

Adopt a Dog

PETS NEEDING A NEW HOME



▲ **Theo, ID 48113**

Theo is a young heeler cross who would make a fabulous companion dog. He has beautifully coloured soft fur and is quiet by nature rather than boisterous. He listens to what you say and is alert, intelligent and interested in everything.



▲ **Pip, ID 48139**

Pip is a quiet and loving terrier cross who is only one year old. He has basic obedience training and is looking for a loving home where he can grow up to be a companion for life.



▲ **Dexter, ID 48408**

Dexter is a gentle, friendly China brown shar pei puppy who loves people of all ages. He also gets along with cats and other dogs. He would love a home with other doggy friends, a daily walk, an inside bed and good food. Being only 26 weeks old, Dexter will need someone committed to helping him become the perfect dog.

How to save these pets

■ Here's your chance to provide a new home for unwanted pets with the help of Pedigree and PetRescue, a not-for-profit organisation that brings together more than 450 rescue groups. PetRescue is Australia's only national, searchable, online directory of rescued animals and has saved more than 34,000 animals since 2004. For more details on any of these dogs, go to www.petrescue.com.au and enter the dog's ID number.



▲ **Riley, ID 46924**

Riley is a sensitive soul. He can be shy at first and is a little scared of cats and big dogs. But once he has time to get to know you, he turns into a typical Jack Russell, fun loving, energetic and playful.



▲ **Tess, ID 48146**

Tess is a two-year-old English Staffordshire bull terrier. She is a gentle dog who loves other dogs and is great with people. She has basic obedience training and loves to be patted.

▶ **Sumatra, ID 48458**

Sumatra is an eight-month-old heeler-German shepherd cross with a luxurious coat and a love of people. She is gentle-natured and great with dogs, cats and horses. She is very affectionate and likes children. She will need to be taught not to jump up as she loves to cuddle everyone she meets.



◀ **Willie, ID 48453**

Willie is a vocal, playful and quite active girl with a beautiful spotted coat. She is very puppyish in her ways and she'll need company to keep her out of mischief. She will make a great pet for an active, young family without cats.

▶ **Sunny, ID 48229**

Sunny is an energetic, but gentle little pug-cavalier cross. She needs another dog for company or to be with someone who is home all day. Older children would be ideal. Sunny is eager to please, but needs a little obedience training.



▲ **Sam, ID 48127**

Sam is a young, loving cocker spaniel boy looking for a warm home this winter. He is about two years old and has basic obedience training.



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CHIP Chihuahua X

PetRescue ID: 48094
If you are looking for a well-mannered gentleman, little Chip is the dog for you! He walks well on lead, sits politely for his treats and behaves well in the car. Chip gets on well with other dogs and loves his cuddles.



SASHA German Shepherd

PetRescue ID: 48290
Are you missing a family member? I'm a natural watchdog and could help you look out for your family. With perfect manners and a loving nature, I love being around people and will need a family that will let me be an integral part of their lives.

KIMMIE Maltese

PetRescue ID: 48508
At six years old, I am a sweet and mature older dog who is looking for a quiet home to spend my retirement years. I don't need much exercise, so if you're looking for a buddy to watch telly with and go for gentle strolls in the park then I'm your dog.



DOMINO Great Dane X

PetRescue ID: 48500
I'm still young so I have a lot to learn, but for a puppy I am very polite and know basic manners. I get along with other dogs although I'm not so keen on sharing my food. I'm very playful, but sometimes I forget my own strength and in my enthusiasm could knock young children over.



TRIXIE Border Collie X

PetRescue ID: 47739
Just over a year old, I am interested in poking my nose into everything that is going on around me. I would make a great family pet and have lots of energy to keep up with children. I am good on lead and have had some basic obedience lessons, but would love for you to teach me more.

MUSHU Doberman



PetRescue ID: 46295
Are you looking for someone to keep you company throughout the day? I'd love to be your doggy companion. I'm good with children, though you must keep in mind that sometimes my exuberance spills over. Especially when there are cats and small fluffies around, I can't help it but they don't seem to like playing with me.

ANGEL Husky mix

PetRescue ID: 48510
I'm a very special dog and I'm looking for a very special owner. If you're an experienced Husky owner and just love the snow dog breeds, you will find a wonderful friend in me.



BERT AND ERNIE Labradors

PetRescue ID: 48340
Are you looking for a terrific twosome? We're a pair of brothers who have lived together our whole life and must be re-homed together. Good with children and with other dogs, we'd make ideal family pets.



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Crucial to keep nasties at bay

PET VET DR JULIE SANDERSON



GIVING animals their regular worming medication is one of those essential but easy-to-overlook health measures. Forgetting those tablets can lead to unpleasant disease for your animals and put the humans in the family at risk as well.

Worms in humans are always a bit embarrassing and drug companies have had some pretty funny campaigns to remind people to take some regular medicine.

