



**ARRG continues the battle to save as many unwanted and abused animals as possible during one of the most demanding times for companion animals. Tragically more abandoned pets end up at pounds only to face death row. Become a Life Saver by supporting ARRG.**

**AUGUST 2011  
NEWSLETTER**

**BREEDING LAWS ARE  
NEEDED TO STOP THE  
KILLING. DESEXING  
PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA  
TOO FEW!**

**Please support a No-Kill  
group & lobby for changes.**



Winter slows the cat breeding, but without action **NOW** to desex cats, summer breeding will start again in October. We need funding or grants for an effective cat-desexing program, lobby your local member & council to take action & work with rescue groups

Four tiny 3-week-old kittens dumped in Lismore & needing constant bottle-feeding to survive. Thanks to carer Clare Bell who nursed them back to health & cared for them until we found the best homes.

**Now all adopted**



*ARRG is a volunteer group & receives no government funding.*

*We solely rely on donations from the caring public & our fund raising efforts.*

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

**BE A LIFE SAVER & HELP  
US SAVE THEM**

**Meet 'Rosie'** a sweet 14 week old cattle x puppy saved from Casino pound deathrow because no-one claimed her, her time was up when we rescued her. Another heartless person left their unwanted pet for dead!! No doubt these people will have another 'free' puppy very soon & do the same again.

**Q.** How can we stop this heartless disposable attitude of our companion animals in Australia?  
**A.** Provide affordable desexing programs in known target areas and stop the free/giveaway animal cycle & the too easy & free acquisition of animals. Australia lags way behind UK & USA where their large organisations have operated high volume low/free desexing programs for 20 years, with amazing results.

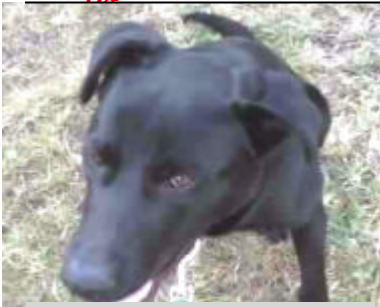
**Patron:** Phillip Wollen OAM Winsome Constance Kindness Foundation VIC. We are proud of this.  
**2010 ARRG** receives International 'Shining World Compassion Award' from Suprememaster.tv USA

# ANIMAL RIGHTS & RESCUE GROUP

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**Marty is a 1 year Lab x from Casino pound**



**'Rosie' 1yr rescued from Kyogle pound**



**6 tiny kittens dumped in Alstonville**



**'Banjo' rescued from Casino pound**



**Patches 1yr staffie x Saved from the pound**



**Tigger a manx kitten saved from the pound**



**Ralph kelpie x saved from Casino pound**

### **ARRG'S GALLERY OF RECENTLY RESCUED ANIMALS**

All the animals have done nothing wrong, we rarely rescue an animal with any real problem. They're innocent victims of uncaring & unsuitable pet owners who always blame the animal.

Tragically these people will get another 'Free' pet and do the same.

The number of pets no longer wanted by their owners is tragic & very concerning; our intake especially for dogs, this year has escalated out of control and the highest intake in our 18 years experience.

Every day we receive many calls from pet owners wanting to surrender their pets often for non-urgent reasons, who fail to understand that good homes are not available & that rescue groups cannot house them because we are full. No-Kill groups can only make a space when animals are adopted & we do not have a quick fix.

ARRG works with many small no kill rescue groups around the state & the situation is the same everywhere, all stretched to the limit. But Northern Rivers is one of the worse with identified problem areas and pounds like Casino constantly full with found & dumped animals that are never claimed & are killed every week if we can't take them

ARRG is the only rescue centre open to the public daily between Coffs Harbour in the South & Tweed Heads in the North.

This is a huge area and workload for a small group to cope with.

