

Dog Rescue Newcastle



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Welcome to our fourth Newsletter! Thank you for helping us help companion animals.

1,000 Pets Saved

We can hardly believe it, but we have just surpassed 1,000 pets saved (97% dogs, 3% cats) from death in local pounds. This has been achieved in only 2.5 years, by two women (Anne and Sue), assisted by a group of hard working volunteers and foster carers.



It's a big job trying to stem the tide of misery resulting from greedy people who profit by breeding

more and more puppies and kittens while perfectly healthy, but unwanted pets die in pounds. As long as politicians fail to stand up to the pet breeding and selling industry, and people fail to desex their pets, we will need to continue our work of picking up the pieces.

You can see hundreds of photos of our rescued pets at tinyurl.com/rehomed

Christmas Party

The silly season will soon be here so we're planning our annual Dog Rescue Newcastle Christmas get-together. Plans are still being finalised, but we think it will be Saturday lunch at Warners at the Bay on Hillsborough Road. There will be raffles and Dog Rescue Newcastle logo merchandise available on the day. If you would like to donate anything for the raffle, please contact Sue or Anne. We'll let you know when we have a definite date and time. All volunteers, supporters, adopters - everyone - is welcome.

Tick Season

There are many ticks around and they can be fatal. Signs your dog may have a tick include vomiting, weakness in the back legs, a change in the voice or bark, panting, loud breathing, even grunting noises.

Use a tick prevention treatment such as Advantix or Frontline Plus applied to the skin between the shoulder blades every 2 weeks. Frontline spray can be used every 2 to 3 weeks. Tick collars are inexpensive and work well for 6 to 8 weeks but remember to remove them before your

dog swims or has a bath. We've found that the cheapest source for all flea and tick products is Priceless Pets online <http://www.pricelesspets.com.au/> Please make sure your foster dog is protected. Contact Sue if you need her to supply products.

However, none of the preventative products are a substitute for checking your dog's fur daily, especially after he or she has been outside in the long grass. Most ticks are found around the head and shoulders.



If you find a tick, contact Sue or Anne for advice straight away. We recommend using a tick hook, like the green ones shown at left, to remove it. They're cheap to buy

so you should keep one on hand. After removing one tick, be sure to search for more. You should keep an eye on your dog for the next two to four days, keeping him cool and calm while avoiding excitement and exercise.

Puppy Vaccination

Puppies must be vaccinated at 8, 12 and 16 weeks old. Foster carers please note, if your puppy is adopted before its 2nd vaccination at 12 weeks old, please let the adopting family know that their adoption fee includes the 12 week vaccination done at one of our approved vets (Warners Bay, Belmont, or Animal Tracks in Sydney). Explain that the puppy may be vaccinated by a vet nurse and *does not get an examination or consultation by a vet*. If they want a veterinary consultation they'll need to pay the vet's usual fee.



Donation Tins Available and Pens and Chocolates for Sale

Do you work in a shop, school or office where you could put one of our donation tins, or sell our Dog Rescue Newcastle pens (\$2 each) or Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates (\$1.20 each) for us? Or maybe you could ask one of the businesses you visit, such as your gym, hairdresser, doctor, church, school, etc to help us in this way?

Could you display one of our "Dog Foster Carers Needed" posters, or leave a stack of A5 flyers or business cards where people can see them. If you can help, please contact Sue.



Your Pet on a Mug, Hat, Mouse Mat, Clock, Tote Bag, etc

Pet lovers, show your furbabies how much you care by immortalising them on a variety of household and office items. We

can put your favourite pooch's or kitty's picture on your choice of ceramic mugs, tiles, mouse mats, coasters, sports bottles, travel mugs, stubby holders, jigsaw puzzles,

cloth bags or wall clocks.



It's as easy as choosing your favourite photo and the item

you want it

displayed upon, then emailing us the details along with your photo/s to: nora@ecosh.net. For more information and possibilities, go to: <http://www.ecosh.net/your-shots.html> or phone Eco-Office, School & Home Stationery on: 02-4948-1010

Male Dogs Urinating In Your Home

Male dogs coming into a home for the first time will sometimes urinate on the furniture or carpet to mark their territory. This is more likely if the dog is undesexed or there is another male dog in your home. It usually stops after a couple of days. If you have a problem with your dog doing this, please contact Sue for a "belly band".

