

Dog Rescue Newcastle



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Welcome to our third Newsletter! Thank you for helping us help companion animals.

Our All New Website

Have you seen our all new website yet? It can still be found at www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au but is has been completely rewritten. The new style will allow it to be updated much more quickly and easily. We've added several new pages: "Adopt A Pet", "News & Events", "Help Us", and "Dog Care and Training". We've separated the dogs from the cats and added many more links and Success Stories.

These newsletters are now available on the new "News and Events" page.

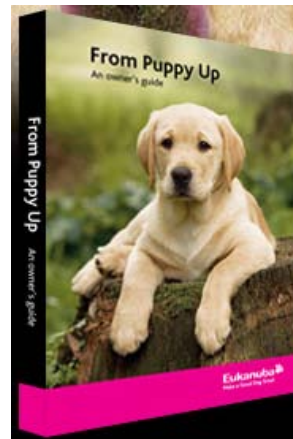
Check it out and let us know what you think. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome.

If you have a website for yourself or your business, we would appreciate a link to our website from yours.

Get a Free Bag of Puppy Food

Get a free 3kg bag of Eukanuba puppy food and the hard cover book "From Puppy Up. An Owner's Guide". Click on this link <http://tinyurl.com/26o6us4> to enter your mailing address. The book and

a coupon for the dog food will be mailed to you. Offer expires 31/8/2010.



Go to the [News and Events](#) page on our website to learn how you can get a free **Dog Adoption Kit** from Pedigree.

New Days for BBQs

Our fundraising BBQ is now held on the **2nd and 4th Friday** of every month, weather permitting. It is at Mac's Timber and Hardware in 9-11 King St, Warners Bay (at the lights opposite WB High School). Please stop by and meet our friendly volunteers and enjoy a sausage sandwich, a drink, and a chocolate. All profits help to pay our enormous vet bills.

If you can spare an hour or two, we always **need volunteers** to help at the BBQ. No skills or experience are needed.

Please contact Sue (details top of page) if you can help.

Can You Sell A Box of Chocolates?

One of the ways we try to raise money to pay our vet bill is by selling Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates. They come in a box of 48 and sell for \$1.20 each. If you can sell a box at your office, school, or amongst your friends and family, please contact Sue (see top of page).

It is a great way to help us which doesn't cost you anything.

Foster Carers: Is Your Dog Warm?

Does your foster dog have **blankets**, a **coat**, and a **kennel** if he or she is spending a lot of time outside? We have these donated items available so if you need some, please send an email to Sue to arrange pick up.



Clothes Dryer Offered

We've had someone offer to donate a **clothes dryer**. It is used but is in working condition. If you want it, please ring Joanne on 0409-525-676.

Petitude Sponsorship Extended



Thank you to Petitude online pet store who donated \$220 to our group recently. This amount is 15% of what our supporters have spent at Petitude in the past 3 months. The promotion was due to end on the 31st of May but Petitude have kindly extended this offer.

Now that winter is here, check out Petitude's warm coats and cosy beds.

They sell all sorts of great priced, quality pet products and have *FREE shipping to anywhere in Australia*.

Please support them and us by shopping online at <http://www.petitude.com.au/>

When you checkout, you must enter promo code "SHOP4ACAUSE" on the last page of the checkout process so Dog Rescue Newcastle will receive 15% of whatever you spend!

Spread the word to everyone you know about this great offer.

Dog Training

Our new web page [Dog Care and Training](#) has lots of useful documents and links.

We recommend dog training classes for all puppies and adult dogs. They are a great way to bond with your dog and will give you all the knowledge you need to ensure your dog is a happy, well behaved

member of your family. Most vets offer puppy and dog training classes.

If you want to hire a dog trainer, especially if you're dealing with problem behaviours, we can suggest two in the Newcastle area:

- Margaret Keast, phone: 0403-676-047, email: jigsawdogs@bigpond.com, website: Jigsaw Dogs.
- Matthew Thomas : 0411-029-185; matt@dogtechnewcastle.com.au, website: DogTech.