### **WE URGENTLY NEED HELP TO COPE WITH THIS CRISIS.**

**Can you care for just one puppy/dog or kitten/cat? Even for a short period to help us meet the pound death row deadline?**

ARRG is willing to provide fencing or pens for suitable carers and always provides all food and vet products for our foster animals.

**'TINY's STORY'** a 2-week-old kitten found alone on a property in poor condition was brought to ARRG. He needed urgent care & feeding to survive & that was provided by carer Belinda. He is now thriving & a wonderful home is waiting to take him home

Tragically many underage animals are dumped by heartless people, leaving them little chance to survive if not found soon enough. No kitten or puppy should be taken away from his or her mother before 8 week old & need regular worming from 4 weeks.

*These underage animals when rescued need costly treatment for malnutrition and serious worm infestation, both a potential killer.*



## **Pg 4 FOSTERING DOES SAVE ANIMALS LIVES - & WE NEED YOU NOW!**

Fostering's a great option for anyone unsure about the long-term commitment & everyday we recognise this issue when discussing pet adoption. Wise & caring people choose not to have a pet & put off adopting a pet until the time is right, points for that. Our foster care program can fill the animal gap for you (food & vet care provided) & also help us save more lives.

**We urgently need safe havens; you provide TLC & some training for your foster pet.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CENTRE – Can you spare a day on a regular basis?**

ARRG centre/office at 135 Three Chain Road Lismore is open weekdays from 9am – 4pm & is the only animal centre between Coffs Harbour to South & Tweed Heads to North.

Our small team are constantly busy dealing with reception and a range of animal issues & caring for the animals housed in emergency pens, waiting for a carer. Our emergency dog/puppy pens are just adequate in fine weather but hard work to clean & maintain in wet weather to keep the animals dry and comfortable. We need more reliable animal loving volunteers to fill our 7-day roster, ideally one day or more a week 9am–3pm for general work or animal playtime/cuddling 11am – 1pm. W/E people for pens & walking urgently needed. Due to the increased workload our current volunteers are overworked & struggling to cope.

**CENTRE UPDATE:** We need to raise funds to complete the dog kennels, a special concrete slab done in January cost us \$11,000.00 ready for the kennels. Funds allocated for building the kennels were spent on high vet & food bills during the last months to treat & care for the increased animal intake & some animals needed costly treatment for neglect or sickness.

### **DONATIONS SAVE LIVES & ARRG**

We thank you for your amazing support & for the gift of life your donation provides for many unwanted & abused animals rescued every week & especially for the Lismore, Casino, Kyogle death row pound animals who have no hope but ARRG when their time is up & would be killed.

Our commitment to these animals is for the rest of their lives. Our running costs are considerable, constant & increasing & we rely totally on donations.

Due to the tough economic time the need for your support has never been greater to meet the growing demands at ARRG to help more unwanted animals.

**Donations** can be mailed **or** made online at our website, (*we're heartened by the online donations from people afar who trust & have faith in our work*), **or** by direct deposit to Commonwealth bank BSB 062674 A/C10130003 & call our office for receipting arrangement.

***The reality is without your ongoing support & donations ARRG could not save these animals, no matter how hard we are willing to work!***

### **WONDERFUL ADOPTION PHOTOS:**



Rescuing animals is our goal & sadly we cannot work fast enough to meet the current demand. We do our best to help all unwanted animals & provide a safe place.



Next goal to find the best homes our pre-adoption screening process works brilliantly for the animals.

ARRG has 18 years of experience in rescue & rehoming and it shows.



When ARRG animals are adopted feel assured they have the best home

*Helen Small our main cat carer tells new carers.*

*"With my first fosters I was worried about their future, I care & love them & get attached, after meeting all the approved people who come to adopt my cats/kittens, my worries were soon over. The office does a vital & amazing job"*



## **AGAINST ANIMAL ABUSE.**

### **FOUR CORNERS LIVE EXPORT STORY SHOCKS THE NATION.**

Horrified by the shocking footage of pain and torture of our exported cattle made this the biggest animal welfare case in Australian history. Sadly the battle to ban live animal export is not won & cattle will continue to be sent to many countries capable of such cruel practices.

