19, 18 teams of dogs and handlers converged at Exhibition Park for the 2020 Royal Canberra Show flyball competition over the weekend of 29 February 2020 – 1 March 2020.

Canberra was well-represented in the competition with five teams from three clubs, and racing in nearly every division.

First place in Division 1 went to Belconnen Dog Obedience Club's Belconnen Bullet Train, with Newcastle club Maximum Velocity's Pawtatoes coming second and

ACT Companion Dog Club's X-Factor coming third.

Western Sydney club Southern Cross Flyball's team Star Burst took first place in Division 2, and Canberra club Tuggeranong Dog Training Club inc's Tuggeranong Howling Torpedoes came in fourth place.

Belconnen Dog Obedience Club's teams Belconnen Bullet Points and Belconnen Bullet Proof came in first and second in Division 3.

Chasing Tail won Open Division 1 with the fastest time of the whole weekend: 17.748 seconds, and Psycho Thrillers came first in Open Division 2.

For some perspective, the current Australian flyball record was set in

2019 at 16.394 seconds by Norwest Thunderdogs at the ACT Companion Dog Club Mayhem Race Meet. That is only just over four seconds per dog!

WHAT IS FLYBALL?

Flyball is a dog sport where two teams of four dogs each compete in a relay race to jump over four jumps, land on a board to trigger the release of a ball, retrieve the ball and jump back over the four jumps to their handlers.

If you are interested in getting involved in flyball, contact your local dog club for more information.



Photo of Lacey by Shadow's Farm Photography



Photo of Austin provided by Cathy V



Photo of Ky and Lochie provided by Mick F



ARF STATS FOR 2019

Compiled by Dallas Burkevics

 **124** TOTAL DOGS IN CARE

 **100** DOGS REHOMED

 **65** MALE
 **59** FEMALE
WITH 79 PER CENT ENTIRE ON COMING INTO CARE

 **22** LARGE
 **69** MEDIUM
 **33** SMALL



DOGS CAME FROM **10 DIFFERENT POUNDS/SHELTERS** INCLUDING CAMPBELLTOWN, COOTAMUNDRA, DAS, GOULBURN, ORANGE, QUEANBEYAN, TUMUT, WINGECARIBEE, YASS, AND RSPCA .



5 DOGS BORN IN CARE;
5 FORMER ARFERS;
32 PRIVATE SURRENDERS,
AND **4** VET SURRENDERS



27 UNDER 20 WEEKS OF AGE;
17 UNDER 12 MONTHS,
10 DOGS AGED 1 – 2 YEARS, AND
6 DOGS OVER 10 YEARS, WITH OTHERS BETWEEN 5 – 10 YEARS



CROSSBREDS WERE THE LARGEST GROUP FOLLOWED BY **KELPIES** AND **STAFFIES**. ALSO **4** **FRENCHIES**, **9** **PUGS**, **5** **POODLES**, **1** **SHAR PEI**, AND **1** **GREYHOUND**



AVERAGE TIME IN CARE WAS **54** DAYS. LONG TERMERS INCLUDED **BEAN** (627 DAYS), **RUBY** (398), **LUCKY** (368), **HENDRIX** AND **SQUEAK** (348), AND **SASHA** (318)



LAST YEAR THERE WAS ONLY **ONE** NAMED **BELLA** AND **ONE** **CHARLIE!** **DOUBLE UPS** WERE **TOBY** (3), AND **ROSIE**, **RUBY**, **SOPHIE**, AND **STITCH** (2 EACH).



DOGS WERE SPREAD ACROSS 42 FOSTER CARERS



RAINBOW BRIDGE

Gone, but not forgotten.

BUZZ

I had the pleasure of temperament testing Buzz at DAS in July 2019 and it was immediately apparent that he was a Shar Pei with the sweetest personality ever.

Buzz soon joined my home as a foster and from there we set out assessing his health and lumps and bumps. Sadly it soon became clear he was nearing the end of his life and the best I could offer him was a lot of love, good food and a warm place to rest his head each night. In the three months we had together he was an absolute gentleman and a delight to have in my home and life. He loved meeting my friends and he enjoyed a few Friday evenings at the pub soaking up pats from everyone he met and enjoying the odd hot chip.

In late October Buzz passed away at home, it was quick and peaceful and he knew he was loved so very much.

Vale Buzzy, you were the best boy.

Chloe x



BUDDY

Buddy came into ARF care from Domestic Animal Services on 23 March 2020. Buddy was a small, senior chihuahua. He had been diagnosed at DAS as having a severely damaged heart, however ARF wanted to give him a warm, loving home in the time he had left.

Once in care, Buddy had a full check-up with an ARF vet, where it was confirmed that his heart was in such bad shape that he only had a life expectancy of 3 - 4 months. So, it was agreed that he should remain with his carer in palliative care.

Buddy was a sweet, slow and sometimes grumpy old man. He liked his personal space, but enjoyed being part of a family, and loved evenings on the couch with his foster mum, two foster chi brothers and foster cat. Little Budbud loved to follow his carer around, and spent many hours sitting outside soaking up the sun. He liked to potter in the garden with his foster mum, and even though he was sight and hearing impaired, he liked to bark at the neighbour's noisy Doberman.

He loved his food although there were times where he was not well enough to eat. Buddy came to enjoy outings in the car, and short walks around the neighbourhood.

On 25 May, I awoke to find Buddy was noticeably unwell. He was having trouble moving, and his whole little body shook with each heartbeat. I wrapped him in a little blanket and held him, talking to him and stroking him. Two hours later his heart-rate became erratic then slowed, then stopped. He had lasted 2 months and during that time he was part of a family. He was loved and cared for.

RIP little man, we were honoured to have you in our family, even though it was only for a short time.



EFFIE

We said goodbye to our Effie in December 2019. She was around 9 or 10 when we welcomed her into our home, and she gave us just over 6 years of love and joy. Sleep easy, my Eff.



MADGE

Madge (AKA Sasha) was Miss March in the 2010 ARF Calendar and said goodbye to her family in May 2020. She gave her family 10 years of joy and has left a major space in our home without her.



BASIL

Four years ago we were the very lucky family that got to take ARFer Basil into our home and into our hearts. After 17 years his little light went out, but he has left such a tremendous amount of love and moments for us to draw on. Thank you ARF for making our lives so much more rich than we could have ever imagined.



HARRIET

We adopted our dog Harriet from ARF over 14 years ago, and sadly she passed away in September 2019. We were so privileged to have Harriet in our family. Thank you for all you do for all the dogs. Once the pain of losing Harriet has subsided a little, we will look to ARF again to find a perfect match.



PATSY

Long-time ARFers may remember Patsy who was fostered in 2012 after several escapades around Canberra. She brought incredible joy to her forever family for 7 years reaching the grand age of 13+. This beautiful and loving girl was suddenly but peacefully given her angel wings in July 2019.



TEDDY

When I adopted Teddy friends said he would break my heart because he was already old. His crossing the rainbow bridge has broken my heart, but he gave me and my other dog 4 years of love, of laughter at his tantrums and foibles, and of tears when he was sick. He was loved by everyone who met him but he gave a lot of love in return. Teddy Bear, gone but never forgotten.

RINGO

Ringo was a cherished and adored member ARFer for over 12 years. He died on the 2019 International Day of the Dog. His family watched him blossom into his confident and happy self was a privilege, and he will be forever missed. Thank you, Ringo, for coming into our lives, may your gentle soul rest in peace.





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