The latest one for dogs and cats is Worm Month — a lot less funny but still a very important message and one that includes some very large pictures of worms.

Seeing a worm blown up to A4 size makes you realise the ghastliness of these creatures.

They have soulless, alien-like features, some with fearsome biting and sucking mouth parts which tear into their victim's flesh. Some suck blood, steal nutrients and squirm their way through living tissue.

It's just as well that the worms we all hope our pets don't have — round worm, whip worm, tape worm and hook worm — are still all relatively small. Any bigger in real life and they'd have taken over the world.

Which is kind of the point because, in a way, they have done just that.

Worms are small, but they are extreme survivors.

They produce teeming quantities of eggs so tough some of them can persist for months in the open environment — long after any faeces deposited with them has disappeared. In cats and dogs, worms can cause severe illness and can even be fatal in puppies and kittens.

What makes worms even more dangerous is that they can infect humans, with children being at greater risk due to their more frequent lapses in hygiene.

Worm prevention for dogs and cats can be effectively carried out with tablets, syrups and top spots.

Adult animals should be re-dosed several times a year and a few measures should be taken around the home to reduce any contamination. Here are a few good ones to start with:

- Pick up after your dog in the backyard.
- Keep sandpits covered, so children can dig in them safely.
- Encourage children to wash hands and to not touch areas around a pet's mouth or tail.

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Comcars costing us \$4m a year

By political writer
LINDA SILMALIS

PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd could have circled the world three times in a Sydney taxi with the amount his office spent on a chauffeur-driven Commonwealth car.

Documents tabled in federal Parliament show taxpayers paid more than \$4 million — or nearly \$154,000 a week — to keep Canberra's MPs on the road.

The cost for the six months to December last year included \$1.9 million to allow federal parliamentarians to use a Comcar.

As expected, the Prime Minister was the biggest Comcar user, racking up \$235,371 for his car travel.

In comparison, his predecessor John Howard spent \$171,155 on Comcars during the six months to June, 2007.

The amount paid for Mr Rudd's Comcar could buy a 121,761km taxi fare in Sydney — enough to travel three times around the world.

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard came next, racking up a bill of \$98,190, while Treasurer Wayne Swan spent \$35,633.

The biggest Comcar user in the Opposition was Queensland MP Ian Macfarlane at \$28,304.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett, with \$27,898, was the fifth-biggest user of the 224 listed MPs.

Families Minister Jenny Macklin

spent \$26,829. Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek was also among the top 10 biggest users with a \$26,697 bill, followed by Tasmanian Labor senator Nick Sherry (\$26,661).

Next was former Liberal leader Brendan Nelson, who cost taxpayers \$25,420, followed by Agriculture Minister Tony Burke with \$25,285.

Among the most frugal Comcar users was Independent MP Rob Oakeshott, whose bill was just \$198.

MPs are allowed to nominate others, including their spouses, to use their Comcar on occasion.

Federal parliamentarians are also eligible for a private-plated, government-leased car as part of their entitlement, which includes lease costs, insurance, maintenance and fuel.

The travel documents show taxpayers paid \$1.8 million for MPs to use this privilege.

The most expensive bill of \$44,408 was lodged by Northern Territory Labor MP Warren Snowdon, whose electorate includes all of the towns and communities in the Northern Territory outside Darwin.

MPs can also claim for hiring cars to travel from their homes and Canberra on parliamentary business.

The total car hire cost for the six-month period was \$13,905.

Another \$517,000 bill was lodged by MPs for "other car costs", including bills for travel paid for by their portfolio departments.



Star attraction: All this baby koala at Wildlife World needs is a name

Picture: Krystle Wright

First look at the world

By BRITTANY STACK

CUDDLY, inquisitive and weighing less than 700gm, this baby koala has decided to introduce himself to the world.

He is one of two babies at Sydney's Wildlife World who have been in their mothers' pouches for six months.

Unfortunately, only one was interested in posing for our cameras on the day we called.

They are in the care of Bondi vet Dr Chris Brown, who is in charge of veterinary duties at

Sydney Wildlife World and the Sydney Aquarium for the next few months.

Dr Brown said baby koalas — which, like young kangaroos, are called joeys — were the size of a jelly bean when born and spent months in their mother's pouch.

"Normally, the only koalas we get to see are the fully grown ones," Dr Brown said.

"Adult koalas are renowned for being not the most active of animals, so the good thing about the babies is that

they're full of life, personality and attitude.

"To be able to get so up-close and personal with them is a rare opportunity."

Over the next few months, the joeys will make their way onto their mothers' backs and even venture out to find eucalyptus leaves.

By the end of the year, they will have doubled in size.

But before that, Wildlife World would like the public to help find names for them via a competition on its website.

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This week's dogs ...



**SNOOPY
CATTLE X**

PetRescue ID 35151

Snoopy is a doggy gem! He loves to play fetch, sits for his food and doesn't jump up. Boofy with a big personality, he would love to be re-homed with another doggie friend.