A belly band is a strip of fabric which fits around a dog's middle and fastens at the top with Velcro. You adhere a sanitary napkin inside and it acts as a sort of nappy to absorb the urine before it hits your furniture. It's only meant for short term use until the dog is trained. Belly bands are free to foster carers and for sale to others.



Andrew Daddo

Writer and actor Andrew Daddo adopted a Dog Rescue Newcastle puppy in July and wrote about it in his column in the Sun Herald newspaper 11/7/10 (page 9 of the "extra" section). The column is titled "The day a little white dog came to our rescue". We're happy that staffy Ruby (now renamed Spud, below) has gone to a loving home and are grateful to Andrew for saying such nice things about us and publishing our website address.



Elly's Surgery Appeal Success

After we rescued Elly, a young Shih Tzu, from the pound, her vet check revealed that she needed surgery to repair loose kneecaps in her rear legs. She must have been in pain all her life, which may help

explain why she is so timid. The vet bill was going to be \$1,000. I put an appeal on our homepage which was spotted by our sponsor Petitude www.petitude.com.au who offered to help. They emailed a special newsletter to all their customers, and as a result, we were able to raise the funds for Elly's surgery.

Elly had surgery on her left, hind leg and recovered so well that the vet said surgery on the right leg wasn't needed. At the end of September, Elly was adopted into a loving home. Huge thanks to everyone who donated so Elly could have a better life! Special kudos to foster carers Lucyann and Geraldine.



Our Sponsor Petitude

When you buy your pet supplies at Petitude www.petitude.com.au they will donate 10% of whatever you spend to Dog Rescue Newcastle. They offer free shipping to anywhere in Australia, and their prices are so low it is cheaper to shop online than in a shop. Just be sure to enter **SHOP4CAUSE** in the Promo Code box on the last page of the checkout process then click on the "apply code" button. If you prefer, you can place your order by phone.

Petz Central Offer

Online pet supplier Petz Central www.petzcentral.com.au are offering free shipping and/or a discount if you mention Dog Rescue Newcastle when you order. They sell top brand pet products, premium pet food, natural treats, leads, collars, toys, cages, crates, puppy pens, kennels, bedding, grooming supplies, and much more. To take advantage of this offer, choose your products online then phone or email them to order.

Thanks to Officeworks

Thank you to OfficeWorks at Kotara which gives us a generous discount when we purchase the stationery and supplies we use for Adoption Packs and record keeping.

Charitable Fundraising Number

We are happy to have applied for and received a Charitable Fundraising Number (which is 21652). This allows us to do more fundraising such as raffles, donation tins, etc.

Congratulations Foster Carer Sarah



Congratulations to former foster carer Sarah Cross and partner Scott on the birth

of their second son, a brother for Declan. Alexander Martin Lewis was born on the 9th of July at 5:41pm weighing 3570g (approx 7lb 12oz) and 50cm long.

Classified Ads

Housemate Wanted - One person wanted to share a 2 bedroom home in Islington with single woman and 2 small, well behaved dogs. Very neat and clean house. Close to shops, park, and transport. Easy bus or train to the Uni. Please ring 4969-7739.

Work Wanted: Cleaning, Gardening, Dog Minding, Housesitting - Need help around the house? I'm a Dog Rescue Newcastle foster carer looking for work in the Newcastle area. I'm an experienced cleaner with references. I can sew custom dog coats and belly bands. In the garden, I can do weeding, pruning, planting or repot those tired looking plants that are looking so sad. If you're going away I can mind your pet(s), at your place or mine or housesit for you. Please ring 4969-7739.



Featured Dog: Riley

Riley is a 2yo Chihuahua x Mini Fox Terrier who has been waiting a long time for a permanent home. He is a lovely, friendly boy with no faults. Please read more about him on our website and help us find Riley a home or ring Sue for more info.



Featured Cat: Polly

Polly is a gorgeous ginger and white spotted cat with a lovely temperament. If you can provide her with a loving home, please contact Anne or see Polly's listing on our website for more information.

