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Special points of interest:

- If you cannot adopt one of these gorgeous doggies why not become a foster carer? For more details on foster care call Doggiewood on 9486-3133
- Rumour has waited just over THREE years for a home—read her story on page 2....
- We catch up with Bacchus and his adopted family—page 5

ADOPTING A DOG IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT!

From My Desk

By Monika Biernacki

*" We keep churning out all these puppies, yet we killed **more than 25,000 healthy dogs** in NSW alone (excluding Greyhounds) last year. Most of these dogs have not yet reached 3 years of age! Right now at DoggieRescue we have some 200 dogs, which have been saved from death row at the council pounds, looking for homes . There are many more homeless dogs in other shelters throughout NSW." Monika*

Dear Readers,

Whilst I cuddle Brigitte and her pups that we have reared in a home environment, I think of all the care and nurturing we put into this little family— but how many pregnant dogs get this level of care? In our minds we conjure up that puppies stay with their Mum in a nurturing, loving environment until they are 8 weeks of age, when Mum has had the chance to give them the tools they need to survive in our urbanised environment. *How far is that from the truth?* These days many puppies are removed from their mothers as early as possible. They come from less than favourable environments to drive this profit driven puppy business. Puppies are mass produced and transported to consumer outlets which rely substantially on impulse buying. Think about it....



- *How can there be any attention on one puppy's needs—when there are so many?*
- *How can anyone know if the pup is getting enough feed?*
- *What if the mother has any medical problems or the pup is a slow learner?*
- *Who would even know about any problems, let alone do something to help the pup in such a mass production environment?*
- *Is any thought given to the puppy's socialisation skills with other dogs or how much human engagement they get through this important period of their lives and teaching the pups basic things like toilet training is unheard of.*

Many of the dogs and pups that we save from the pound most likely come from puppy farm environments. We rarely get pure bred dogs. Some people hand these dogs in at the pound because some of them have issues they cannot deal with like separation anxiety or anti-social behaviour with other dogs. Many of these types of problems stem from not being socialised at an early age, leaving their mother too soon and being born and needing to survive at a very early age in a high stress environment. Vets see more and more of such cases and of course later in life it is much harder to deal with these problems. Don't these dogs deserve a chance to live? As an educated society can we justify these killings and keep churning out *more* puppies? Adoption of an abandoned dog is the intelligent alternative to impulse buying.

We can make a difference and you can help those that are considering adopting a puppy to make an informed choice that will affect the rest of that pup's life....

At DoggieWood many dogs come and before we even get to know their personalities—they have been adopted. Others, do take longer. A small proportion never seem to find their forever homes, Rumour is one of these dogs who we call our “LongTerm Homeless” - she has now been waiting over 3 years...

RUMOUR—THE FORGOTTEN DOG!



Sisters Demi & Rumour, pictured on their first day at DR in 2007

Too long, too many, too late....

By Corinne Daw

HOW LONG? Rumour originally came to Doggie Rescue with her sister Demi in August 2007. The two dogs were practically identical in looks, but not in luck. Both girls were adopted by different families when Doggie Rescue had their adoption centre at Drummoyne. Demi's adoption was a great success but sadly, after a few months Rumour was returned when her new family changed their mind. (Adopted Dec 07 returned Oct 08)

DOES TOO MANY DOGS to choose from cause Rumour to remain homeless? Time passes. Months turn into years. Rumour is now quite a bit plumper, and is approaching middle age, she has grown used to living her life in a busy kennel environment. She does have an arthritic joint in her front leg, which worries her at times, but she bears it with a stoic bravery. Perhaps this is a turn off for prospective adoptees, nobody knows. After so long (just over **three years** since she was returned) Rumour accepts that DoggieWood is her home.

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WHY HAS RUMOUR NEVER BEEN CHOSEN?

She can be a bossy girl with other dogs, perhaps that is the reason. As Rumour's life passes her by we know what she is missing, but she does not. Rumour seems to be content—but is she? Lately she looks sadder, quieter, a bit more pushy perhaps. Wanting more—needing more! Waiting to be picked up, hoping for a cuddle, a gentle word of praise. *Longing to be the centre of attention....*

WHAT IF RUMOUR NEVER FINDS A HOME?

If that happens she can stay at DoggieRescue for as long as she lives. She will have a comfy bed, yummy food and the staff & volunteers will give her as much attention as possible but we all want the 'fairy tale' ending for her...

