

**ANIMAL RIGHTS & RESCUE GROUP Inc. FAR NORTH
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- A self-funded, Foster care, No-kill Organisation -

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The Animal Rights and Rescue Group is a local, non-profit, volunteer organisation, run without government funding. It is the only such group covering the whole of the Far North Coast. We rescue homeless and unwanted animals. We also take unclaimed dogs that would otherwise be killed from local pounds. We provide them with care and vet treatment and find them suitable homes. ARRГ does not euthanase any animal unless it is too ill to respond to veterinarian treatment. There is no RSPCA shelter in this area.



Dear supporters and members
This newsletter has been held back for several reasons, we had not planned for this prolonged delay but at last the news we were waiting for is through.

As you all know the ARRГ team has pushed all the buttons to get land for the shelter and most recently several of our committee met with Lismore City Council with a request for land, supported by data that displays the high number of unwanted animals rescued by ARRГ, plus the other programs offered to the public but our organisation.

We are thrilled to report that in only 6 weeks Lismore council's Mr Lindsay Walker gave us the good news this week that they have suitable land available on a long-term lease. The land is situated at the Lismore council depot at Wyrallah Road Lismore, in the same location as the council pound. This is great central location for the public and volunteers

This week we will be meeting with Mr Lindsay Walker and Mark Smith the architect from 'Running Dog' Byron Bay (a huge thank you to Mark for his work and time donated to ARRГ), to view the land in respect to our existing shelter plans and discuss details for our Development Application for the shelter.

Can you imagine the overwhelming excitement for all at ARRГ, it has been a long six year slog of appeals to acquire land for our shelter.

The finances to build our shelter have been made possible by some very generous supporters and all money raised will now be used to build the shelter rather than the purchase of land, which means we will be able to proceed with the building of the shelter in the very near future once the Development Application is approved by council.

Ideally we would love to see the shelter under way by Christmas 2004 depending on finding suitable builders.

ARRГ SHELTER BUILDING APPEAL NOW OPEN AND HELP NEEDED.

This appeal will soon be made public and we are seeking help with the following:

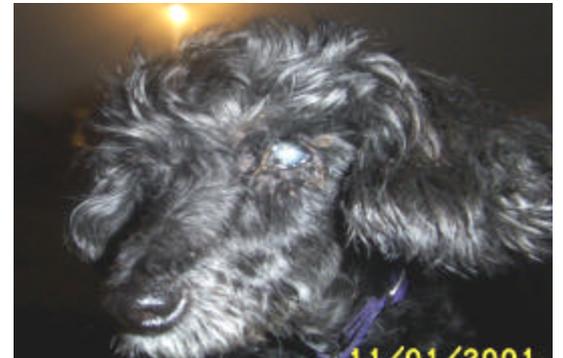
ARRГ would welcome all kinds of new and second hand building materials that can be used at the shelter.

ARRГ would welcome any trades people who could give some time to assist the shelter building project either part time or full time help once the shelter building project is underway. The more volunteer work we can provide on the building project the more we can save in building costs which will leave more money to provide better facilities for the animals. Please consider how you can give us your complete support now when we are so close to achieving our most important goal for the animals that need our help.

A huge thank you to all the many people, who have supported ARRГ over the years and shared our dream of building our animal shelter/centre for the animals in this region. The list is too long to mention. On behalf of the animal's we thank you.

The 'SECOND CHANCE SHELTER' our dream is now underway and all the future plans and progress for ARRГ are now a reality and many more animals will be given a second chance at life in our shelter.

IN MEMORY 'VIOLET' SADLY PASSED AWAY THIS MONTH.



'Violet's' story, she was dumped at 10 years of age, blind, with advanced cancer and had been hit by a car, given only months to live by the vet, Violet recovered from her injuries and lived a wonderful happy two years with our devoted carer Suzanne and her family.

UPDATE: WONDERFUL RESULTS FROM THE 'ANIMAL RESCUE' PAGE FEATURED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER



'MARVIN' a 5 month kitten
REHOMED AND NOW A MUCH LOVED PET



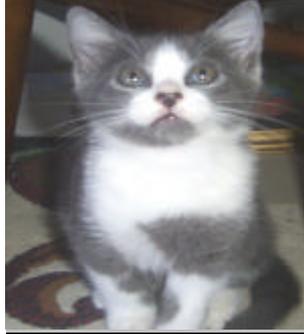
'SUSIE & TIMMY' two foxie dogs
dumped behind a brick wall in
Lismore.
**FULLY RECOVERED, TIMMY
REHOMED, SUSIE WAITING**



'FRANK' a 12 week old puppy
REHOMED WITH FAMILY.



