



Abby (continued on from previous article)

Seven-year-old unaltered female Shepard mix, picked up as a stray. Abby was terrified when she came to the shelter. Her body was riddled with tumours, and it was clear that she had been used to birth numerous litters. Abby was one of the sweetest dogs I've ever met. She was playful and energetic and displayed no symptoms of illness, but the tumours made her unadoptable. She was euthanised in December 2005.

Rescue Organisations, Pounds and Shelters

We've compiled a handy list of rescue and re-homing organisations for people who've lost a loved pet or those who are considering obtaining a rescued or surrendered shelter animal to add to your family.

It's impossible for us to list breed-specific rescue or welfare operations, so if you're looking for a breed specific pet, we suggest starting by Internet search or contacting your local club; ie Dalmatian Welfare is contactable through the NSWs office club site www.dalmatiansofnsw.org.au/rescue and the Greyhound Adoption Program can be found www.gapnsw.org.au Many of these organisations are still not-for-profit operations run by volunteers. Another resource is DogsNSW. By contacting them on 9834 3022, they can recommend contacts for breed specific rescue organisations or various dog clubs-www.dogsnsw.org.au

Not fussy about breed, but want to still let your fingers do the initial walking? Then tap into www.petrescue.com.au This central site makes it easy for potential adopters to find and save a rescue animal by outlining information from a vast pool of shelters and adoption agencies from around Australia.

Sydney Inner

SYDNEY INNER WEST

Ashfield Pound

Belmore Veterinary Hospital
94 Kingsgrove Road, Belmore NSW 2192
Phone: 9789 6648

Reunite micro chipped dogs and cats collected by rangers with their owners

Burwood Pound

Enfield Veterinary Hospital
94 Coronation Parade, Enfield NSW 2136
Phone: 9747 3999

Web: www.freewebs.com/burwoodpound
Burwood Pound operates strictly on an appointment system

Cat Protection Society of NSW

103 Enmore Road, Newtown NSW 2042
Phone: 9519 7201

Web: www.catprotection.org.au

Open: 11am to 2:30pm Sunday to Friday
10am to 3:30pm Saturday

A registered charity. Cats available for adoption

Monika's Doggie Rescue

70 Victoria Road, Drummoyne NSW 2047
Phone: 9719 2022

Web: www.doggierescue.com

Open: 10am to 5pm daily except Monday
A registered animal rescue charity re-homing dogs rescued from Sydney pounds

SOUTH SYDNEY

Sydney Dogs and Cats Home

77 Edward Street, Carlton NSW 2218
Phone: 9587 9611

Web: www.sydneydogshome.org

Open: Dogs- 9am to 1pm (Mon-Fri);
Cats- 9am -3pm (Mon-Fri).

Re-homing lost and abandoned dogs and cats

Sutherland Shire Animal Shelter

8 Production Avenue, Taren Point NSW 2229
Phone: 9710 0401 11am to 5pm (Mon-Fri)
Phone: 9710 0333 After hours emergencies -

Web: www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au
Open: 3pm to 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9am to 12pm (Sat)

Council shelter for impounded dogs and cats in the southern shire area. Attempt to locate owners or rehome dogs and cats to suitable homes.

NORTH SHORE & NORTHERN BEACHES

Mosman Pound

Cremorne Vet Hospital
73A Spofforth Street, Mosman NSW 2088
Phone: 9953 1090

Reunite micro chipped dogs and cats collected by rangers with their owners. Dogs & cats available for adoption

North Sydney Pound

North Shore Veterinary Hospital
64 Atchison Street, Crows Nest NSW 2065
Phone: 9436 1213

Reunite micro chipped dogs and cats collected by rangers with their owners. Dogs & cats also available for adoption.

Manly Council Dog Pound

8 Roseberry Street, Manly NSW 2095
Phone: 8966 3885

Reunite micro chipped dogs and cats collected by rangers with their owners

Animal Welfare League NSW

Manly & Warringah Branch
160 Mona Vale Road, Ingleside NSW 2101
Phone: 9913 8731

Open: viewing 9am to 11am daily
Cats only available for adoption

Animal Welfare League NSW

Ingleside Shelter
11 Cicada Glen Road, Ingleside NSW 2101
Phone: 9910 7000

Web: www.animalwelfareleague.com.au

Open: 10am to 3.30pm (7 days)

Care for surrendered animals as well as offering boarding facilities for cats and dogs.

