



**The pounds are FULL – ARRG is FULL and we urgently need more FOSTER CARERS to help us save more unwanted animals.**

We have an ever growing list of unwanted animals for safe rehoming but our first priority is for the 3 local pounds deathrow animals that are out of time and will otherwise be killed. The pressure is always on at ARRG because if we can't find a space they will die

**Become a pet Life Saver by joining ARRG.**

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
2010.

**DESEXING HELP IS  
AVAILABLE SPREAD THE  
WORD CALL ARRG  
LETS ALL WORK TO  
STOP THE KILLING**

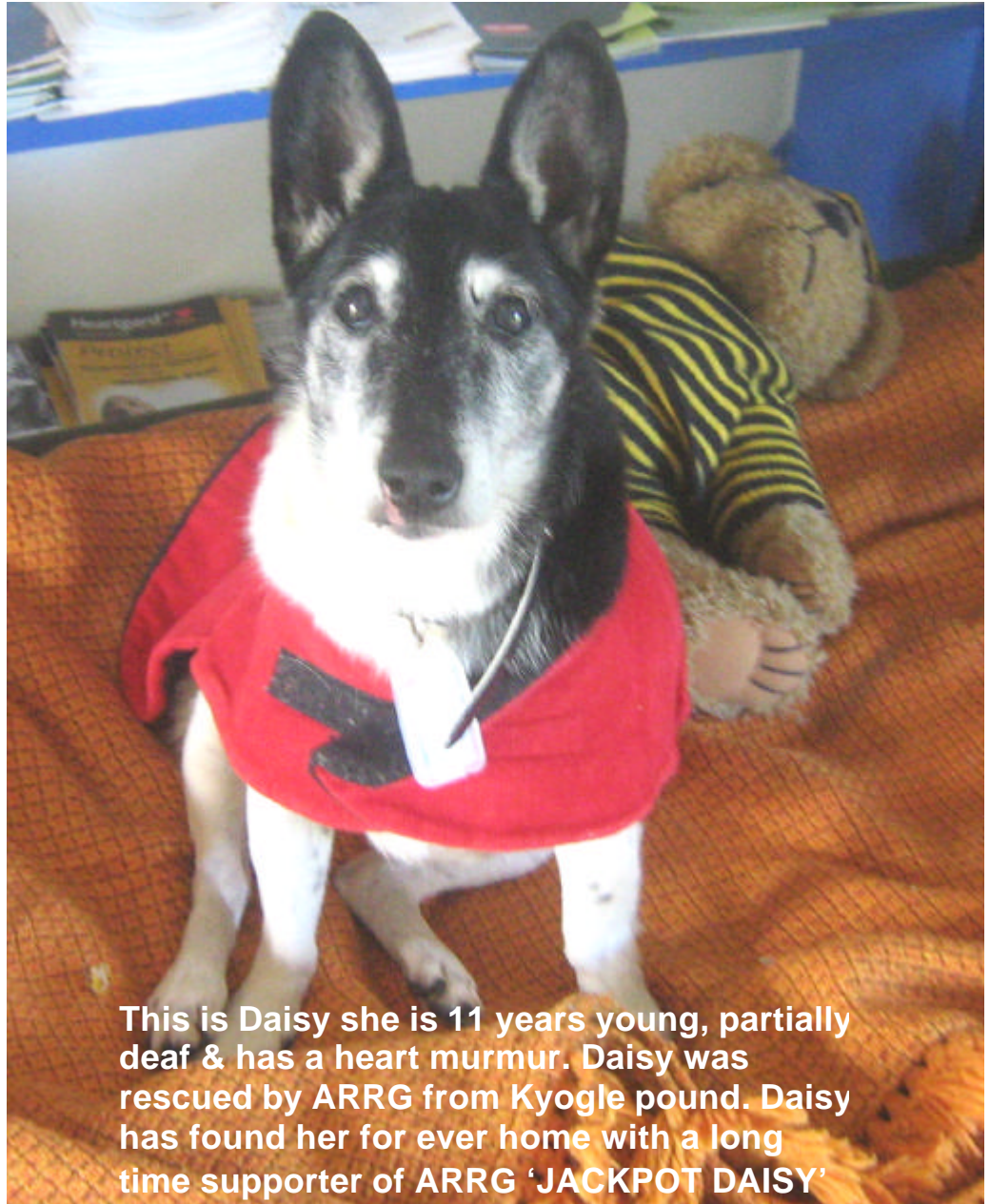


*ARRG is not for profit & receives no government funding. We solely rely on donations & our fund raising efforts.*

