

Dog Rescue Newcastle



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Happy New Year 2011! Thank you for helping us help abandoned companion animals

Tank's Story

Tank the boxer had been mauled pretty badly and was picked up by council rangers and taken to the pound. But at the pound, they were not going to have his big open wounds stitched.

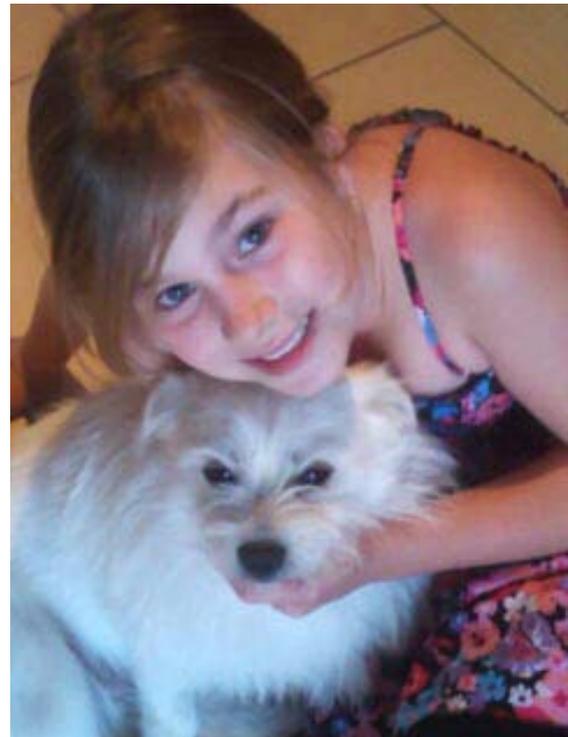
Dog Rescue Newcastle rescued him and took him to our vet for urgent treatment. His wounds were sutured and drains inserted. **His treatment has cost our small group \$865. Can you make a donation (tax deductible) to help us pay for Tank's treatment?**



Tank is a 4 to 5 year old Boxer cross. He has a wonderful and gentle nature, without a bit of aggression. He is making a full recovery and will be available for adoption to a loving home in mid-January.

Donations are tax deductible. You can use PayPal (bank account or credit card), or direct deposit, cheque, etc. Options and instructions are on our homepage: www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au or ring Anne (02) 4954-7727 about Tank.

More Success Stories



We've added 14 more Success Stories on 2 new pages on our website.

<http://www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au/success.html>

It's so rewarding to see these formerly abandoned dogs and cats now enjoying a second lease of life in loving, permanent homes. Our foster carers and your support make it all possible.

Facebook Fan page

The best and most timely way to get all the latest news about our activities and events is by Facebook. You can also post your own photos and comments.

If you're already on Facebook simply go to our fan page

<http://www.facebook.com/DogRescueNewcastle> and click on the "Like" button at the top centre of the page.



If you're not on Facebook, you can see our Facebook activity on our homepage: www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au then scroll to the very bottom of the page.

Importance of an ID Tag

If your dog or cat were to get lost right now how would he or she be returned to you? Many pets go missing, at least once in their lives, and especially over the holidays. An ID tag with your mobile phone number and address are the most important way you can be reunited with your pet. He or she should wear it 24 x7 because you can never know when it will be needed. Don't take collars off and on. Leave the collar and ID tag on all the time.

Is your pet's **microchip and registration information** up to date? Think about it. How long ago was it since you first registered your pets? Has your phone

number, address, or email address changed during that time?

If so, ring your local council as soon as possible and give them your new contact details. It doesn't cost anything.

We Rescue Cats and Kittens Too!

Despite our name, Dog Rescue Newcastle rescues and rehomes lots of cats and kittens as well as dogs. We were also recently called upon to rescue a ferret!



We always need cat and kitten foster carers.

We currently have more than 23 felines in foster care so

we are in need of donations of cat and kitten supplies such as food (dry and tinned), flea and worm treatments, litter trays, scratching posts, etc.

Perhaps you know someone who has lost a cat but still has the cat's things they might donate? Maybe the next time you do your shopping you could pick up a few tins or a bag of cat food for us? Contact Anne (top of page 1) to arrange pickup or refer to the "Help Us" page on our website to make a cash donation or help in other ways.

Parvo: Deadly but Preventable

Canine parvovirus ("parvo") is usually fatal and is becoming more and more common in the Hunter. A full course of puppy vaccinations followed by **annual vaccination is vital** to preventing your dog from getting parvo virus.

Parvo is most common in dogs under 1 year old but can affect unvaccinated dogs of any age. Treatment is only effective if started early so be alert for the early signs. If you suspect your foster dog may have parvo contact Sue or Anne **without delay** for advice. If it is your own dog, take him or her to your vet or to an after-hours veterinary hospital immediately.



Marcus (above) made a miraculous recovery thanks to Sue and our vets

Early symptoms can include depression, lethargy, loss of appetite, high fever, vomiting, and/or severe diarrhea. Rapid dehydration is a danger, and dogs may continue to vomit and have diarrhea until they die, usually three days after onset of symptoms.

Another form of parvo attacks the hearts of puppies up to 3 months old. There is no diarrhea because the virus multiplies rapidly in muscle cells of the immature heart. Puppies may stop suckling and then collapse and die within minutes or days. No effective treatment is available for cardiac syndrome, and surviving puppies may have permanently damaged hearts.

Posters in McDonalds

Many McDonalds Restaurants now have community notice boards over the bins

near one of the exits. Please help us by putting up one of our "*Considering a New Pet? Adopt a Rescued Dog or Cat*" posters. I've attached it, but you can also download it and other posters and flyers from the "Help Us" page of our website. <http://www.dogrescuencastle.com.au/help.html#spread> After printing, cut between the tear-off tabs at the bottom.