For too long now Rumour has had to take the crumbs of life. To make do with the left overs, not for her the love and individual attention which, as a gorgeous little girl, is her due! Nor the happy times, outings or the people who love her unconditionally. She lives her life as one of over 100 dogs—loved and cared for yes, but not by her very own family and never, ever SPECIAL!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE for her to assimilate into a family home, perhaps as the only dog in the household! Every 'Long Term' dog, given a chance, has proved that these 'by-passed dogs' make just wonderful pets and companions. Rumour has missed so much of LIFE and LOVE—but it is NOT TOO LATE to give her the loving home she has been waiting so long for, a family, and a FUTURE.

**PERHAPS ONE DAY RUMOUR,
a little girl lost, WILL BE FOUND!!!**



**Rumour Chihuahua x Foxy 6yrs 6kgs Female.
She needs and deserves a home of her very own.**

Looking 'through a dog's eyes!

By Hayley, Kennel Hand

When dogs first come to DoggieRescue's shelter most of them are quite timid and nervous, others are simply terrified! They are not sure where they are, or whether the people around them are going to be nice to them.

Kennel hands and volunteers love to just sit down with the new ones and show them that there is nothing to be afraid of, that no one is ever going to hurt them....

With some cuddles and just a bit of TLC you start to get tail wags and a few licks. All of them just want to feel loved. It is very heart warming when you can see the change in them. They feel comfortable enough to come out of their shells and start to trust people again.

Armin, pictured with me, just wanted to snuggle in my arms and be comforted. He is such a gorgeous, gentle boy and I cannot image how fearful he must have felt being abandoned by his family and sent to the pound.



Armin Terrier x 6yrs 7.5kgs Male He is a sooky, cuddly boy who needs to feel safe after the trauma of the pound!

Postcard from Cino (was Chocolate)....

Hi Readers,

We changed her name from Chocolate to Cino! She seems to like it, responds really well and comes bounding! She was very well behaved in the car ride home, inquisitive but happy! She's getting the hang of toilet training quickly and sleeps right through the night too! I have a feeling she is going to grow quickly & we've booked her into puppy training. Our cats are gradually getting used to the idea of having a puppy sister around too. Cheers, Rachael



I have my OWN patch of grass....

CANDID CONFESSIONS — An interview with Flossie, a single mother! (Spaniel x Terrier 2yrs 10kgs)



First of all I want you to know I am a good girl. I was led astray by false promises and eventually dumped, heavily pregnant, in a local pound.

My babies all survived and have now found homes except for Tina but she is a beauty and soon I will be alone....

I've worked at toning up my belly and am now in peak condition. My fur has grown shiny and thicker with yummy food from DoggieRescue.

It's one of my guilty pleasures to lie in this chair & dream of better days to come. I have lived an action packed life so far but now all I want is to be loved and a quiet home where I can belong.

Love, Flossie



Foxys...Unfashionable, perhaps- Fabulous, for sure....

No one tell the foxys – but they are just not “in fashion” right now. Far from their heyday in the 40’s and 50’s when there was one of these little black and white fellas in almost every home, foxys are often misunderstood, overlooked - and dumped at an alarming rate of knots, Monika tells us. “There are dozens and dozens of foxys at the pound – and we have 20 or more at the shelter right now. It would be hard to find a better little dog but many people just do not seem interested,” Monika explains.

Part of the problem is that these fabulous little guys are very cute puppies – great impulse shopping at pet stores. Then they grow into energetic little dogs and that’s when they are no longer welcome. Yet, Fox Terriers (and their American bred relative the Jack Russell) are so loyal, intelligent, and brave with loads of personality and an incredibly loving nature.

So if you are considering adopting or fostering a dog **and love dogs regardless of fashion**, please come and meet a fabulous foxy!

Kurtis Mini Foxy x 1yr 3.5kgs He’s a real cutie—suit family!



- **Temperament:** Outgoing, active, alert & naturally curious. Big dog personality in a little body!
- **Average life expectancy:** 14-15 years
- **Average size:** 38cms, 6-8 kg
- **Coat care:** Easy. Smooth haired foxys and jacks require little grooming - perhaps a weekly brush. Wire haired varieties require more regular brushing, and may need professional grooming occasionally.