*ARRG is a No-Kill, foster care organisation & rescues unwanted companion animals from the public and deathrow animals from three local council pounds that would otherwise be killed.*

**HELP SAVE A LIFE**

**The dreaded Cat breeding season has now started**  
Foster homes urgently needed for hundreds of unwanted cats  
& kittens that will be abandoned and left at pounds



**This is Daisy she is 11 years young, partially deaf & has a heart murmur. Daisy was rescued by ARRG from Kyogle pound. Daisy has found her for ever home with a long time supporter of ARRG 'JACKPOT DAISY'**

**Patron Phillip Wollen OAM of Winsome Constance Kindness Foundation a very proud achievement. 2010 ARRG receives International 'Shining World Compassion Award' from Suprememaster.tv USA**

**ANIMAL RIGHTS & RESCUE GROUP**

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## 2. ANIMAL RESCUE CASES EITHER IN CARE OR NOW REHOMED BUT SADLY MANY MORE UNWANTED ANIMALS WAIT FOR A FOSTER HOME!



MOLLY 1yr rescued from Casino pound



CISCO 1yr Casino pound deathrow



SNOWY 3Y PERSIAN X DUMPED SO THIN & MATTED HAIR



SNOWY AFTER HIS OP TO REMOVE HIS HAIR



ULU a 12 wk old pup dumped in Lismore



ART a 2yr male cat dumped in Lismore



LIZZIE a 1yr cat dumped with kittens



ROY 3yr Husky x rescued from deathrow

### WHY ARE ALL THESE WONDERFUL COMPANION ANIMALS AND SO MANY OTHERS NO LONGER WANTED OR CARED FOR?

Sadly the number of unwanted animals keeps growing. Many pounds are constantly full and the calls from owners who don't want their pets anymore keep our phones running hot.

It appears to be a normal and entrenched behaviour of many people who continue to acquire an animal when it suits them or when the 'kids' decide they want a pet, only to again call a shelter/rescue group when the animal becomes inconvenient or when the kids loose interest. The message that a 'Pet is for Life' has certainly not got through.

While this cycle is repeated by the adults it's not surprising that their children will also continue this pattern as young adults & with their families, that's all though know "Get rid of the pet":

Amazingly many of these people we speak to appear to believe that all unwanted animals that go to shelters, rescue or pounds actually find another home and that includes animals previously owned by them.

**When given the truth on shelter & pound kill statistics they seem shocked.** True some people just don't seem to care or want to listen.

This clearly shows that not enough is being done to educate/shock the public about the real fate of many thousands of unwanted animals.

As with any serious community problem we urgently need effective media **Public Awareness Campaigns** that should be funded by the government and the large National Animal Welfare groups to expose the shameful & tragic killing of over 250,000 animals every year.

Does the taxpayer know that approx. \$200 million tax money is spent annually to handle & kill the unwanted animals in the pounds?

Shouldn't we as tax payers demand that money be better spent?

What can we do? We need animal welfare issues honestly represented in politics. Speak to your local member & let them know animals are important to you & will effect the way you vote. Each of us has that power with our vote & together we could change the way animals are treated. Visit the newly formed 'Animal Justice Party' read about them & give them your support. [www.animaljusticeparty.org](http://www.animaljusticeparty.org). A new hope!

All these lovely animals are just a few rescued by ARRГ from owners, no longer wanted or unclaimed pets (dumped pets) from 3 local pounds death row when their time was up. Two thirds of all our animals come from Casino pound death row located at the tip and open 7 days, a too easy dumping option for the many heartless people in that area.

