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Meet DoggieRescue's 'SHELTER FAVOURITES'

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you give them a home!*

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Some dogs, especially the small breed 'fluffies', come to DoggieRescue from the pound and before we even get to know their personalities—they have been adopted! Other dogs stay a few weeks, then find their 'forever' home, and some dogs often stay a few months before finding their new families. Then there are the dogs who stay for many months, perhaps for even years, before finding their special families. It is these doggies who stay longer to whom we become so attached to and who are our "Shelter Favourites!"



Baccus Foxy x 3yrs 5kgs

Why do they stay so long? Well, the reasons can vary!

- **SAME BREED**—If we have many dogs of the same breed it is easy for a dog to be passed by.
- **SIZE**—Larger dogs sometimes stay longer due to DoggieRescue not being widely known for having larger breed dogs. This means that we have fewer people searching our site when they are seeking a medium to large dog for their family.
- **FEAR/NERVENESS**—Of course, the shy, nervous doggies just don't put themselves forward.
- **ABUSE**—Then there are the dogs who have been abused and who are perhaps frightened of strange men/ loud noises/sudden movements. Sadly they do take time and lots of TLC to rehabilitate.
- **POOR SOCIALIZATION SKILLS**—So many dogs who come from the pound have not received even the basics of training but, with the many Volunteer walkers, this does not take too much time to rectify. These dogs can also be dog aggressive, which in a kennel situation, is again very stressful.
- **LOOKS**—Some dogs are just unlucky enough not to be chosen for no particular reason except for their looks. It could be their colouring or pigmentation. Even stains under the eyes can be off putting to a prospective adopter. Or a dog with an allergy. Studies have also shown that mostly black dogs, especially dogs with full black faces, are far less appealing than dogs of a lighter colour.

This month, to help these particular dogs find their 'forever' families, DoggieRescue is featuring some Long Term doggies who we have grown to love and who we have called our.....SHELTER FAVOURITES!!!! If you would like to know more about them they are listed on the DoggieRescue website

Every month we will ask our wonderful Volunteers or Kennel Hands to choose their favourite DR doggie to be highlighted and I know that you will agree with us once you meet them that they are all really beautiful dogs who deserve a 'FOREVER' home and to be loved by their very own families!

Special points of interest

- On page 4 we catch up with a doggie who waited over 12 months to find his 'forever' family. A shelter favourite—definitely!
- Next month we will meet a lovely little girl called Mermaid who has waited many long months and never even had an interview! Let's see if we can change that!!!!

Monika

Meet Baccus & Nicole

An amazing story of LOVE, PATIENCE and of how an abused dog learnt to trust humans again!



Baccus the 'smoocher' with Nicole

When I first started working at DR I noticed a dog that was in a day pen by himself. I asked a co-worker why that was the case and he told me that no one could handle this dog, and that he was unpredictable and somewhat aggressive at times. No one could put a harness on him either and therefore he was not even allowed to go out for walks. I felt very sad for Baccus so I decided I was going to see if I could befriend this dog and help him. I was fully aware it was going to take a while though. I hated to think what had happened to him in his past to make him this way, but I had time and patience...I was up for the challenge.

Initially, I didn't approach Baccus, I just talked to him every time I saw him. Later when I would enter his pen, I would approach him and just talk gently with him, until he was ready to approach me. When he began to become familiar with me, he eventually did start to approach me and we began to break the barrier with little pats on his back (a major breakthrough) I tried to read his body language...if his tail was stiff I kept my distance and if it was wagging I would give him pats.

Further down the road we made more progress as I was able to harness Baccus and take him out for a walk. He was delighted to be going out! The next step I made was taking him out in the car, down to the waters edge at Church Point which he just thoroughly enjoyed. A whole new world opened up to him and I think the experience gave him hope. Baccus licked me to death the whole trip back as if to thank me! He was amazing...

"He is a special, beautiful boy with a BIG heart and he deserves to be happy!" Nicole Pickering, Kennel Hand

After 2 years of gaining Baccus's trust, he's a changed boy. He doesn't hesitate now to jump up into my arms for cuddles and kisses, and he loves to have a game of fetch with a squeaky toy (especially his favourite squeaky newspaper!) I believe his faith in humanity has returned. All he needs is someone willing to be patient with him, who understands where he is coming from. Baccus is a **very brave** boy and deserves to be happy! He would be a great one on one companion for someone who is experienced with dogs and has the patience to gain his trust. He will repay you with his loyalty threefold. I truly hope as a long termer at DR, someday he finds a great owner as he is truly a loving soldier who is a lot of fun! If you take the time to get to know him. Nicole.



