

Be a Dog or Cat Foster Carer....

Our work is entirely dependent upon dog and cat foster carers. Every foster carer enables us to save more pets from death at pounds. Being a foster carer is a great way to have a pet without the expense and long term commitment of owning one. You can take time off from fostering when you want to travel or have a break.

All you need to provide is a fully fenced yard, shelter, food, and love for a dog or cat in need. Rescue pays for all veterinary expenses and medical supplies such as flea and worm treatment. You can choose the type of dog or cat (breed, size, age, etc) you foster.

You may say "Oh, I couldn't give the dog away!" but in reality yes, you can. Just remember that your foster dog or cat will go to a great home and then you can save another dog or cat from death row. You can always adopt your foster pet if you really can't bear to say goodbye.

If you are considering being a Carer, please take the first step and read our [Information for Foster Carers](#) document (PDF) which you can download from the "Help Us" page on our website then please contact us.

Can't foster? You can still help us by downloading and printing a [Foster Carers Needed](#) poster (PDF) from the "Help Us" page on our website and displaying it for us wherever you can.



Dog Rescue Newcastle

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Newcastle, Hunter Valley, Port Stephens,
and Central Coast of New South Wales

DOG inquiries

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For more information and to see all our
dogs and cats available for adoption:

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Who We Are...

Dog Rescue Newcastle is a wholly volunteer, not-for-profit, organisation. Our mission is to rescue abandoned pets from death row at pounds and put them into foster homes until we find permanent homes for them. All money which we raise is used entirely to pay for the costs involved in the rescue and care of cats and dogs.

Donations are tax deductible.

Our History...

Dog Rescue Newcastle was established in May 2008. We initially concentrated our efforts on small dogs. A year later we were able to take larger dogs and we now take almost any type of dog, as long as we have a foster carer available. Early in 2010 we started saving some of the thousands of cats and kittens on death row.

Since formation, DRN has re-homed more than 4,000 dogs and over 600 cats that would otherwise now be dead. You can see photos of some of the pets which we have saved on the "Success Stories" pages on our website. This is a great achievement considering our size and funds. We always welcome more volunteers into our small, friendly group.

Adopt a Dog or Cat

We have more 90 dogs/puppies and more than 20 cats/kittens available for adoption at any given time. See them all on our website:

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We don't have a kennel facility. All our pets are in loving foster homes throughout our region.



Our Success Stories...

Rescue dogs and cats make the best companions! If you're not sure if a rescue dog or cat is for you, please read about the love and joy these lucky pets have brought to the kind families who have welcomed them into their lives.

See hundreds of photos of our success stories on our website.

Here is one of our stories...



We gave Elly a second chance.

Elly was a tiny Shih Tzu we rescued from the pound. Her vet check revealed that she needed surgery to repair a loose kneecap on one leg. She was a very timid and scared due to the pain that she had been enduring all of her life.



We raised \$1000 to pay for the knee operation which would result in her being able to walk normally and pain free.



After the operation she started to wag her tail like crazy and over time learned to trust people more. Elly made a great physical recovery and without our help she would not have made it. She was eventually adopted by a family which nurtured her into a very playful and loving young dog.

Where Our Dogs & Cats Came From...

Our priority is to save as many dogs and cats as we can from "Death Row" in local pounds. These are the ones with the most desperate need. They have only days, sometimes hours to live.

We rescue dogs from Port Stephens Pound, Wyong Pound, Singleton Pound, Muswellbrook Pound, and beyond. The RSPCA at Rutherford, which is used by Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland and Cessnock councils instead of having their own pounds, do not release animals to rescue organisations.

Dogs and cats in pounds are perfectly healthy, normal family pets. They have become lost and remain unclaimed, or are surrendered by owners who can no longer care for them. Very occasionally we find a pet who has suffered from neglect, such as Victor, below.

We regret that our resources do not allow us to take private surrenders of dogs and cats.



Victor was close to death from starvation. His dedicated foster carer nursed him back to health and now he is very happy in his forever home.

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