### 3. **Rescue animals, now safe in care, how do we choose the best homes for them?**

ARRG works with other rescue groups, we exchange newsletters, share heartbreak stories & the stress, it helps to talk with people who work in this sad business & together we can help rehome animals within our regions. A recent article in Doggie Rescue's (Sydney) newsletter was very good. They were founded same time and are No-Kill. Rescuers have their critics both good & bad especially regarding the strict rehoming policies.

**An extract from a 'Doggie Rescue' Newsletter. Those darn rescues with all their rules & questions...**

"If you have tried to adopt a dog, you know what I'm talking about. So many in-depth, personal questions; just to adopt a **dog!** For goodness sake—do they really need **all** that information? After all—aren't these **homeless** dogs? Wouldn't **any** owner be better than being a dog, lamenting in Rescue? than being homeless?"

**NOPE** – as a matter of fact, those questions and in-depth applications have a purpose. The individuals who run these rescues have seen quite a bit of dog stuff in their day. They have seen the circumstances that brought these dogs into rescue in the first place. There are a few "real" cases where the dog needs the help of a rescue because the owner has died or fallen gravely ill but the majority of dogs in rescue are there because they had owners who did things all wrong....."

*The article goes on with such clarity about why rescue needs to protect all our animals when rehoming.*

"Rescue organisations find some phenomenal homes – amazing people are out there & so many of the dogs are amazing too. They deserve a home that will keep them until the end of their days".

**Final note** – "a bad owner is **not** better than getting a dog **out** of rescue. Getting out of rescue, only to be left in a kennel for 10 hours a day or chained in a yard is not better than sitting in rescue."

Article by Penny Eims on behalf of Doggie Rescue.  
*Congrats for saying it so well for all rescue groups.  
(ARRG is dogs and cats and it applies for cats)*

*If our animals could speak they would say, please get it right, our life & future is in your hands & ARRG pledges to get it right for all of them.*

**But without you and your ongoing support our rescue work couldn't continue and no matter how committed and hard we work it's not enough.**

**THEIR LIVES ARE IN OUR HANDS AND OUR FUTURE IS IN YOURS.**

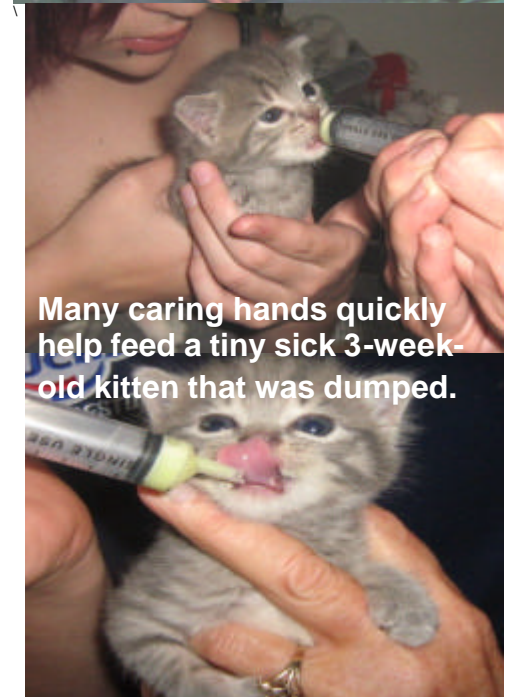
### **News from ARRG.**



Clare & Anais volunteers take care of arrivals



One of our rehomed puppies make a visit to the centre



Many caring hands quickly help feed a tiny sick 3-week-old kitten that was dumped.

Suzanne soothes a puppy on arrival. Sam a 4mth pup rescued from Grafton pound that has been abused & neglected and needs lots of love



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## **FOSTERING HELPS SAVE LIVES - Could you foster one dog, cat, puppy, kitten?**

Many people wisely choose not to have a pet due to their current situation & put off adopting a pet for life until the time is right, points for that. ARRG's foster program could fill the gap. We **urgently need more safe places** for rescue animals & our foster program makes it easy for animal lovers to help by fostering for long or short term and help us save lives. All food, vet work and pet product is supplied. You provide TLC & some training for your foster pet.

