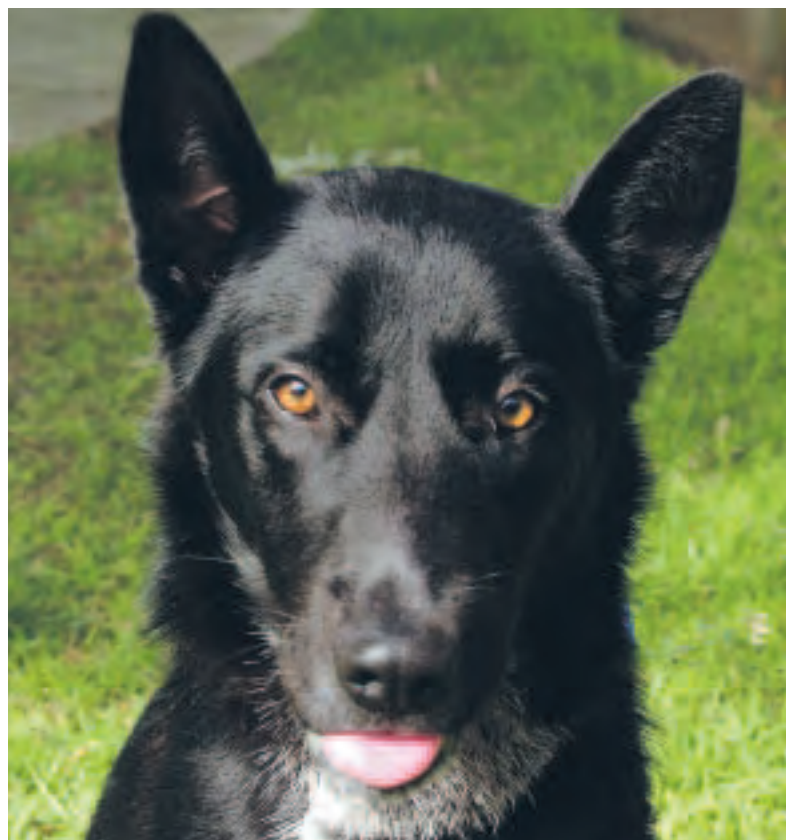


# Adopt a Dog

PETS NEEDING A NEW HOME



▲ **Roma, ID 50839**

THIS one-year-old Kelpie cross is a lively dog who loves to run and play, so she'll need an energetic owner. Regular walks are a must. Roma has a sweet smile and a lovable nature.



▲ **Paris, ID 51813**

PARIS, a clever buhund cross, loves learning new things and excels at training. She is great with people and generally friendly, but would be happiest in a home without other pets.



▲ **Henry, ID 51950**

BULL Arab Henry is a cuddly fellow. Cheeky and cute, he is little more than 12 weeks old and needs a family with lots of love to give. This pup has had basic obedience training, but still has much to learn about the world. Would you be willing to adopt him, show him the ropes and shower him with affection?

## How to save these dogs

■ 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](http://www.petrescue.com.au) and enter the dog ID number.



▲ **Dusty Dog, ID 51311**

DUSTY is in his golden years and would suit an elderly owner or a family whose children are beyond their toddler years. This blue heeler cross is fond of gentle walks and likes napping indoors in the colder months.



▲ **Angie, ID 52202**

ANGIE is an Aussie stumpy tail cattle dog who, along with her mother (Jessica, ID 52006), was surrendered to an animal shelter after her owner died in the Black Saturday bushfires. The pair needs to be rehomed together.

▶ **Debbie, ID 51403**

DEBBIE is a good-looking dog with a shiny coat. But this terrier cross is as affectionate as she is pretty. She would suit someone looking for a placid pet. Debbie has had basic obedience training and is clearly a fast learner.



▲ **Ellie, ID 51858**

THIS labrador-heeler cross is happy-go-lucky. She needs a home where she can spend time indoors as well as out.



▶ **Emily, ID 52462**

EMILY is about two years old and has a weakness for kisses and cuddles. This medium-size boxer is a sweet and gentle dog who has had basic obedience training. She would make an affectionate, well-behaved pet.



