

# ANIMAL RIGHTS AND RESCUE GROUP Inc

## FAR NORTH COAST NSW AUSTRALIA. October 2005

- 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. ARRG 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

The year for us at ARRG is made up of weekly, monthly even annual deadlines and many emergencies, which means the time here mainly represents 'How much time do we have to get the next job done'? And so believe it or not, here's the October newsletter and Xmas card purchasing and panic another deadline to print more cards.

### SHELTER PROGRESS REPORT

In the last newsletter we reported our frustration with the slow progress. We are still working with council and the architect to acquire the necessary reports relating to land and the proposed use. We would like to thank council, Mark Smith of Running Dog Design (architect) for their time and help.

Following a site meeting between ourselves and Malcolm Scott who we contacted regarding our need for an Environment Impact Study report for our DA, matters such as flood, ground stability and contamination, which could have been a problem, were discussed. Due to Malcolm's assistance it now seems the land is sound and his report will be completed very soon and this should see our DA application on track again.

Once the DA application is submitted we are hoping council approval will be only be a matter of weeks away and we can then continue with the next stage of building the shelter.

Our enthusiasm and excitement for this goal has been truly tested over the last few years and it is obvious to us now that we had little knowledge in the beginning of what would be entailed for this project.

Lets all hope the news will all be positive from here, but in the meantime I cant' hold up the newsletter further, for the outcome.

### NATIONAL DESEX NETWORK

NDN is a program of the Animal Welfare League QLD (AWLQLD). Recently the NDN program made available a grant to approved organizations around the country to assist in with free/low cost desex of 100 female cats. The program identified that for a range of reasons some pets are not being desexed and with the cat pet Overpopulation crisis worsening in Australia some practical help is needed. ARRG for many years has advocated and offered low/free desexing for pets for people who need assistance to do

the right thing.

We applaud the NDN and the AWLQLD for this program and thank them for approving our grant and for their other programs such as the 'Last litter fund'. When the public calls AWL with unwanted puppies/kittens the organization accepts them as long as mum dog or cat is desexed immediately 'FREE', what an initiative a real solution and true animal welfare work.

If all large and established animal rescue groups and shelters followed these programs we would actually have a real hope of ending the shocking number of unwanted pets killed daily, weekly, yearly, because no homes can be found for them

AWL has a very busy shelter and vet clinic operating from their facility at Coombabah Gold Coast. If you need more information about these programs or to Adopt one of their pets call 0755817600 or visit [www.awlqld.org.au](http://www.awlqld.org.au)

So with the NDN grant to desex 100 female cats and our own ongoing subsidised desexing program for both dogs and cats we aim to do all we can to reduce the number of unwanted litters 'Born Without Hope'.

With the dreaded Summer cat-breeding season now upon us we are currently circulating posters for community boards to get our desex program message across as the papers don't always use our material (pets not great news), Attached is a poster please put on boards, shops, for public viewing and this will save volunteers many hours of running around, thank you.

Much of our work is filled with sadness and anger and sometimes is hard to contain, but we truly feel real action is now happening and many organizations have changed their focus of the never ending struggle of rehoming unwanted pets to effective programs that will prevent unwanted litters of domestic pets being born that will end up in shelters or pounds and killed or suffering abuse in uncaring homes.

### THE REAL MEANING OF ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal Welfare programs are very needed and the demand for pet assistance grows from our local health and welfare agencies. We provide food, vet care and temporary pet housing for people during a range of personal crises. A recent meeting between ARRG and The Women's & Children's refuge to discuss our long standing support program that was formalised in 2004 by a donation from TW&CR to ARRG a contribution toward the cost of pet welfare for their clients for which we thank Claudia @TWCR.

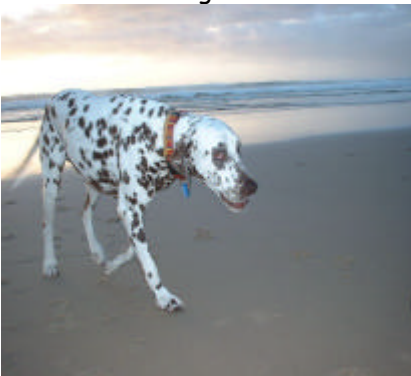
## ANIMAL RESCUE CASES



**8 unwanted foxie pups rescued mum dog now desexed by ARR**



**11 Staffie x puppies rescued and rehomed by ARR her third unwanted litter now ARR has desexed mum dog.**



**SPOT an 8 yr old p/b Dalmatian has controlled epilepsy needs a loving home rescued by ARR.**



**BINDY severely abused rescued by ARR she has now been adopted into a loving home.**



**A new arrival tired and stressed crashes on Suzanne's lap in the office 'Jack' and his mum had been neglected and abused and no longer wanted. Mum has been rehomed and Jack's carer Pam Baxter has decided to adopt him.**



**'Flash' was part of an unwanted litter rescued by ARR, very pretty and cuddly once settled with their foster carer. It was discovered Flash had a heart murmur and needed a special home. A wonderful lady and her daughter went to meet him and decided he was for them.**



**'Gidget' has suffered much abuse and her story was reported to us and we were able to rescue her. Covered in sores and scars and lame in the back leg. She is a staffie x Ridgeback approx 4years old. Her leg has been operated on and her progress is looking good. She has a great nature with people and children a one dog home preferred. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LONG TERM CARER FOR GIDGET** **VIEW OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ANIMAL RESCUE STORIES.****

## WEBSITE NEWS

Our website receives many visits from the public and other organisations who regularly request that we consider a link with them and this means our website is working very well. Public support from our website visitors results with offers of volunteer help, foster carers, donations and ongoing support of our 'Buy a Brick Appeal' and currently support for Xmas cards is strong. If you haven't viewed our website lately please take the time and you will be really impressed, it is so informative, interesting and moving as many of our visitors tell us. An amazing job done by Vicki Stebbins of Keenstreet Communications. **NOTE** Vicki donates her services & time for ARR for no charge.