"UNO—UNDER THE RADAR!"
Says Leigh O'Connell, Kennel Hand

There are some dogs at DoggieRescue which have BIG personalities, are in your face and demand more of your time, there are also some which tend to be no trouble at all and 'fly under the radar,' for me Uno has been one of these 'under the radar' dogs.

He tends to keep to himself and try to keep out of trouble. I have noticed he tends to flinch when people try to put a lead or harness on him. You can only imagine why he doesn't trust us humans and I don't blame him. Although UNO is a quiet little gentleman once he gains your trust he is there for a big hug and lots of kisses.

You know, just by looking at him, he loves his food. He is a member of the DoggieRescue FAT CAMP.

I would love to see my little boy adopted by a loving family who will be able to give him the time, gain his trust and build up his confidence so Uno does not need to flinch his way through life.

Next time you come to DoggieRescue and fill out an adoption form put UNO's name down...

Ask to meet this little man and give him the 'interview' time he hasn't had in the past. You may not connect with him, he may not connect with you but give him HIS time to show himself so he is no longer 'under the radar'. He does look cute in his 'smart casual' jumper!



Uno with Leigh

We're Not Perfect - But Pretty Darn Close!

Rocky Foxy x Kelpie 3 years Male 7kgs

"Rocky beams enthusiasm with those kind eyes reflecting a kind spirit."
 Louis, Volunteer

Rocky is always willing to go for a walk and loves to play, his demeanour is a good balance between outgoing and quiet. Rocky also really enjoys the water and loves swimming in the clamshells at DoggieWood, playing tug-o-war with rope toys and is great with other dogs. He is very outgoing and he would suit a family as a second dog or single dog. His lovely personality just shines through...

Higgly Piggly Jack Russell x 2 yrs Male 9kgs

"If you're looking for the perfect jogging partner who never seems to wear out then Higgly Piggly is your boy!" Meaghan, Volunteer

From his endless big smile down to his wagging stubby tail Higgles is one of the happiest and energetic boys at DR! Higgles just loves company, both human and canine, and is always pushing his way in front of the other dogs to get the first scratch and cuddle. Why has he been at the shelter for so long? I think he is just waiting for the perfect family who can keep up with him!



Rocky & Louis



Higgly & Meaghan



Minnie & Janet

True friendship cannot be rushed....

Minnie Foxy x Whippet 2 years Female 7.6kgs

Minnie arrived at our shelter a frightened, anxious girl. She was so skinny and very apprehensive when approached, especially by any man. Once she settled into the daily routine at DoggieRescue and knew she was safe from harm, her true personality started to shine through. Everyone at the shelter feel in love with her quirky big grin and the sparkle in her eyes. She now enjoys life to the fullest, romping around with all her doggie friends, splashing in the clam shells filled with water and showering her human friends with kisses while waiting for her new home.

She needs someone who will look into her beautiful big eyes and understand that a true friendship can not be rushed but nurtured day by day. I like to dream about the day that she finally gets her forever home. I can picture her running through the waves at the beach, chasing the gulls with the happiest grin across her face and her tail wagging madly.

Whoever is lucky enough to give Minnie a home will be rewarded with unconditional love & loyalty forever." Janet

Charlie's my mate! Says John , Volunteer

Charlie Miniature Pinscher x 4 years Male 6kgs

"Charlie is a sad little boy who has not had the best past! He needs to trust!" John, Volunteer

Over the last couple of months I have spent weekly time with Charlie - He enjoys his short walks and takes in all the sites along the way, which includes a little dance he does in the grass. Charlie is quite content to just sit and relax or walk and explore. It would be so great if Charlie could find himself a forever home - he would bring joy & lots of love to your family if someone would only give him a chance.



Charlie with John



Viggo Jack Russell x Chihuahua

2 yrs Male 5kgs

"Viggo has such a lovely, gentle nature and needs a family to appreciate him"
Melissa, Kennel Hand

Viggo is a little guy with a LARGE personality. He loves to go on walks, is great with people and would be a wonderful addition to a any older family. He gets along well with other dogs and he always has a waggly tail and a cuddle waiting for you when you need one. Viggo is patiently waiting for the day when it is his turn to find his forever home....