### **LISMORE LIVE EXPORT RALLY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>. ARRG volunteers at front**



*Continue to sign & forward on all further petitions & support for Lyn White reporter for Animals Australia in Victoria.*

### **OTHER CAMPAIGNS**

**'OSCARS LAW'** Victoria fights to stop puppy farms that expose thousands of breeding animals to severe neglect every day.



'Oscar' was saved from a puppy mill & so neglected; help other animals from suffering like Oscar did.

Go to [oscarlaw.org.au](http://oscarlaw.org.au) for more info.

### **GOLD COAST BREEDING PERMITS**

A new Breeder Permit system finalised & approved April 2010. This new Breeder Permit requires residents with both entire crossbred or purebred cats or dogs for breeding purposes to apply for a permit and meet new Code of Practice standards. Initiated by AWL Gold Coast & now being trialed can only bring relief for rescue groups overwhelmed for years with unwanted litters and too few homes.

**We urge councils in NSW to do same.**

**'AMBER'S STORY'** she was heavily pregnant when dumped in Casino and with a 6-month puppy from her previous litter. Their time was up when we rescued them from the pound; Honey the older pup is now rehomed.

**Below:** Amber with seven babies born 3 days after she arrived at our centre & 3 days after she was to be killed



Amber's puppies are now fat & happy and affectionate & will be ready for adoption early in August.

**Below:** meet Ambers family, she is a great mum.



### **'WE MEET AN OLD FRIEND'**

'Blue' previously 'Mickey' was adopted from ARRG 14 years ago as a puppy, one of a litter of 6 very abused & shy & **only** adopted to very special people.

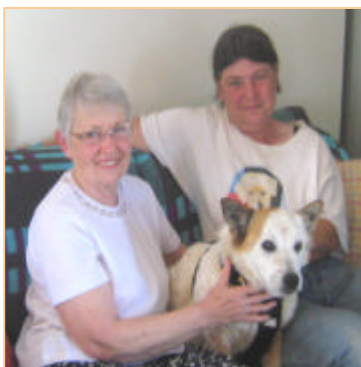


He visits a recent adoption day with his wonderful family who adopted 3 puppies from the same litter on the day.

'Blue' relaxed in the back of his 4 WD unaware he was gaining 3 more playmates.

All going well, with people like this you never have to worry about the animal's future.

**'FLEUR'** below is Blue's sister Patricia on left.



'FLEUR' most traumatised of the 6 puppies rescued approx 1997 & very shy of people has lived in care at Barbara's home & the centre ever since. Then Patricia animal lover & supporter met 'Fleur' & gained her love. Patricia adopted 13-year-old Fleur in 2010.

**No-kill works, never give up on anyone of them.**

## **FUND RAISING IDEAS NEEDED**

We urgently need more ways to raise funds to offset the drop in donations and membership fees in the last year leaving a short fall in income to cover our operating costs and higher vet and food bills. *IDEAS WELCOME*

## **LOCAL MARKET STALL**

Paula a foster carer & friends have offered to run a monthly stall at Byron Bay market to help raise funds and awareness about our work. Great idea. We will need GC bric a brac, small furniture, paintings etc. No clothes. Call us for drop off at the centre.

## **WINTER DOG JACKETS**

6 sizes available at the centre  
Our dog jackets are lovingly made & donated by Alison of East Ballina post office. Thank you Alison.

## **ARRG DONATION TINS.**

Good fund raisers, more locations needed in local shops/ businesses and people willing to service and empty.

## **ARRG THANKS THE VET CLINICS**

Without the support and contribution from these participating vets we could not afford to save so many animals.