**ROSS
CATTLE X**

PetRescue ID 46512

This is a happy and confident cattle cross, and although he is only a pup Ross already walks well on the lead and would be very easy to train as he is a highly intelligent boy.



**DEXTER
POMERANIAN**

PetRescue ID 47965

Looking for a man to cuddle up on the couch with? If so, Dexter is the one for you. With his beautiful coat and a heart as big as his smile, how could you say no?



**BECKY
KELPIE**

PetRescue ID 48314

Little Becky is only ten weeks old and is looking for a family to help her to grow. She is a beautiful girl with classic kelpie markings and will make a perfect companion.



**LEXI
STAFFY**

PetRescue ID 47942

It will be love at first sight with the sweet natured Lexi. With her gentle demeanor and a very easy-care coat she will make an excellent family pet. Have you got space for Lexi?



**PARIS
SIBERIAN HUSKY**

PetRescue ID 48296

Paris is a lovely and calm two year old with beautiful markings. She is happiest when involved in her human's daily activities and would suit a fully-fenced yard.



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Best on Foxtel



THE BLACK BALLOON

WEDNESDAY, 8PM, SHOWTIME
 DRAMA ★★★★★

The Stars: Toni Collette, Luke Ford, Erik Thomson, Rhys Wakefield.

The Story: This tender dramedy about an Aussie family claimed six AFI Awards, and it's not hard to see why. Established stars Collette and Thomson shine, but it's young Ford as autistic Charlie and Wakefield (TV's *Home and Away*), as his teenaged brother Thomas, who really stop the show. Thomas just wants to be like everyone else, but that's impossible with his challenged and challenging bro in tow. A burgeoning romance with Jackie (Gemma Ward) may just make it right. Elissa Down directs what could have been a downbeat effort, but instead is uplifting and full of charm, wit and humanity. Collette was named the best supporting actress as the devoted mum, while Ford took out the best actor award.

The Verdict: He ain't heavy ... and neither is this excellent film.

MOVIE
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 WEEK

MOVIES

GLORY

FRIDAY, 8PM, SHOWTIME GREATS

Winner of three Oscars, this is a classic and one of the great American Civil War movies. It's told from the standpoint of Robert Gould Shaw (Matthew Broderick), who heads the first all-black volunteer company, battling racism among his own Union army and the Confederates. The courage of the men of the 54th will stay with you for a long time. Worth watching for Denzel Washington's performance alone.

DEATH DEFYING ACTS

SATURDAY, 8PM, SHOWCASE

Master escapologist Harry Houdini's tour of Britain in 1926 is the setting for a supernatural romantic thriller with impeccable Aussie connections. Gillian Armstrong directs Guy Pearce as Houdini.

When the escape artist offers a huge bounty to anyone who can connect him with his dead mother, he is targeted by a Scottish psychic (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and her young daughter (*Atonement*'s Saoirse Ronan).

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

SUNDAY, 8PM, MOVIE ONE

The blockbuster *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings* franchises have set the bar high for fantasy films. Like the first *Chronicles of Narnia* outing, this sequel – set a year after the events of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* – can't quite match that stellar standard, but will still please fans of the CS Lewis classic, with its tales of derring do. The Pevensie children return to Narnia, where much has changed. They meet vivid characters such as Caspian (Ben Barnes) and Aslan the great lion.

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BEKKI
 TERRIER X

PetRescue ID 48262

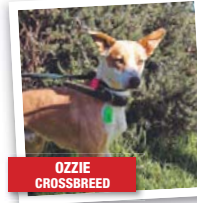
Bekki is an adorable puppy with the cutest black and white coat. She is extremely friendly, loves her food, playing with toys and generally lapping up attention. Can you give her a home?



FLOSSIE
 KELPIE X

PetRescue ID 48054

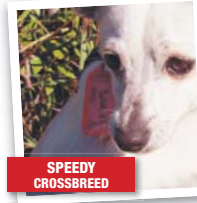
I am a sweet young lady with a friendly nature. I'm a lovely dog for an active family that will make me part of their lives. I am well behaved around dogs but cats are definitely for herding!



OZZIE
 CROSSBREED

PetRescue ID 48033

I am an energetic young man who has a lovely sweet personality. I'm looking for a experienced home that is prepared to do training with me so that I can grow into a well behaved adult.



SPEEDY
 CROSSBREED

PetRescue ID 48022

Speedy is an adorable, bouncy young munchkin who is easy to fall in love with. He has a playful personality, a great sense of fun, and loves the company of people, dogs ... and even cats.



JESSIE
 HEELER X

PetRescue ID 48031

I am a smoochy girl who is a working dog at heart. I will make a lovely dog for a family with older children or someone who enjoys running, playing and exploring new places.



SOPHIE
 MASTIFF X

PetRescue ID 48026

Sophie hasn't seen much of the world and has loads of energy to burn. Super intelligent and ready to learn, she will be the perfect companion in an active home.

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