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The Animal Rights and Rescue Group is a local, non-profit, volunteer organisation, run without government funding. It is the only such group covering the whole of the Far North Coast. We rescue homeless and unwanted animals. We also take unclaimed dogs that would otherwise be killed from local pounds. We provide them with care and vet treatment and find them suitable homes. ARRГ does not euthanase any animal unless it is too ill to respond to veterinarian treatment. There is no RSPCA shelter in this area.



# ANIMAL RIGHTS AND RESCUE GROUP INC. FAR NORTH

A No-Kill Sanctuary



Dear supporters and members  
Happy New Year from the volunteers and animals at ARRГ.  
Always a very busy and stressful time of year with so many unwanted and dumped pets to rescue and a shortage of spaces a real headache, the heat this Summer is an added problem. Extreme heat can be a killer to many animals. Dumped pets especially young puppies & kittens suffer from Hydration very quickly and many die from heat and starvation if not found.

Wildlife also suffer badly in extreme heat & keep the wildlife rescue groups very busy. ARRГ gets many calls regarding injured & Sick wildlife and we ensure that either the NRWC or a vet is contacted for help.

Sadly some dogs owners ignore the warnings about leaving dogs in cars and each year we receive many calls about heat stressed dogs in parked cars. Many are in cars in shopping centre car parks & even though they are in shade the fact is they can still overheat and die. The stupidity of taking a dog in a car in these temperatures is hard to understand.

The Law was recently strengthened on this Issue stating RSPCA or the Police must respond and are within the law to break into a car and rescue the animal. So if you see an animal in this situation DO NOT HESITATE CONTACT THE LOCAL POLICE & ENSURE THEY RESPOND.

Yet more animals suffer left without shade in yards and paddocks and the law is very grey & ineffective in this area.

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## CENTRE/SANCTUARY PROGRESS

Again our newsletter goes out without the final official approval of this project. Soil tests were completed and the long awaited results were good leaving the way clear for the DA submission this week. The ball is in now in councils court & all indications are very positive. We thank Malcolm Scott town planner, Mark Smith Architect, Wendy Atrill and Sandra Norris of Greg Alderson & Ass. Nashua for the soil tests. Thanks to these professionals for supporting this animal welfare and community project. ARRГ expects a decision by Lismore council very soon. Our future is now in the hands of council and the outcome positive or negative will be announced.

## ARRГ DESEXING PROGRAM

We are still operating our assisted desex programs for both cats and dogs and are pleased to report that the program is well used by the public. Also still running is our special for 100 female cats, desex and chipping only \$55.00 and to date over 30 female cats done. We still have places for 70 female cats so urge female cat owners who need help to call us. We can only imagine the number of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens if our desexing program was not available.

Cat-breeding season is now upon us and we are shocked at the number of calls with unwanted kittens and the number of tiny kittens dumped and we have many beautiful kittens in foster care needing homes. It's sad but true the uneducated and irresponsible public see cats & kittens as free & disposal items and toys of no value. This heartless attitude plus the anti-cat/haters are the result of so much negative media reporting against the cat. Inaccurate and extreme sensationalism leaving the cat condemned, exposed and without rights or value. SPEAK UP FOR THE CAT

**RESCUE ANIMALS IN CARE.**



5 unwanted kittens dumped at Coraki rescued and now in care



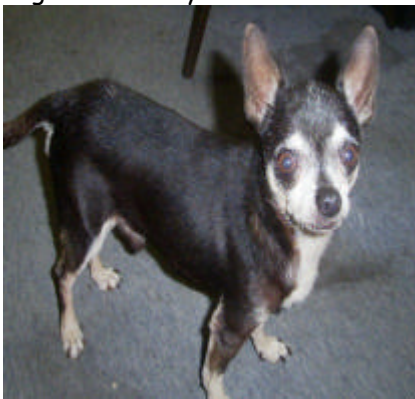
8 x 7 week old Russian Blue x kittens dumped near Alstonville.



**TRIXIE** (above) a small 8 year old female terrier and **BRUCY** (below) an 8 year old male chihuahua, unwanted breeding dogs rescued by ARRГ



**YOGI** is an 18-month-old male Collie x New Foundland. Abandoned and found wandering on the beach at Byron Bay. A handsome and gentle boy he is waiting for his second chance.



'**GIDGET**' has suffered much abuse and we were able to rescue her. Covered in sores and scars and lame in the back leg. A Staffie x Ridgeback 4years old. Her leg has now been operated on and her progress is looking good. She has a great nature with people and children a one dog home preferred.