## **VOLUNTEERING HELPS SAVE LIVES – Can you spare a day on a regular basis?**

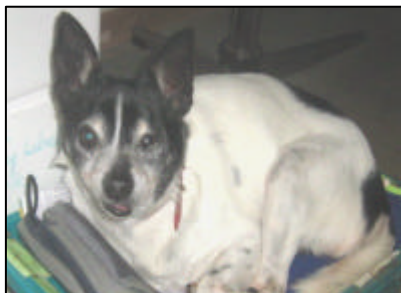
Our centre Lismore built in 2007 after 13 years of hard work & fund raising is now open daily 9pm – 4pm & the only rescue group in the Northern Rivers accessible for the public.

A great achievement by volunteers who built this, by clearing this dirty bit of council land.

Now a very busy centre, office, cat accommodation shed, temporary holding pens for dogs waiting a foster home, car park and large lawns & gardens. But we urgently need more volunteers to fill our 7-day roster especially for animal care & walking at weekends. Current volunteers include TAFE students, Centre link & other agency work agreements and a small band of very dedicated volunteers who work hard all the time & the work keeps growing.

Help needed in all departments including mowing, general repairs and fencing.

Unless more people are willing to volunteer at the centre we will not be able to cope with the extra animals & workload this brings & the animals must get the care & attention they need.

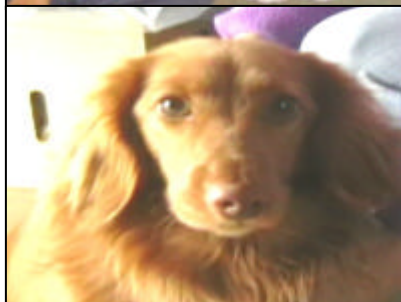


### **ANIMAL RESCUES**

'Bentley' is a 9yr foxie x rescued from Casino pound death row. He is blind in eye and a little grey and aged, but has a lovely nature and lots of personality and lots of love to give. A wonderful companion dog and waiting for his special home for life.



'Max and Bear' two 3 month old Shep x Dingo pups rescued from Kyogle pound deathrow. Very shy at first they are now getting use to all the love from their carers and starting to trust. They will be medium size fully-grown and may always be a little shy with strangers at first. "Special needs puppies".

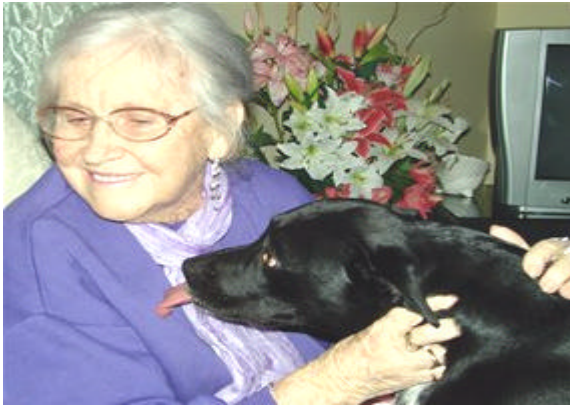


'Frankie' an 8 yr longhaired Dachshund was left at a boarding kennels by his owner, who never came to collect him and ARRG was called to help. Frankie has a very loving nature and just wants to be with people. *UPDATE: Frankie has been adopted by wonderful people from Brisbane.*



'Ralph' a 5 month kitten was dumped in Casino with a large open wound to his head that was untreated, found by caring people who called ARRG for help. We arranged vet treatment for him and he arrived at ARRG. Though injured he had the sweetest nature & loved all the attention from our volunteers. *UPDATE: Ralph now fully recovered and has since been adopted into a fully screened and lovely home.*

## 'GYPSY' A HERO DOG'S STORY



This is an amazing companion animal story & hit the local news. 'Gypsy' a staffie x was rescued from a pound death row by ARRГ & adopted by Meg's neighbour several years ago. Gypsy was a regular day visitor at Megs for a cuddle & a treat & then went home.

Late in the afternoon Meg had a bad fall on her property & couldn't move & no-one could hear her calls for help, then suddenly Gypsy arrived & found Meg injured and in pain, Gypsy grabbed one of Megs slippers and took it back to her owners home, they knew something was wrong & went looking & found Meg where she had fallen & had a broken hip & needed urgent help.

