

Dog Rescue Newcastle



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Welcome to our first Newsletter! We hope to have a Newsletter distributed to our Carers and Volunteers quarterly, so that everyone is aware of what is happening.

Dog Rescue Newcastle History

Let me first give you a bit of background on the group. Dog Rescue Newcastle was established officially in May 2008. Before that time we were taking dogs in need, but not under the official banner of Dog Rescue Newcastle.

Sue Barker and Anne Ward, are the cofounders of this group, and spend many hours and dollars making sure that the dogs and their carers get what ever they need. We like you, are volunteers and receive no money or favours for our efforts. Because of limited number of foster carers, space and time, at first we concentrated our efforts on small dogs. As the number of carers increased and the demand for medium and bigger dogs became obvious, we now take almost any type of dog, as long as we have a carer available. Over the last 15 months of operation we have managed to save

hundreds of dogs who would otherwise now be dead without our organisation's help. This is a great achievement considering our size and funds.

Finances

We do not receive any government or big business funding. Our greatest expense is veterinary fees, which are thousands of dollars each month. We manage to pay our vet with money raised from BBQ's, chocolate sales, donations and money received from the sale of the dogs. After all vet fees are paid, there is very little profit from the sale of each dog, and many dogs that have extraordinary needs are sold at a loss.

Contacting Us

Because our organisation has grown, the effort needed to continue is a lot more time consuming.

Sue has now found that all of her time is being spent on the dogs, and family and friends are being neglected.

We need to ask that phone calls be made for necessary dog problems only, and any other non urgent matters be dealt with by email.

If you are a foster carer or volunteer and we don't already have your email address, please email Anne or Sue (email addresses at top of page one) so that we may start to use email for all non urgent communications, such as this newsletter.

Foster Carers Phone Numbers on Dog Ads

We are asking if foster carers would allow us to put their phone number as a contact about their dog on our website. This will cut down on the number of phone calls to us and also should lead to quicker replies to dog enquiries. It is important that people interested in adopting get a quick reply otherwise they look elsewhere. However, people wishing to adopt will still need to be interviewed by Sue or Anne and have a property check done.

If you are happy for us to put your phone number on your dog's ad then please email us and let us know.

After Hours Vet

The number of sick dogs that have required after hours veterinary care has almost emptied our bank account. Vet care at the after hours vet in Lang Road Broadmeadow is extremely expensive and we need to avoid using them as much as possible.

We are seeking any vets willing to do after hours work for us at Rescue rates. If you know of such a vet please let us know so that they can be contacted.

If one of your dogs becomes sick, please do not leave it until later to seek help. Our vet in Macquarie Road, Warners Bay is open until 5.30pm and Belmont Vet, Pacific Highway is open until 7.00pm. Please ring us first for authorisation before taking your foster dog to the vet. Whenever possible, please try to get the dogs to Macquarie Road or Belmont vets before closing.

Who Will Care for Your Dog When You Cannot?

We recently rescued a lovely dog, Buddy, who had been owned by an eighty year old gentleman. The poor fellow died without having made any plans made for Buddy. Consequently, Buddy just got

passed around and around to who ever would take him for a short time.



Please talk to your family and friends who own pets about making provisions for them in their wills so that they have some control over how they are cared for after they can no longer do so. Otherwise, more orphaned animals may find themselves in the pound or with people who don't want them.

Fund Raising

We need volunteers to help with the BBQ which we hold on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at Macs Hardware at Warners Bay. If you can give just a couple of hours, it would spread the load and make it easier for everyone.

We are always in need of people to transport dogs to vet appointments, etc.

We sell Cadbury fundraising chocolates for \$1.20 each. You can purchase a box of 48 chocolates from us for \$57.60 then recoup your investment by selling them to your friends and workmates so it costs you nothing. It's one of the easiest ways you can help us.

We are in need of bright ideas to help raise funds. If you think you have something to contribute and you are willing to take charge of it, please let us know.

Are you crafty? Can you bake, sew, knit or crochet? Can make biscuits, slices, or craft items to donate for us to sell?

Please remind friends and relatives that we are always in need of all sorts of dog accessories such as dog food, flea and worm treatments, kennels, beds, leads, collars, harnesses, toys, etc. If you see any of these items on sale, please consider purchasing some to donate to us.

If we can receive dog food, medications and accessories as donations then we don't have to use our limited funds to buy them and we can reserve our money to pay our vets.

If you need any supplies for your foster dog please let us know.

Thanks

Our work is totally dependant on foster carers. We appreciate that carers feed and take care of the dogs largely at their own expense. Without their generosity we couldn't save any dogs. We can't thank our dedicated foster carers enough for all the time, resources and love they give to their dogs.

Special thanks also to our volunteers who work behind the scenes on the computer, transport, yard checks and anything else that they are asked to do.

We hope you found this newsletter worthwhile. If you have any news items or comments for the next issue, please email them to either of us.

Thank you from us and all our dogs for your help and generosity!

Sue and Anne