Sydney Outer

NORTH WEST

Hornsby Dog Pound

Thornleigh Veterinary Hospital
180 Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh NSW 2120
Phone: 9484 2166

Open: 8:30am to 6:30pm (Mon-Fri); 9am- 12pm (Sat)
Reunite micro chipped dogs and cats with their owners by rangers

Cordelia's Canine Rescue

Rouse Hill NSW 2477
Phone: 0402 236 773

Web: www.cordysrescue.com

Registered charity that re-homes dogs rescued mainly from Blacktown Pound.

Hawkesbury Animal Shelter

10 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave NSW 2756
Phone: 4560 4644

Web: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Open: 9am to 12.30pm & 2pm to 4.30pm (Mon-Fri); 9.30 to 11.30am (Sat); 7am to 9am (Sun)
Council pound. Dogs available for adoption.

GREATER WEST

Blacktown Council Animal Holding Facility

415 Flushcombe, Road
Prospect NSW 2148

Phone: 9839 6161

Open: 7am to 3pm (Mon-Fri); 9am to 11am (Sat)
Web: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Council pound for Auburn, Canada Bay, Holroyd City, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Parramatta, Ryde.

Dogs and cats available for adoption. Livestock auctions once a month advertised in local papers.

RSPCA NSW

Yagoona Shelter, 201 Rookwood Road
Yagoona NSW 2199

Phone: 9770 7555

Phone: 9707 2828 After Hours (Emergency only)
Web: www.roar.org.au

Open: 9:30 to 3pm (Mon-Sun), 9:30am to 12pm (Wed)
Animal surrenders open 9am to 10pm everyday.
Dogs & Cats available for adoption

Help us celebrate... Christmas with the Animals
and be our "Angel for a Day!"

- Bring your pets for a photo with Santa
- Enjoy the BBQ and entertainment
- Buy gifts for people and pets
- Give a gift to our animal's Wish Tree

Sunday 3rd December
10.30am to 2.30pm
1800 880 190

Ingleside Shelter
11 Cicada Glen Rd
Ingleside

West Hoxton Shelter
45 Herley Ave
Rossmore

www.animalwelfareleague.com.au


Pets As Therapy Visitors Needed!

- * Volunteers and paid 'pets as therapy visitors' needed in all areas to visit nursing homes and hospitals
- * Visitors need to enjoy meeting people; have transport and a friendly pet.
- * Training required – course \$330.00 inclusive

P: (02) 9418 4343
E: velma@velmaspetsastherapy.com.au Web: www.velmaspetsastherapy.com.au

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NSW Animal Rescue Inc

Prospect Branch
Phone: 9896 3287
Web: www.nar.org.au
Registered charity. Open by appointment. Smaller dog breeds available for adoption. Boarding service for elderly by referral from welfare agencies only.

NSW Animal Rescue Inc

Doonside Branch
Phone: 9896 328
Web: www.nar.org.au
Registered charity. Open by appointment. Small breeds only. Rescue special needs animals from pounds and shelters in Sydney.

SOUTH WEST

Animal Welfare League (NSW)

West Hoxton Shelter
45 Herley Avenue, Rossmore NSW 2557
Phone: 8777 3300
Web: www.animalwelfareleague.com.au
Provides care for animals in need and awaiting adoption as well as accommodation for animals seized by their Inspectors.