It happened late winter in a very cold spell & without Gypsy's help Meg may not have been found in time to get her the help needed.

Meg is now recovered from this frightening ordeal and is ever thankful to her hero dog Gypsy.

Gypsy's story re-enforces our claim that animals rarely fail us and that it's humans who fail the animals.

### **LOOKING FOR A PET? ALSO CHECK THE LOCAL POUNDS:**

Lismore pound call 66274100 to view  
Kyogle council call

Ballina council call 66 864444 to view

Casino council call 66600342 or view  
7 days a week, pound located at the  
Casino landfill/tip site

**Adopt a pound animal & save a life**

## 'BOY' OUR DINGO X RIP 2000-2010

A sad day at ARRГ October 11th we had to have 'BOY' put to sleep due to old age



Rescued by  
ARRГ 2000

'Boy' on right  
with Barbara  
and a rescue  
puppy at her  
home.  
25/1/2001.

Rescued from Byron Bay where he lived a free life around the beach & camp areas, a well known character & cared for by the community

He became ill & residents contacted us to help as the authorities offered only trapping & killing. With the residents help & many attempts we caught him and he survived with treatment. He lived with Barbara our founder at her home for 8 years & then moved into his custom built enclosure at our centre built in 2007. He shared his enclosure with Fleur a female corgi x rescued as a puppy in 1998, so severely abused she continued to be fearful of most people.

Both had sanctuary for life at ARRГ unless a very special person came along.

Boy was an amazingly smart dog he lived with many rescue dogs at Barbara's home & always took the role of Top dog without any aggression, actually nurturing all new arrivals & they all respected him. **Barbara and Boy had an amazing history and bond.**

'Boy' was buried in the garden at the centre and a tree has been planted there in his memory.

Fleur will miss her mate badly. Now 12 years of age but very healthy she is now used to the regular volunteers at the centre & ideally needs a home with either another mature dog & or a very special person with a big heart & lots of patience & love to help her adjust & care for her for the rest of her life.

If you think you could give Fleur a home or would like to meet her call ARRГ

Until that 'miracle' happens we have to choose a suitable gentle mature enclosure mate for Fleur for companionship.

## "MIRACLES DO HAPPEN"

Following our story about 'FLEUR' needing a special home a wonderful supporter came to the centre and saw Fleur & decided to visit her a few times & see if they connected. Fleur responded to the attention & gentle approach by Patricia and the bonding started.

Patricia decided to adopt Fleur and take her home & see if it would work. All at ARRГ were overjoyed and praying very hard. The miracle continues Fleur is now very happy & is getting used to her new very comfortable life with both indoor and outdoor facilities a new social life that includes new friends, human & doggy & is gaining confidence all the time and has a constant very loving human as her best mate.

This is probably a first & last in our **No-Kill history**, an abused dog in care for over 12 years gets the best home ever! **Congratulations Fleur from all at ARRГ.**

'DUDLEYS STORY' this 5 yr old blind fox terrier was dumped in Casino & taken to the pound, no-one claimed him & ARRГ rescued him when his time was up. *Who could do this?*

Dudley arrived at the centre the most happy natured dog & went off to his foster carer & to get his vet work done & have his eyes checked in the hope we could save his sight. The vet agreed it was worth trying & with a referral Dudley was taken to a specialist at the Gold Coast for tests. Sadly his eyes had suffered long term neglect and his sight could not be saved. But the tests showed that he was in pain & needed surgery to stop the pain.

Dudley would need his eyes removed & some parts replaced and then he would be pain free but still blind.

We agreed to the surgery that would help Dudley & his operation was booked for the following week.

The clinic kindly gave us staff prices a 30% reduction. Dudley was operated on last week & is recovering well. Many thanks go to Karen & Sharon our volunteers who dedicated themselves to Dudley's clinic visits & to his after care and fell in love with this little survivor.

MORE GOOD NEWS: During this crucial time for Dudley a wonderful lady from Yamba had called to adopt him after seeing his story on our website.