'CILLA' mum cat approx 1 year old
REHOMED LAST WEEK.
Below are her 8 wk old babies



'BOBBY' grey and white.
REHOMED



'ABI' all soft grey
REHOMED



'JIMMY' a 5 year old Silkie x and
timid and has a minor eye problem
for life and needs a special home.
**REHOMED AND NOW VERY
SETTLED AND LOVED.**

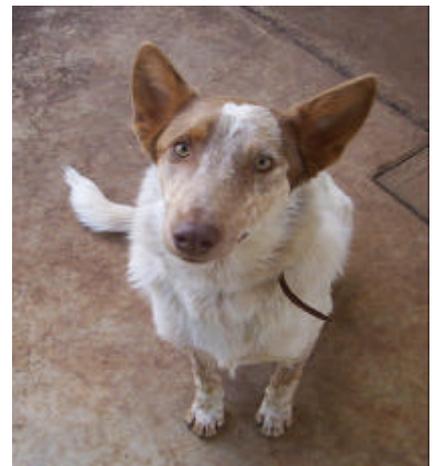
**NEW ANIMAL RESCUES
WAITING A SECOND CHANCE**



'DERMOTT' 6 month male cat
very friendly, dumped in Casino.



'ASH' a
6 month
small
Shep x
Kelpie.
Dumped
over
school
fence in
Casino.
Timid at
first but
very
loving.



'Deono' a 2 year old Kelpie x
Collie dumped as a large pup &
still waiting! Very obedient and
well-trained & good security
person.

Xmas cards are now available from the office or by post. A pack of six small but beautiful mixed animal pictures of ARRG rescued animals with lovely words are available for \$5.00 per pack + \$1.00 postage. Call into our office at 210 Keen street Lismore or call 66221881 to order and help ARRG raise Xmas funds.

The ARRГ Op Shop at 210 Keen Street Lismore is going very well and the funds raised are growing weekly. Please continue to support us by donating items for sale

The Op shop is open daily from 9am until 3.30pm. Donations can be dropped at the shop (parking is limited but for drop off please double park outside the shop). For collection of items call ARRГ on 66221881.

Our Op shop is very busy and due to its central location has become a great information centre for the public. ARRГ is always ready to help people with all kinds of pet issues. One of the most successful programs run through our Op shop is our subsidised desexing program and we are pleased to report the number of people using this service grows weekly. Our latest media release urges all cat owners to ask for help desexing help NOW before the cat breeding season starts.

ARRГ'S SUBSIDISED DESEXING IN OUR AREA
 ASSISTED DESEXING TRULY WORKS; WE'RE OVERWHELMED WITH PEOPLE BOOKING THEIR PETS IN FOR DESEXING ON THIS PROGRAM. THIS WILL PREVENT HUNDREDS OF UNWANTED LITTERS FROM BEING BORN AND WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ABUSED AND UNWANTED ANIMALS IN THE FUTURE.

WEBSITE NEWS

Thanks to Vicki Skinner of Keenstreet Communications our website continues to progress. Through our website we receive offers of help, animal enquiries, buy a brick purchases and words of support. ARRГ would like to congratulate and share sincere best wishes to Vicki and Phil on their wedding on September 22nd.

BYRON BAY MARKET STALL 1st Sunday each month - ARRГ would like to thank Claire Watkins and Sandy McDonald for their recent hard work at the market, they have raised record breaking profits. Volunteers welcomed.

WISH LIST

The most urgent need now is to get help from trade people and to get donated building material of any kind. The more volunteer trade skilled help we get and with donated building materials we can reduce the building cost for our shelter and this is will be the greatest assistance.

- * We need animal transporters of any kind, & ARRГ cages returned to Op shop as many are missing.
- * A reliable photocopier with good quality copying abilities.
- * Large animal cages/aviaries or solid mesh for building animal holding pens needed.

DONATIONS ARE MUCH NEEDED

We urgently need your support at this very exciting time, with the shelter plans underway our funds will be stretched to new limits and we will still have all the current food and vet bills to cover as well, and for this we totally rely on the generous support from the caring public and our members and supporters, please help us now and make a financial donation and/or pet food donation (dog tin food much needed) in our bins. Your donations are our lifeline for the animals and we sincerely thank you on behalf of the animals



'BABY' says thank you for saving her litter.

LISMORE BUSINESS AWARDS 2004 ARRГ WINS

On August 21 2004 ARRГ won 'EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY NOT FOR PROFIT AWARD' Barbara Steffensen (President) and Suzanne Lavis (Secretary) seen here with the award.