- Shaw's vet clinic Ballina
- Billinudgel vet clinic
- Mullumbimby vet clinic
- Northern Rivers vet clinic Casino
- Casino Veterinary clinic Casino
- Fairymount vet clinic Kyogle
- Evans Head vet clinic

Please support these welfare minded Vet clinics when possible

We also thank alternative animal practitioners who assist ARRG

- Brigit Becket Alstonville
- Sue Haynes Byron Bay

ARRG's pledge is to save unwanted & abused animals & give them a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance, otherwise they would be killed

Without the support & team effort from all caring people involved with ARRG our rescue work could not happen

## **WISH LIST: 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE A MILLION DOLLARS!!!!**

- Materials for the kennels to cut our building cost
- Besser blocks, roofing tin, mesh panels.
- Several computer & office chairs needed
- Freestanding metal shelves 4 or 6 levels
- Large linen cupboard with shelves for blanket storage
- A colour photocopier any condition if it still works



We need to get the kennels built as soon as possible, the outdoor pens for dog & puppies is fine in the dry but soon becomes water logged & muddy in the rain, making it hard to keep them dry and comfortable.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

General meeting September 18<sup>th</sup> all welcome at the centre  
World Animal Day October 4<sup>th</sup> celebrated at ARRG with an Open day at the centre October 9th. We need your help & ideas for a great day, stalls, dog trainers, VIP people any ideas? "**Parade of ARRG adopted animals**" we invite you & the pet you adopted to be part of the parade on the day. Volunteers for the day needed let us know ASAP.

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

Become a Member renewal Due February 1<sup>st</sup>

Junior ,, \$8.00 Concession ,, \$15.00 Full membership ,, \$25.00 Life membership ,, \$150.00. Renewal a ,,

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

I would like to make a donation of amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

### **Payment Options below:**

Enclosed cheque/money order for amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

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### **Make a one off/regular donation direct to our bank:**

Commonwealth Lismore. Use your name & call us for your tax receipt. BSB 062674 A/C10130003

**Online donations at [www.animalrights.org.au](http://www.animalrights.org.au)**

All members & supporters receive an ARRG Bumper sticker & our 3 monthly newsletter & emails of interest.

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

**To 'BEQUEATH A GIFT FOR THE ANIMALS' in your will please contact ARRG secretary Suzanne Lavis**

## IF YOU FEED A STRAY CAT PLEASE CONSIDER DESEXING A STRAY CAT



A dreaded time for all animal welfare rescue groups is the start of the Annual Summer cat-breeding season, which starts by October and continues through to July. During this time hundreds of fertile female and pregnant cats will be abandoned by heartless irresponsible people around Australia and they are left to die or fend for themselves and their kittens.

These abandoned pets are stressed and frightened and quickly appear anti social, a defensive response & will attempt to find a regular food source either around businesses or residential areas or rubbish tips. If the food supply continues and they experience no threat or danger they most likely will stay put there and naturally while undesexed their numbers will grow and can become a cat colony very soon a much greater problem to tackle.

If abandoned in the bush or in remote locations many will die or become feral to survive.

During one breeding season tens of thousands of unwanted cats & kittens are killed in shelters & pounds around Australia every year – a tragic and preventable situation.

A distressing time for rescue groups who receive many calls daily from the public reporting dumped cats or cats with litters some sick and many of these callers report seeing or feeding the stray cat saying **'that's it's been hanging around for a while, but now its had kittens'**.

A very successful and smart overseas campaign that has worked really well, could work here if the public is committed to prevent the breeding of more unwanted cats & kittens in Australia.

Don't leave rescue groups to cope alone with this tragic crisis, we can't & we need your help.