## MONTHLY MARKET STALLS

**Once a month - HELP NEEDED CAN YOU HELP?**

Volunteers for both the Byron 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and Ballina markets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Early shifts 7.30am until 10am or later shift. The markets are a great place for our pet information and for support for ARR.

## ARR THANKS OUR SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR KIND DONATIONS

ARR is self-funded and receives no government or council funding to operate our animal rescue program in this region. ARR covers the vast region of the Northern Rivers area. There is no RSPCA from Coffs Harbour South to Tweed Heads North. ARR volunteers work tirelessly to save unwanted animals from abuse or death. Our foster carers are constantly full with surrendered or abandoned pets. ARR also rescues unclaimed pets from local pounds that would otherwise be killed.

Without your financial support, our hard work and dedication to save these animals would still not be enough.

Your financial donations are the only lifeline for the ARR pet rescue program. We sincerely thank you on behalf of the thousands of animals saved by ARR since 1994. In 2005 over

1500 unwanted & dumped pets were given a second chance. Your continuing support and donations are urgently needed to help us continue our rescue work.

**THANK YOU FOR BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP TO:**

\* MAVLAB for supplies of pet care product including Fidos shampoo and flea rinse, products we need and use and endorse. Available at vet clinics.

\* Rod Bailey of OZ-PET Alstonville for a generous donation of 1 ton of quality cat litter, just at the start of cat breeding season, money saved can now go to our rescue work. see company details further on.

\* 'Pets for Kindness' and Gary Rindfleish for their donations of pet food and pet products to us.

\* AWL Gold Coast for regular pet food donations.

\* Celeste Knight author of 'Artistic Vegetarian food' new book with 20% of all sales donated to ARRГ. (see Diary dates for book launch)

**OUR FOSTER CARERS ARE AMAZING CARING PEOPLE**

They are students, families, single people & most have pets of their own as well. ARRГ gets a call and another pet or litter needs rescue. Suzanne or myself start calling our foster carers and these carer's go into action preparing for more unknown arrivals, another disruption to there lives and they do it readily time and time again. Without our carers our rescue work couldn't continue Thank you.

**OUR PARTICIPATING VETS**

Many thanks for the support of these vets. Suffolk Park Vet Clinic, Evans Head Vet Clinic Northern Rivers Clinic Casino, Casino Vet Clinic, Shaw's Vet Ballina, Central Vet Casino, Yamba Vet Clinic, Billinudgel Vet Clinic, Fairymount Vet Clinic, Kyogle, Keen Street Vet Clinic Lismore, Mullumbimby Vet Clinic, Iluka Vet Clinic. Clinics in other areas that have assisted us Gympie Vet clinic, Queen street vet clinic Murwillumbah, Hawke Drive vet hospital Woolgoolga.



**HOLIDAY RAFFLE RESULT**

The raffle was won by of Sydney. ARRГ firstly thanks Sue Barker a volunteer at Port McQuarie and her associates for donating the wonderful prize. We also truly thank all our members who sold all their tickets and helped us raise approximately \$700.00 in funds that have really helped us cover operating costs. Raffles are very successful fundraisers and we hope you will continue to support them.

**If you do not want to receive raffle tickets please notify us.**

**BUY A BRICK APPEAL**

Most of our Bricks are sold from our website appeal and to date we have raised over \$15,000 from this appeal. Applications are available via the website or by contacting the office 0266221881.

**XMAS CARD PURCHASE**

We have only done a small run of cards this year, due to time and outlay, the 6 same design card pack features rescued pets and is \$10.00 to order call 66221881, all funds raised will go directly to help the animals.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY.**

\* Next General Meeting is October 30<sup>th</sup> at 181a Keen Street Lismore at 1pm.

\* **ARRГ AGM** December 11 at 181a Keen Street Lismore at 1pm all members urged to attend for election, annual financial report and ARRГ future.

\* October 21<sup>st</sup> Celeste Knight Book Launch of 'Artistic Vegetarian Food' at Community centre Johnson St Byron Bay Hon Richard Jones opens the event 6.30pm – 8.30 Drinks and nibbles

**OUR ASSISTED DESEX PROGRAM HAS TO DATE HELPED HUNDREDS OF PETS TO BE DESEXED THAT WOULD OTHERWISE CONTINUE TO BREED. DESEXING PROGRAMS TRULY WORK TO HELP DISADVANTAGED PET OWNERS DO THE RIGHT THING, DISPELLING THE MYTH THAT THESE PEOPLE DO NOT CARE. BOTH OWNER AND PET ARE THE WINNERS AND ARRГ WILL SEE LESS LITTERS IN THE FUTURE THAT NEED SAVING. THE TRAGIC PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE WON BY DESEXING ALL PETS.**

**REMEMBER THE HOMELESS PET RESCUE IN YOUR WILL**

To know your support for ARRГ and the animals will continue into the future please consider a donation to ARRГ in your will.

For further information contact ARRГ office on 02 66221881 or email [nonkill@animalrights.org.au](mailto:nonkill@animalrights.org.au)



**INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY/CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August and our fourth year of joining many groups around the world to remember the millions of pets who never found a home, a sombre day.

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

Enclosed cheque/MO for \$..... New Member  Renewal

or charge Bankcard  Visa  Mastercard

Card number:           Exp.

date.../..... Signature:..... Adult  (\$15.00)

NAME..... Concession  (\$8.00)

ADDRESS:..... Junior  (\$5.00)

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**FREE BUMPER STICKER AND QUARTERLEY NEWSLETTER.**