Renbury Farm Animal Shelter

406 Bringelly Road, Austral NSW 2171
Phone: 9606 6118
Web: www.renbury.com.au
Hours: 9am to 5pm (Mon-Fri); 9am to 4pm (week-ends)
Lost dog, cat and stock pound for Bankstown, Camden, Liverpool and Fairfield City Councils.
Animal shelter accepts strays and open for reclaims, adoptions. Website assists owners of lost animals to search for their pets online 24 hours a day

Campbelltown Animal Care Facility

21 Rose Street (off Blaxland Rd)
Campbelltown NSW 2560
Phone: 4628 3044 (business hours) 9963 1621 (after hours emergency)
Web: www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au
Open: 9am to 4pm (Mon); 9am to 3:30pm (Tues-Fri); 9am to 12pm (Sat)
Council pound. Cats & dogs available for adoption.

Canterbury Pound

Fairford Road Animal Hospital
2 Short Street, Bankstown NSW 2200
Phone: 9709 6844
Open: 9am to 6:30pm (Mon-Fri) 9am to 12pm (weekends)
Reunite micro chipped dogs and cats collected by rangers with their owners. Dogs and cats available for adoption.

DABS Rescue Canterbury

Web: www.dabs.org.au
The Domestic Animal Birth-control Society is a Registered Charity re-homing rescued dogs

Sydney Surrounds

BLUE MOUNTAINS

RSPCA Blue Mountains Shelters
121-125 Mort St, Katoomba NSW 2780
Phone: 4782 2674
Open: 10am to 3:30pm (6 days);
Wed 10am to 12pm
Web: www.roar.org.au
Caring facility for surrendered, lost animals. Dogs & cats available for adoption.

CENTRAL COAST

Gosford City Animal Shelter

Pateman Road, Erina NSW 2250
Phone: 4304 4350 (during open hours)
Open: 10 to 12pm & 12.30pm to 4pm (Mon-Fri); 10am to 11.30am (Sat)
Council pound managed & operated by the RSPCA

Wyong Shire Animal Care Facility

Depot Road, Charmhaven NSW 2263
Phone: 4350 5353; 4350 3184
Web: www.wyong.nsw.gov.au
Open: 9am to 4pm (Mon-Fri); 8am to 12pm (Sat)
Council pound, dogs & cats available for adoption.

RSPCA Somersby Shelter

Lot 455 Reeves Road, Somersby NSW 2250
Phone: 4372 2044
Web: www.roar.org.au
Open: 10am to 3:30pm (6 days), 10am to 12pm (Wed)
Caring facility for surrendered & lost animals. Dogs & cats available for adoption.

HUNTER REGION

Hunter Animal Rescue

Phone: 0409 748 103
Web: www.hunteranimalrescue.com.au
Incorporated Not-For-Profit Association. Re-home abandoned pets in the Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast region

Tighes Hill Veterinary Hospital

75 Elizabeth St, Tighes Hill NSW
Phone: 4927 6822
Open: 8.30am-6.30pm (Mon-Fri) 9am-12pm (Sat)
Stray animals can be taken to the Tighes Hill Vet Hospital. Animals are kept at the Tighes Hill facility for 24hrs then transported to the Hunter RSPCA at Rutherford

RSPCA Hunter Region Shelter

6-10 Burlington Place (corner Racecourse Rd)
Rutherford NSW 2320
Phone: 4939 1555
Web: www.roar.org.au
Open: 9am to 4pm (Mon-Fri) 9am-2pm (Tue) 8:30am to 2:30 (weekends)
Caring facility for surrendered, lost animals. Dogs & cats available for adoption.

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Wollongong City Council Animal Shelter

Montague St, North Wollongong NSW 2500
Phone: 4225 2727
Open: 7:30am to 3:30pm (Mon-Fri); 10am to 12pm (Sat)
Web: www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au
Council pound. Dogs & cats available for adoption

Kelston 'Safe Haven' Kennels

Friends of the Shelter
Handleys Lane, High Range
Phone: 0425 319 588
Web: www.friendsoftheshelter.org.au
Open: 9am to 11am (6 days) except Thu or by appointment
Registered charity re-homing lost & unwanted pets from the Wingecarribee Shire (Southern Highlands)

RSPCA Wollongong Shelter

Montague St, Fairy Meadow NSW 2519
Phone: 4228 9495
Web: www.roar.org.au
Open: 10am to 3:30pm (Mon-Wed); 10am to 12pm (Thu); 10am to 3:30pm (Fri); 10am to 3pm (Sat); 9:30am to 12:30pm (Sun)
Caring facility for surrendered, lost animals. Dogs & cats available for adoption.