◀ **Chester, ID 51690**

CHESTER, 6, was reluctantly surrendered by his owner, who could no longer care for the dog because of a family member's illness. This beagle is great with children and other dogs, loves food and is very playful. He would make a wonderful family pet.

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## JASPER Long-haired Chihuahua

PetRescue ID: 52058

A middle-aged gent with excellent manners, Jasper is the perfect companion. He would be well-suited to being an indoor dog. Due to his age and size, he should not need much exercise and would be suited to an older companion.



## JACK Jack Russell cross

PetRescue ID: 52045

I've been at the shelter for three years now, but don't feel sorry for me! Sometimes I think my human shelter buddies are just reluctant to let me go. Although I've made many friends here, I'd love to have a permanent and loving home.



## CASEY Australian Cattle Dog

PetRescue ID: 52174

Hi, Casey here. I'm a playful, outgoing young girl with oodles of personality! I love playing with other dogs, but when it comes to getting attention, it has to be focused on me. I'd be best suited to being an only dog or with a companion who is happy to let me be in charge most of the time. Lick, lick, Casey.



## MO Lhasa Apso cross Jack Russell Terrier

PetRescue ID: 52176

As you can see, Mo is a natural dancer! Playful and bright, he has taken to basic obedience training and even mastered extra tricks. Mo is very protective and loyal but can be distrustful of strangers and will need a home that will be equally protective of him.



## POPPY Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross Jack Russell Terrier

PetRescue ID: 52213

Poppy is a social butterfly who just loves everyone she comes into contact with. At just six months, she is a fun-loving, well-rounded puppy who is very mature for her age. Her basic obedience training is coming along well. She walks well on lead and can sit for her treats.



## TIMMY Kelpie cross

PetRescue ID: 51564

Are you looking for a dog to keep your current canine company? Timmy is friendly and well-socialised with other dogs but needs some help gaining confidence with people. Ideally, he'll need a quiet space while he settles in, a friendly doggy companion and an owner willing to give him lots of cuddles.



## BELLA Bearded Collie

PetRescue ID: 52041

I'm a fun-loving, happy-all-the-time, glass-half-full kind of dog who is looking for someone who loves to laugh and play around. Must have a great sense of humour and a lot of tennis balls, please.



# Common problem for many species

## PET VET DR JULIE SANDERSON



THERE are a few problems the males of a species have all to themselves.

The failure of a testicle to descend to its proper position just outside the main part of the body is one of the more common ones.

If you are choosing a male puppy or kitten over the age of seven weeks it's wise to check that the testicles have made an appearance in the scrotum.

This condition, called cryptorchidism, is when one or both of the testicles fail to descend. It is more common in some breeds than others.

Normally, the testicles should have descended by six to eight weeks in puppies and kittens.

They pass through a temporary gap on either side of the abdominal wall soon after birth and slowly move into the scrotum during the following few weeks.

Failure of the testicles to move down correctly is believed to be a genetic trait which occurs sometimes in dogs and horses and somewhat less so in cats.

The testicle may be left either inside the abdomen or partially descended outside.

Because many cryptorchid animals are not fertile it's easy to imagine that desexing or neutering them is less important.

In fact many vets regard it as more important.

Occasionally, cryptorchid animals can still produce healthy sperm, which may be produced from one healthy testicle or from a partially descended testicle.

If so, the animal is likely to pass on this condition to later generations. So desexing them is one way to prevent this problem recurring.

Another reason to proceed with desexing is that the testicles themselves are more prone to causing certain diseases if they are left in place.

Studies have found some forms of cancer are much more common in cryptorchid males than normal ones.

A third reason for desexing is that testicles left behind in the abdomen are usually abnormal but still have a supply of blood vessels and other tissue which can, although rarely, become twisted and cause life-threatening problems.

If an animal has both testicles still inside the abdomen they are very unlikely to produce any viable sperm.

The reason testicles descend outside the abdomen and into the scrotum is that these amazing little organs require a temperature a few degrees below normal body heat to produce healthy sperm.

In cats and dogs it is possible but unlikely that a testicle will still descend after about eight weeks.

## MINDY Miniature Poodle

PetRescue ID 52282

Mindy thought she was settled in a permanent home but circumstances changed when grandchildren came along, so now she is looking for a loving lap on which to spend her retirement years. She needs someone who is home a lot as she gets lonely and upset when she is left alone.