Please put up our posters in McDonalds, Coles, other shops, businesses, offices, libraries, schools, churches, etc. Sometimes they don't stay up for long so check and replace as often as you can.

Lulu's Surgery Appeal Success

When we rescued Moodle Lulu in mid-September, she was emaciated, filthy, and very frightened. We soon found out that she had severe, untreated infections in both ears and had very little hearing as a result.



Thank you very much to everyone who donated to help us pay for the surgery to relieve her pain and restore her

hearing. Lulu has made a full recovery and can hear again! She has settled in well at her new forever home, where she is now named Polly, and is playing with her canine friends and loving her new life! As you can see from the photo, she had a very merry Christmas.

Thanks from Foster Carer

In October, I sent out an email appeal for help for one of our dedicated foster carers who was facing hard times. Anna asked me to pass this on:

"I wanted to express my gratitude to those of you that responded to Terri's email on my behalf. I am the impoverished, unhappily unemployed, dog lover that was the subject of a recent email from Terri. To everyone else that responded please know that I could not be more grateful. Your generosity and kindness toward a total stranger has been truly heart warming."

Featured Dog: Rufus



Rufus is a 6 months old Miniature Foxy X Chihuahua dog. He is cheeky, smoochy, cuddly, and playful. He loves toys, walks and people of all ages. Photos and videos: <http://tinyurl.com/dogsnew>

Rufus also needs some one to walk him while he's in foster care. He is in Whitebridge. For more info or to take him for a walk, phone Val on 02-4943-0615.

Featured Cat: Luna



Luna is a young adult cat who is gentle and a bit shy. He likes to spend time curled up in a sunny spot or nestled on your lap for lots of pats and snuggles. He is not demanding, and I have never heard him meow at all. His adoption fee is only \$50. For more info please phone Meggz 0452-844-160.

Christmas Party Success

It was great to see everyone at our Christmas Get-Together in November. We had a lovely chat and meal and raised \$200 in the raffle and sales of small items.

BBQ Fun Day in Blackalls Park



Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fun BBQ in December. Everyone had a lovely time, especially the dogs,

who had a great time racing around then cooling off in the lake! It was all organised by [DogTech Newcastle](#), [Newcastle Pet Resort](#), [Aussie Pooch Mobile](#), and [The Pet Shop Boyz](#) in Warners Bay. They very generously donated the proceeds from the BBQ and raffle to us. They plan on having this fun day for the dogs every 3 months. Next dates will be posted on our Facebook page and the "News and Events" page on our website.

Thank You to Dog Trainers

We wish to express our gratitude to dog trainer Margaret Keast jigsawdogs@bigpond.com. Margaret very generously volunteers her time to help our foster carers who are dealing with dog behaviour or training issues. Her help has been invaluable, and has resulted in the rehabilitation of dogs that had been mistreated or neglected before they were rescued.

We can also wish to thank dog trainer Matt Thomas of [DogTech Newcastle](#) for his fundraising efforts.



Foster Carers Corner

Discount for Foster Carers

Buddy's Pet House at Beresfield (Store 1, 27 Lawson Ave, Beresfield) 4966-0012 gives a generous discount to DRN foster carers. Just speak to owner, Brad, when you make your purchase.

Your Foster Pet's Listing on our Website

If you have web access, please check that your foster pet's listing on our website is correct. If you need anything changed or updated please contact Anne.

Please also let Anne know when your foster pet gets adopted, and again two weeks later when the trial is over. Also contact her promptly if the trial fails and your pet is returned to you.

If your foster pet hasn't been adopted after a couple of months, please provide new photos and an updated description and ask Anne to create a new listing.

Additional Photos and Videos

We can only put 2 photos of each pet on our website. However, if you have any additional photos and videos of your foster pet, please email them to Terri dogrescuenewcastle@gmail.com.

She will add them to our online photo album <http://tinyurl.com/dogsnew> and then add a link in your pet's description directing people to the additional photos. (Have a look. You can also see hundreds of

photos of our Success Stories in the **REHOMED** album.)



You can also add a photo and description of your foster pet to our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/DogRescueNewcastle

Adoption Agreement

Two copies of our Adoption Agreement are required to be filled in and signed for each pet adoption. The new owner keeps one and the foster carer returns the other to Sue, along with payment.

Please check that the person adopting your foster pet has filled in the Agreement form fully and their handwriting is easily readable. Be sure they fill in their email address clearly as it is our main way of keeping in touch with them.

If you don't have two Adoption Agreements for each of your foster pets, you can download and print them from our website. Go to the "Adopt A Pet" page of then scroll down to the "Our Adoption Procedure" section, or click on this link:

<http://www.dogrescueenewcastle.com.au/adopt.html#procedure>

Please direct people interested in adopting to this page so they can read about our adoption requirements and

payment options including our bank account details.

Adoption Fee Payment

Foster carers, please try to encourage people adopting pets to pay by direct deposit to our bank account. Instructions are on the "Adopt A Pet" page in the "Our Adoption Procedure" section:

<http://www.dogrescueenewcastle.com.au/adopt.html#procedure>

This saves you the trouble of handling cash and ensures we have the funds available to pet our vet bills. However, when people do give you cash (we don't accept personal cheques), we ask that you please try to deposit it into our bank account, or take it to Sue, as soon as possible.

Thank you very much! Without foster carers we couldn't rescue any animals. Your generosity makes it all possible.