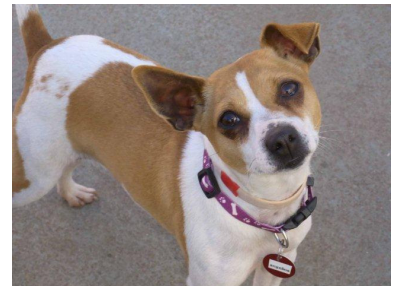
Exercise requirements: Regular exercise is the key to a healthy, well adjusted foxy or jack. They need a brisk daily walk of around 30 minutes (ideally in the morning for dogs under 5 years to help burn off surplus energy). In addition they need the chance to run and play, and regular social time with doggie play mates will ensure they don’t get bored.

Other things to think about:

- Bred as hunters and ratters so *may* not be suitable with cats and other smaller pets.
- These are short coated dogs who get cold very easily and need to be kept warm with a coat and a cosy place to curl up.



Foxys are very cute puppies



Angelina is a sweet Jack Russell x 3yrs

We think she is cute regardless of fashion – don’t you?



Arthas Mini Foxy x 1yr 4.5kgs A gentle, active & playful boy. Try to resist....



Terry Tenterfield Terrier x 7mths 6.4kgs A loveable, tail wagging, fun boy.



Molly Foxy x 1yr 7kgs A happy, gorgeous girl—suit a fun family! Loves cuddles...



Pluto Pup 7mths Mini Foxy x 5.2kgs A snuggly, playful & very sweet boy.

The story of Bacchus

His journey from a frightened world of abuse to finally his adoption ...Part I

Bacchus was a severely abused Foxy x who came to DoggieRescue from the pound in 2008. He was unpredictable and it was obvious that he would need a lot of kindness and patience to learn to trust humans again. Two years passed. During that time Bacchus had formed a bond with Troy, a kennel hand/volunteer, who had been spending some time with him. Troy's partner, Mel, continues....



“ Bacchus did not trust me or want me around him!” Mel

The subject came up at the 2010 DR Christmas dinner how poorly Bacchus was doing in the kennel situation after 2 years at DoggieRescue. Indeed it was getting to the stage where staff were unwilling to handle him due to his unpredictable behaviour and a tendency to snap. As his stress levels escalated, Bacchus became unable to cope with the daily handling necessary to move him between yards. Troy and I decided that we would bring Bacchus home with us and see if he was manageable. I wonder how possible it would have been without his already existing relationship with Troy as Bacchus did not trust me or want me around him.

Preparation was made for his arrival: We bought more baby gates and set up a safe area in the laundry. I bought a DAP (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) diffuser and added Rescue Remedy to the water bowls in an attempt to hopefully manage what would possibly be a very stressful transition for Bacchus. We planned for our established pack to meet Bacchus at a neutral area to reduce the chance of conflict. After dropping Bacchus and Troy at a local park I returned with my son and our four dogs. It was clear that Bacchus was stressed and did not want to meet anyone. Instead we walked around the park side by side, staying at a distance. Bacchus was comfortable with and did not arouse our dogs interest too much.

The settling in period: On arrival home, Bacchus was put into his safe area and allowed to settle. Troy spent some time sitting in with him for company. Over a period of a couple of weeks, Bacchus was gradually introduced to individual dogs and then varying combinations of all the dogs, taking them out walking side by side but never meeting head on. Bacchus gradually spent more and more time out of his safe area but was happy to go back at night or if we were not home to supervise. Finally one night Bacchus showed he did not want to be separated and was allowed to sleep with the other dogs. In fact scraps with our other dogs have been minor and rare, but I still made sure that I fed him separately.

The journey of Bacchus's rehabilitation had begun and it was to be an absolutely unforgettable experience for us all. Next month—Handling was to be one of our *biggest* challenges....



Nitro & Teddy

Ever considered becoming a FOSTER CARER?

DoggieRescue has many gorgeous, easy to love dogs needing that extra special attention that only a home can bring, just like Nitro at left...

Do you have room in your home and your heart for a homeless doggie just like Nitro Mini Foxy x 2 years 5.6kgs male (plus his favourite teddy)?

He is a lovely gentle boy who has waited so long for a home now and would benefit greatly from a loving home and tender loving care....

Please contact DoggieRescue on 9486-3133 to adopt or foster any of the homeless doggies featured.....