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# Best on Foxtel



**MOVIE OF THE WEEK**

## TROPIC THUNDER

SUNDAY, 8PM, MOVIE ONE  
COMEDY/ACTION ★★★★★

**The Stars:** Ben Stiller, Robert Downey Jr, Jack Black, Steve Coogan

**The Story:** In his first directorial effort since *Zoolander*, Ben Stiller triumphs with the tale of a motley crew of actors shooting a war blockbuster in Vietnam. Things take a deranged turn as they find themselves playing soldiers for real. Catch the hysterical fake trailers, the Oscar-nominated performance of Robert Downey Jr as a Russell Crowe-like star staying permanently in character as a black GI and the crack-up cameo by an expletive-happy Tom Cruise. Full of crazy sight gags, gross out humour and sly satire on the movie industry, *Tropic Thunder* squeezes every laugh out of its top cast.

**The Verdict:** Ben can Stiller make one helluva funny movie.

## MOVIES

### HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY

SUNDAY 8PM, SHOWTIME

Ron Perlman returns as superhero Hellboy, in the second instalment of the popular franchise. This time the hyper-strong demon who fights on the side of humanity must stop a marauding army of mechanical creatures set on the world by an evil elf from another realm. Luckily, Hellboy's pyrokinetic girlfriend and Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense colleague Liz (Selma Blair) is still by his side. Expect encounters with terrifying tooth fairies, goblins and a battle royal for a mythical crown.



### THE BUCKET LIST

TUESDAY, 8PM, MOVIE ONE

Terminal illness equalises the playing field when a *Fortune 500* billionaire (Jack Nicholson) and a humble mechanic (Morgan Freeman) meet in the cancer ward. What follows is a funny and poignant road trip as the pair go AWOL to live fully before they "kick the bucket". Nicholson and Freeman make a mighty team in this Rob Reiner comedy about racing the reaper and what really constitutes riches. A box-office smash in the US, moving easily to big success on DVD, the oldsters' odyssey makes the most of its heavy talent, but tends to telegraph its punches.

### THE WACKNESS

WEDNESDAY, 9PM, MOVIE EXTRA

Josh Peck stars as an engaging New York City teen in this oddball coming-of-age dramedy. Mixed-up, shook-up Luke spends his last summer before college selling dope – or trading it for therapy sessions with Dr Jeffrey Squires (ever versatile Ben Kingsley) – a troubled shrink with an attractive stepdaughter (*Juno* co-star Olivia Thirlby), who entrances the young patient. Watch for Mary-Kate Olsen's cool cameo.

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## This week's dogs ...



**MAGGY**  
BORDER COLLIE X

PetRescue ID 50576

Take ME, take ME! I'm Maggie, a lively little border collie girl. I was previously rehomed but the other dog and I didn't get along very well, so I'm looking for another chance at a new home.



**STELLA**  
KELPIE X

PetRescue ID 51920

Do you have the energy to keep up with me? I am super-wiggly and am looking for someone committed to continuing my training, and to give me regular exercise to burn off some energy.



**STANLEY**  
BULL TERRIER X

PetRescue ID 51913

When I am happy and excited I sometimes jump up on you, although I'm learning it's nicer to sit to say hello. I will need someone to teach me how to walk nicely on the lead as I am strong.



**JACKSON**  
KELPIE X

PetRescue ID 51868

At only 12-weeks-old I'm extremely playful and always on the go. I'd make a great family dog; all the effort you put in now will ensure that I grow into a loyal, obedient dog in the future.



**JAZMINE**  
BLUE HEELER X

PetRescue ID 51865

Jazmine is a lovely pup who's an extremely affectionate girl. She loves being with people, loves other dogs, walks well on the lead and has been very responsive to training.



**JILLY**  
MIXED BREED

PetRescue ID 51924

I am a happy young girl with energy to burn. I love to run around and play. Are you looking for a cute and lively companion? I just may be the one for you!

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# Children lose out to sculpture

By CARMEL MELOUNEY

THE kids have lost a place to play at Balmoral, but at least they can admire the art.

Mosman Council has dismantled a children's playground in Hunter Park and replaced it with a metal sculpture of a giant sunflower, valued at \$25,000.