Remember Snoopy?

Snoopy came from a kill pound on 1st June 2007 and he was a sad little boy who always had issues. He was initially nervous around people but that soon changed once he learnt to respond to and trust the care that he received at DoggieRescue. He filled out and his coat became shiny. Snoopy was so full of life! Was he affectionate? His kisses were given freely and often! But..... Snoopy *disliked* any other dogs with a passion!

Much as we tried we could not find him a suitable home or a foster home and the months flew by. Sadly it seemed that Snoopy was going to be a permanent fixture at the kennels and, while we all loved him, we wanted more for him. Years passed but we never gave up the hope that someday Snoopy would have a loving home of his own and that he would be special!

Snoopy's day finally arrived in September when Sue Oakes and Jackie Largo, who had fostered for DoggieRescue before, decided to give him a chance.....It was very soon after Snoopy was fostered that he met Sandy and it was love at first sight!

SNOOPY WAS ADOPTED!

"He can run like a greyhound on the beach!" Sandy

Sandy says "Just a note to let you know that Snoopy is settling in very well, and we're establishing good routines that suit us both. He's great company – follows me round the house from room to room and has six or seven different little beds around the place so there's always somewhere for him to park himself and of course he's a great exercise machine for me. We go for long walks every day which he gets very excited about: he knows when I put my shoes on it's time to go. He can run like a greyhound on the beach, and bounce around like a springbok through long grass, especially if there are rabbits to chase. I'm really enjoying having him, and we're becoming quite devoted to each other."

A happy ending!



Dodge is kid friendly, dog friendly & even toilet trained!

Dodge Fox Terrier x 2 years Male 4.9kgs

"Dodge is a sensitive boy and he always does his best to please you." Hannah, Volunteer

An extremely outgoing and fun-loving boy who plays ball like a pro and always brings it back! Dodge is personality plus & a character who is renowned around the kennels for his antics and his love of toys and blanket-pull games with other dogs. Dodge loves outings to the beach and the dog park, where he is well-behaved and his recall to his name is perfect. He is kid and dog friendly *and* toilet trained! Dodge has waited so long for his very own family—I hope it is his turn next!!!!



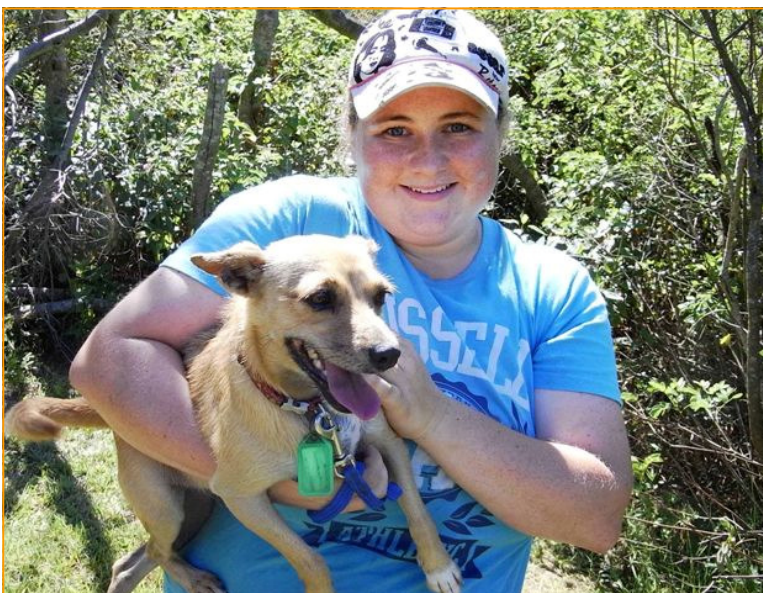
Dodge with Hannah

"I can honestly say Franny has no faults!"
says Hayley, Volunteer

Franzina Terrier x 3 years Female 5.2kgs

"Franny loves to trot around in the water and may join you for a swim." Hayley, Volunteer

Franzina can be a shy dog to new people, but when she gets to know someone she is a very loyal dog and will stick to them to the end. Being only 2 years old, she is very playful. Franny gets along great with any dog and never causes problems. Overall I can honestly say she has no faults (that's not because I care about her)and in no time at all, she will find that person who will love her as much as she will to them. I wish so much that she would find a home!



Franzina with Hayley