Gimme Shelter!

Homeless Hounds

Here's an all-too common scenario:

Lily is a typical puppy who, like a human baby, needs constant stimulation and guidance from her human pack for healthy development. Instead, she finds herself in a home where this support is lacking, and in an environment that is physically and mentally isolating. In order to cope with her insecurity, Lily begins to demonstrate increasingly desperate, attention-seeking behaviour, which changes this picture-book puppy into an unwanted presence and a time-consuming menace.

Struggling to understand her human world, Lily has little idea that she is living on borrowed time, until she finds herself at the doors of the local shelter. She enters a bizarre world where she experiences high levels of stress in response to the new sights, sounds and smells surrounding her.

The routine changes. She is fed strange food, which she doesn't feel like eating. Her new home is cramped and smells of disinfectant. She senses tension emanating from the dogs around her and endures a constant stream of strange faces passing by her pen. In order to cope with these pressures, Lily hides under a security blanket of self-preservation, her true behaviour numbed by this alien environment.

However, fortune favours her when she is adopted by a new human pack. She responds well to their attention and they, in turn, are pleased with her response. Her world changes again, but this time the environment is calmer. The bed smells good and the food is tasty. The pressures of shelter life begin to fall away.

For the first weeks the numbness that protected Lily at the shelter keep her from showing her true colours, but renewed confidence awakens previous patterns of behaviour that soon challenge her new owners. Their attempts at control cause confusion and turmoil. Unable to cope with their 'problem', the new owners take Lily back to the shelter. This time she is not so lucky. Her unpredictability is deemed a liability for prospective adopters and her life is ended by the vet's needle.



This is not a sob story. This is the reality for millions of dogs each year. According to the Humane Society of America, between six to ten million dogs are put down in American shelters every year and only 5% of them for medical reasons. In Britain, a nation of dog lovers, the figures are a vast improvement, but there is no cause for complacency. Around 20,000 unwanted and stray dogs are put down each year, and that's still 20,000 too many.

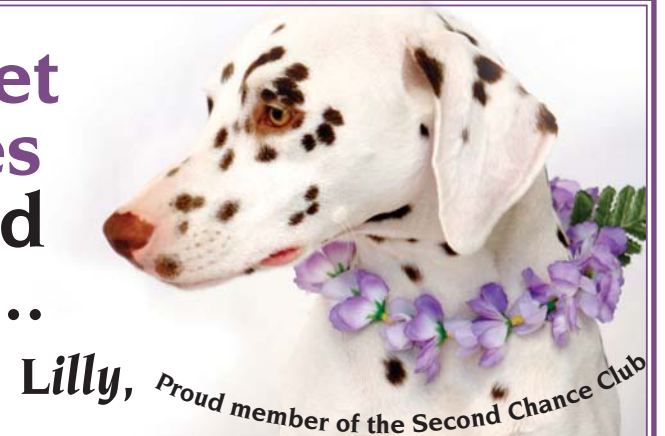
What can we do to help adopted shelter dogs adapt to their new lives? First and foremost, rescue dogs take time and patience. The type of training outlined in subsequent chapters of this book can be used to address certain types of problem behaviour that shelter dogs may display. Equally important, it is necessary to understand why dogs behave the way they do, to see the world from their point of view. This is always important, but it is even more critical when a dog has been ill treated or abandoned.

The effort is worth it. With renewed confidence, the shelter dog can develop into what he was always meant to be, a happy and healthy companion that deserves our time and respect for coping with all the pressures that human life has thrown at him.

"It is easier to blame problem behaviour on a dog's character than to look at how the environment we have created might be affecting it."

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Every pet
deserves
a second
chance...



All around Sydney there are pets in shelters, pounds & welfare organisations that deserve a second chance.

2006 was the year of the dog. If you're thinking of getting a new pet in 2007, why not consider giving an animal a second chance.

They're just dying to meet you!