We would like to thank Paul Slessor a volunteer who did the wonderful and successful submission for this award.



PARTICIPATING VETS

Thanks for your support Suffolk Park Vet Clinic, Evans Head Vet Clinic Northern Rivers Clinic Casino, Casino Vet Clinic, Shaw's Vet Clinic Ballina, Yamba Vet Clinic, Billinudgel Vet Clinic, Jack Somerville Vet Tuncester, Fairymount Vet Clinic Kyogle, Keen Street Vet Clinic Lismore, Mullumbimby Vet Clinic, Iluka vet clinic.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

* Next group meeting Sunday October 17th held at 210 Keen Street Lismore 1pm. Please take the time, just a couple of hours to hear our exciting new shelter plans and have the chance to offer your ideas for this most important project.

Membership form - ANIMAL RIGHTS AND RESCUE GROUP INC. Far North Coast.

Enclosed cheque/MO for \$..... New Member Renewal
 or charge Bankcard Visa Mastercard **Date of application**.....
 Card number: Exp.
 date.../... Signature:..... Adult (\$15.00)
 NAME..... Concession (\$8.00)
 ADDRESS:..... Junior (\$5.00)
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A bumper sticker and regular newsletters included in membership fee.

MEMORIAL FOR SOME SPECIAL DOGS AND WONDERFUL ANIMAL STORIES.

“JACK” 1989 - 2004



Jack the Border Collie x Heeler was left to wander the streets of Goonellabah by his uncaring owner. I began feeding him and giving him love and affection, which doubtfully he ever knew. After a few weeks Jack decided this was where he wanted to stay and set up camp in my garage. His former owner was contacted but she said 'I can't afford to feed him and he's a pest'. So Jack was adopted in to our loving home at the age of 5 years and lived with us until his death from cancer at the age of 15 years. "Jack" was a gentle dog who loved everyone and accepted any new dog brought into our home, even the litters of puppies, and there were many of those, who pulled and chewed on his tail and ears. I had become a dog and puppy carer for the Animal Rights and Rescue Group and many litters came to my home. "Jack" had a long and happy life with us and he is missed terribly. He was laid to rest under the Frangipani trees in my garden along with "Benny" and "Pedro" two other darlings who have passed on. NEVER FORGOTTEN, LOVED FOR EVER
WRITTEN BY DEBBIE JOHNSON 'JACK'S' CARE GIVER GOONELLABAH.



'PRINCE' AND HOW HE COPEES WHEN I HAVE A DIABETIC HYPO

I got 'Prince' from the Animal Rights and Rescue Group when he was an older Kelpie x puppy about five years ago as a companion for me and our other dog. Prince over the years that I have had him has become my friend and therapy dog, he taught himself somehow to cope with me when I have a diabetic hypo. I am an insulin dependant diabetic and I have had a dog since I was five years old and Prince is the first dog that I have had that knows when I am having a diabetic hypo and no one, taught him what to do. I have had diabetes since I was two and a half months old and I have had diabetes for sixty one years in October. Now I get no warnings when I get a hypo, I used to sweat a lot and feel it in my stomach. When this happens Prince has taught himself to find the other people that live in the same house, and Prince goes to them and hits them on the knee or their hand with his head and then cries for about three seconds and then runs back out to me to let them know I need help and then when the ambulance people arrive to give me a needle of sugar to bring me around he takes Sheba our other dog out the back door and he watches through the glass door because he knows that he and Sheba are not allowed inside until the ambulance people have gone. Prince is the first dog that I have had that can do this and he has taught himself to do this and they say that there are a few dogs that can do this but not many dogs can. I think I am very fortunate to have a dog that can do this and look after me. Thanking Prince Walter Mulgrave Ballina.



“JUDY” 1991 – 2004 she was a puppy when rescued from the Lismore pound. **Judy lived at my home while waiting to be rehomed. Due to former abuse Judy could be a bit unpredictable and would occasionally snap. Most of the time Judy was very sweet and happy but would still at times be snappy so I decided she would live her life with myself, my daughter and our other pets. Judy had a wonderful life and passed away on September 27 and is really missed. Barbara Steffensen**



'COCO' was one of five pug x puppies rescued from a very concerning environment in Lismore.

Message from 'Coco's' new family to ARRG. Thanks! For allowing us to adopt 'Coco' she is adored by all and is going great at obedience. We feel very lucky to have her. Keep up the good work Sandra Payne

Your for the Animals Barbara Steffensen