### **UK campaign message is:**

***"IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO PAY TO CARE/ FEED & BEFRIEND A STRAY CAT WHY NOT PAY/ CONTRIBUTE OR TAKE THE TIME TO CALL A RESCUE GROUP TO HELP YOU DESEX THAT CAT BEFORE IT GETS PREGNANT"***

This campaign is thinking with the brain not just the heart and could really help reduce cat breeding in this country but requires the public to make a personal effort and to understand that Animal Welfare groups in Australia do not have the facilities or funds to save all these unwanted cats and kittens and the public must be told that up to 90% of all unwanted cats and kittens handed into shelters & pounds are killed. Also rescue groups are limited to help catch timid or anti-social cats at large unless the caller helps befriend or tame by feeding them and gaining their trust at the location before a rescue group can attend to collect them for desexing.

**Caring Australians let's think out of the box & make this year better for the homeless cats. If you or someone you know is feeding a stray cat then go the extra & help desex the cat**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DESEXING A STRAY CAT IN YOUR AREA CALL ARR G ON 66 221881**

**Donations to help fund our 'Desex a Stray cat' program and our 'September female Cat-desexing program' would be very appreciated.**

## **ARRG IS FUNDING A FEMALE CAT DEXSEXING PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER FOR BALLINA, CASINO, KYOGLE, LISMORE**



During the very soon summer cat breeding season pounds and shelters around Australia will be overfull with dumped and unwanted pregnant cats and litters of kittens.

By mid season December & January tens of thousands of unwanted cats and kittens will be killed because homes can't be found for them.

The kill rate in many Australian pounds and shelters is as high as 90% of all in take. **A SHOCKING RECORD.**

Lets try and make a difference in this region this year.

ARRG rescues unclaimed animals from Lismore, Kyogle, Casino pounds deathrow, but during cat season struggles to find space for so many that will otherwise be killed.

**We must do everything we can to reduce the number of unwanted kittens being born each year in this country and the solution is simple - provide affordable desexing now.**

**Affordable subsidised desexing programs funded by animal welfare organisations for both dogs and cats for the next few years could see Australia fix the unwanted animal problem.**

**Please** give your precious 'Save a life' donation small or large to animal welfare groups or organisations in this country that actively work to stop the breeding of unwanted animals by willingly spending funds for ongoing desexing programs **relevant to their accumulated wealth, check wealth held by our large National groups who do not fund desexing programs.**

ARRG has allocated \$2,000 of fund raising for this program to help female cat owners do the right thing and the program is available for female cat owners with either a pension or concession card or facing financial difficulties that qualify them for this desexing program.

The cost to the owner for desexing a female cat will be \$40.00 only during the month of September. If we had unlimited funds like the large wealthy animal welfare organisations our cat desexing program would operate all through the breeding season to maximise the result, but we don't

Don't delay female cats need to be desexed prior to October and first on heat & pregnancy, on heat and pregnant cats may not qualify or will include an extra cost to be discussed & funds are limited.

ARRG previously wrote to the General Managers at Lismore, Kyogle, Casino council requesting a financial contribution from them to maximise our cat-desexing program but so far no funding has been provided. This is very disappointing for ARRG left to deal with the cat issue from these areas.

ARRG thanks the vet clinics participating in our '**September Desex a female cat program**' Shaw's vet clinic Ballina, Casino vet clinic Casino, Fairymount vet clinic Kyogle, without the support of these welfare minded vet clinics this desexing program would not be possible.

Please take the time to thank these businesses that are on board and support our rescue work and our preventative programs for unwanted animals by supporting them when you can.

We will be taking applications for our limited September female desexing program from **NOW** so please call ARRG ASAP on 66 221881 Monday - Friday 10am – 3pm daily except for Tuesday or email ARRG at [nonkill@animalrights.org.au](mailto:nonkill@animalrights.org.au) subject message 'September female desexing' and we will call you.





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Australian shelters & pounds kill over 300,000 healthy but unwanted dogs, puppies, kittens, cats yearly. Many more are dumped & die or become feral.  
**HELP STOP THE KILLING DESEX YOUR PET!**



'OSCAR' was rescued by  
ARRG from Kyogle pound  
when his time was up.

**Don't breed or buy while  
thousands of homeless  
companion animals die in  
shelters & pounds annually**

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