But the move hasn't been entirely welcomed — the council has been forced to install a \$5000 security camera to counter vandalism.

The sculpture was installed last month after wooden play equipment and a sand pit was removed. A spokeswoman said the equipment had to be removed because it contained arsenic-treated timber.

But instead of replacing it, the council installed the sculpture, paid for by Mosman Public Art Trust, and a camera to protect it. "When preparations were under way to install the sculpture, there was vandalism," she said.

Council documents noted "continued opposition" to the sculpture and a petition with 57 signatures opposing it was received.

Father-of-two Dr Subodh Apte, who lives near the park, said:

"Mosman Council has three wards and the council tried to place the sculpture in two other wards and was met with opposition, before it decided to put it in Hunter Park.

"My boys enjoyed playing in that playground. Now the sandpit is gone and there's no room for play equipment.

"They're devastated; they're saying, 'This is ugly', unprompted — and they're only five and six years old.

"Council is not responding to the demographics of the area. There are 14 families with kids, on the street now."

Dr Apte said the sculpture was very sharp and potentially posed a threat to the safety of children, who kick balls around the park.

"I can't quite understand the logic of it — it's not an appropriate place for the sculpture," he said.

Council Director of Environment and Planning John Carmichael said: "The location of the sculpture there is on a temporary basis, for 12 months."

The council had planned a playground there in 2002, but residents had not supported the idea, he said.



Crowded out: No room for Emma Russou to play Picture: Sam Rutty

## >Gloucester Mining fear

RURAL NSW councils fear the State Government will allow mining companies to take over farming land.

Gloucester Mayor Julie Lyford is angry her council's attempts to have mining exploration restricted from environmentally and agriculturally significant land has been ignored.

Gloucester Resources' three mining exploration licences, which together cover about 11,000ha have been officially renewed by the State Government.

Residents campaigned to prevent the renewals and the council tried to stop them as part of a review of its Local Environment Plan.

## >Pymont Rail action

THE artistic flair of Mambo artist Reg Mombassa is being used to back the Pymont residents' action group fighting the \$5 billion Sydney Metro plan that will cut through their suburb.

The State Government plans to build a station for the 7km Metro at Union Square in Pymont, which locals say will destroy the square's heritage buildings.

The Save Union Square group, which has written to the Queen and princes Charles and William about their fight to save the historic buildings, say other sites could be used.

Mombassa has created special artwork for T-shirts.

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TERRIER X

PetRescue ID 51749

Biscuit is the perfect pup! He is so friendly and playful, and just loves to be around you. He will make a great, and very appreciative, family member or second pet.



**TINA**  
CORGI X

PetRescue ID 52151

Tina is looking for a fabulous family eager to open their hearts and home. She is already house trained; now all Tina needs is someone to love her!



**FUZZ**  
GERMAN SHEPHERD

PetRescue ID 51632

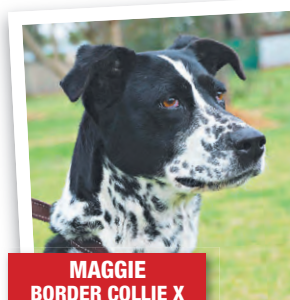
Fuzz is a big dog with a big heart. She is a beautiful girl who is clever and willing to learn. Fuzz would best suit a family with older kids as sometimes she forgets her size.



**ZOE**  
STAFFY X

PetRescue ID 51458

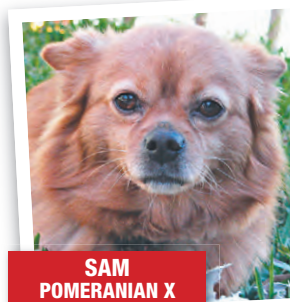
This attractive young lady has a great personality. She is a strong dog who loves exercise, while still being as playful as a pup! Do you have a kind home for Zoe?



**MAGGIE**  
BORDER COLLIE X

PetRescue ID 51790

Like all border collies, Maggie is super smart and has lots of energy. She is a beautiful girl with an easy-care coat. With a bit of training, Maggie will reach her full potential!



**SAM**  
POMERANIAN X

PetRescue ID 52152

Sam is a very well-mannered boy who loves being around people. He has a quiet and gentle nature, and also has basic obedience training. Such a sweet little guy!



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