Please mention Dog Rescue Newcastle when you contact these trainers.

Check Your Pet's Registration

One of the most common reasons pets remain in the pound and even get put down, is the contact phone numbers on their registrations are not current.

Did you adopt a rescue dog or cat from us? After the 2 week trial period ended, ownership of your new pet was transferred to you. You should have received a "NSW Companion Animals Register Certificate of Identification" in the mail. Be sure to check that all the details are correct.

There is space for **3 phone numbers** and **email** and you should fill them all in if possible. You should also include **secondary contact details**.

If any of the details are incorrect or missing, ring your local council as soon as possible to have it corrected. There is no charge for this.

If you **rehome your pet** it is *your* responsibility to fill in and file a Change of Ownership form with council.

Keep your pet's registration certificate in a safe place along with your pet's other paperwork such as veterinary records. **If you move house or change your phone number or email address**, then be sure to update your dog's details by contacting your local council as soon as possible. It could save your pet's life!

Is Your Pet A Success Story?



Would you like to see the dog or cat which you adopted featured on the "Success Stories" pages of our website? Your story could help encourage others to adopt a homeless dog or cat.

Just email us a photo of your pet along with a note about how he or she is doing, and why you would recommend adopting a rescued dog or cat to others.

We especially need some more cat success stories.

Custom Calendar of Your Pet

Your dog, cat or child can be the star of his or her own calendar! Think what a great gift it would make. We can make a beautiful calendar using photos of your very own loved one

You can choose either a 12 page/12 month calendar - or a one page/one year calendar. Just email us 13 photos for the 12 month calendar or 1 photo for the one page/one year calendar. The 12 month calendar costs \$20 fully printed or \$10 for

a digital file which you can print yourself. The one A4 page/one year calendar costs \$8 printed and laminated or \$5 for a digital file. Send an email to Sue if you are interested. All proceeds help pay our vet bills.

Business Cards and Flyers

Do you tell people about Dog Rescue Newcastle? We have DRN business cards which you can keep with you to give to people you tell about our organisation. Carry a couple with you when you take your dog on walks and spread the word.

We can also supply **A5 flyers and A4 posters** for you to give out or display if you are able. Please contact Sue or Terri if you would like some.

Monthly Donation Instructions

We had a few inquiries from people wishing to make regular, monthly donations. So, we've put the simple instructions on our new website on the "Help Us" page. If you are interested read how at: <http://tinyurl.com/drndonate>

Keep In Touch Online

Find us all over the web:

Web site:

www.dogrescuenewcastle.com.au

Facebook group:

<http://tinyurl.com/dogsface>

Follow us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/DogRescueNew>

Latest videos on YouTube:

<http://tinyurl.com/utubedogs>

Photos and videos on Picasa:

<http://tinyurl.com/dogsnew>

Are You Handy?

We need **volunteer handymen** and handywomen all over the Newcastle and Hunter area that we can call on from time to time to do minor fence and gate repairs for foster carers. We'll supply or pay for all materials. If you can bang in a nail, please send an email to Sue offering to help.

Congratulations Eileen

Our lovely Foster Carer Eileen at Woodberry had a baby boy on the 1st of June. Mathew Mason. Best wishes to mother and son!



Featured Pet: Rhys

Our previous newsletter's featured pet, Tiny, the deaf Blue Heeler, recently went on trial in a new home. Good luck Tiny!

This newsletter's featured pet is Rhys.

Rhys is an adorable kelpie x German shepherd puppy aged 8 months. He looks big in his photos, but he is only a small/medium size pup. He is very intelligent and already has good basic training. He does not like being left alone, so he needs to go to a home where he will have some company. Puppy school would be an advantage for this little guy; he is really smart and needs the stimulation.

Please contact Anne (top of page 1) for more info.



If you can't adopt Rhys you can still help him by **printing the poster for Rhys** (next page), cut the tabs, and then putting it up anywhere you can: your local shops, school, workplace, park, etc.

Thanks very much!

You had me at **meow.**