**SPOT** an 8 yr old p/b Dalmatian has mild epilepsy still waiting for a loving home rescued by ARRГ.



**MURPHY** a 2 year old Mastiff x Abandoned when his owner left the area. He is a medium sized dog with a great nature.

**MORE PETS ON THE WEB**

**? HAPPY NEWS UPDATE**



**MOXY** was left on the road her leg severely broken, which resulted with amputation. Sweet Moxy has been adopted by a wonderful family in Sydney



**TWIGGY** was abused and frightened. Now very loved by her new family



**MATTIE** a big pup abandoned on a property is now a much-loved family dog.



**FATHOM** a 4-year-old girl rescued and rehomed. She loves her new life in her beach home.

## ARRG THANKS YOU FOR HELPING THE ANIMALS

ARRG was founded in 1995 following the closure of RSPCA in this area.

- ARRG is self-funded and receives no government or council funding to operate our rescue program.
- ARRG is the only rescue group for both cats & dogs that covers the vast area of the Far North Coast of NSW.
- There is no RSPCA between Coffs Harbour South to Tweed Heads North.
- ARRG volunteers work tirelessly to save unwanted pets from abuse or death. Our foster carers are constantly full with surrendered or abandoned pets. ARRG also rescues unclaimed pets from local pounds that would otherwise be killed.

Without your vital financial support, all our hard work to save these animals would not succeed, due to the high operating cost of food, vets, phone, and office.

No-one receives payment and your donations are the lifeline for the ARRG pet rescue program. We sincerely thank you on behalf of the thousands of animals saved since 1995. In 2005 over 1500 unwanted & dumped pets were given love & vet care (including severe injuries) and a second chance.

Your support by donations are urgently needed **NOW** to help us continue our rescue work.

## THANKS TO SPONSORS

\***MAVLAB** for pet care product Fidos shampoo and flea rinse, great products we need, and endorse. From vet clinics.

\***OZ-PET** Alstonville for a generous donation of 1 ton of quality cat litter, with the start of cat breeding season, money saved goes to our rescue work.

\* **AWL Gold Coast** for regular pet food donations.

\***BAYER** Pet Products for donation of pet worming product

## OUR FOSTER CARERS ARE AMAZING PEOPLE

We thank all foster carers for joining ARRG and giving so much time and care to the animals. ARRG has operated on a foster care system since 1995 and some carers are still with us. But we thank all of you for your kindness and dedication.

We truly believe that the foster care system is the best and gives the rescued pet the best chance to recover and rehabilitate. It also helps us assess the pet's ongoing needs for adoption. The foster care network will still be the most important part of the work done by our group even when the ARRG centre/Sanctuary is completed. On behalf of all the rescued animals that you have taken in, loved, trained, healed and said goodbye to we say a huge thank you.

## FUND RAISING TEAM NEEDED

We urgently need more volunteers to take on the tasks of fund raising for 2006. Due to an overload and ever growing work in the rescue section. Ideas and a few hours a week, work at home or in the Lismore office. Contact Barbara or Suzanne 0266221881

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2006.

All monies raised from membership goes to pay our bills and we need your help **now!** Membership form below please complete and return ASAP.

## ARRG FINANCES HIT HARD IN 2005 BY.

- RSCPA defamation claim against ARRG costs \$2,500 +
  - Theft by volunteer cost \$3,500 no result from police action.
  - Cost of reports for preparation of Lismore Council land for our Centre/Sanctuary \$2,500
- While we survived this tough time and extra financial outlay, we need immediate funds NOW Please check the Fund Raising sheet below and choose a way to support this month.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Kitten Adoption Day Lismore January 28<sup>th</sup> Help needed.
- General meeting February 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm at 181a Keen Street Lismore *attendance appreciated*

### I WANT TO SUPPORT ARRG.

Support ARRG by joining or making a donation or purchase, tick

**Donate:** I enclose a donation of: \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100

Payment options below.

**Membership Due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** Junior \$5.00 Concession \$8.00

Full membership \$15.00 Life membership \$150.00

Indicate Renewal by ticking

**Buy a Book:** Recently released 'Artistic Vegetarian Cuisine' by Byron Bay author & artist Celeste Knight. An amazing recipe book featuring her original artwork. 20 % of all book sales go to ARRG to help build our centre/sanctuary. \$28.00 incl. postage

### Payment

I enclose a cheque or MO for total \$.....

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