***These success stories & the wonderful people that make them possible give us rescue people the hope and strength to continue.***



Patricia left collects Fleur & Ursula our centre volunteer says 'Goodbye'



Centre volunteers meet at reception to say 'Goodbye' to a beloved long-term dog that deserves this amazing chance after 12 years of ARRГ care. Her own home at last



Deb's first words told me she was the right person. She said 'we have seen Dudley on the website & he needs a safe place for life'. We explained he was having surgery but whatever the outcome she wanted to adopt him.

Deb adopted Dudley & worked with his care team Karen & Sharon and asked to take him & do his post op care and his follow up visit at the Gold Coast clinic.

On Monday Deb & Dudley visited our centre so we could see how the little man is going after his operation.

He is doing so well & is very loved by Deb & her family very special people



## **NEWS AND PROGRESS AT THE CENTRE**

The continuous wet weather is making conditions for the dogs held at the centre miserable & hard going for the volunteers. Keeping the temporary dog pens dry & the grass runs from turning into muddy areas is not easy & with heavy rainfall predicted for the Summer, we must put the building of the approved animal housing on **top priority** & get them started.

The current increase of unwanted animals especially young & mature dogs from the public & from pounds death row is more than our foster carer network can handle & up to six dogs & many puppies are now constantly held at the centre, waiting for foster carers

Architect & engineer plans are completed for our animal pens & all we need are willing people with building skills to help build our pens and some further fund raising to cover building costs.

We thank Chris Knapp architect Byron Bay for his generous donation of 90% of his normal costs and his work to design the pens.

Greg Alderson & Associates engineers Bangalow for their support again, without their help in 2005/6 our centre may not have happened & for their current work on the pens.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP ARRG BUILD OUR ANIMAL PENS?**

- **DONATIONS TO BUILD OUR PENS: Sponsor a pen in your or your pets name**
- **BUILDER OR SKILLED PERSON: Fair quotes sought with time available ASAP**

### **GRANT & FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

Christina Hart our volunteer continues to work on submissions for funds & we are all always hopeful of approval.



In February we received a Funding Request from AWL Qld from the G2Z & Elsie Cameron foundation.

Established by an amazing lady Jan Cameron who supports many groups & is providing funds to build desexing clinics & rehoming centres in Australia & Tasmania **'To Stop the Killing'**.

We'd previously written directly to Jan Cameron about our work & needs.

We completed the funding application form & proudly met all the criteria & returned it back to AWL in August. We recently spoke to Joy Verinder at AWL Qld regarding the progress of our application & we are still hopeful.

G2Z & AWL have been very busy building a new vet & desexing clinic in Hobart & funding other projects.

None of this amazing work for animals would be possible without the passion & vision of people like Jan Cameron & we thank Jan for reading our original appeal letters & for passing them on to AWL Qld for consideration.

**ARRG is ever hopeful it's our mantra.**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY.**

Xmas & General meeting December 19 at the centre at 135 Three Chain Road Lismore 1pm

Your attendance would be appreciated.

Fortnightly Saturday Adoption Days need more volunteers

**MEMBERSHIP reminder!** All membership fees go directly to cover our operating costs of food, product & & our huge vet bills.

### **HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR RESCUE WORK**

Become a Member renewal Due February 1<sup>st</sup> each year  
Junior ,, \$5.00 Concession ,, \$8.00 Full membership ,, \$15.00. Life membership ,, \$150.00. Indicate a Renewal ,,

#### **OR MAKE A 'SAVE A LIFE' DONATION:**

I would like to save a life and make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Payment Options below :**

Cheque/money order/credit card for the amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### **OR debit my Visa/Mastercard/Bankcard details below:**

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#### **OR make a regular donation direct to our bank:**

Commonwealth Lismore BSB 062674 Account number 10130003 in your name & call/email us for a tax receipt.

*All members & supporters receive a free ARRG Bumper sticker & our 3 monthly newsletters.*

**Mail to: ARRG PO Box 987 Lismore NSW 2480**

#### **TO REMEMBER THE ANIMALS IN YOUR WILL**

Call the office & speak to Suzanne Lavis ARRG Secretary

7Thank you for caring.