



# Newsletter



Winter/Spring 2016 Edition

## Welcome to the abridged Winter/Spring 2016 Newsletter!

A full newsletter with all the regular features will return in Summer 2016. DRD wishes you and your animals a safe and warm mid-year season.

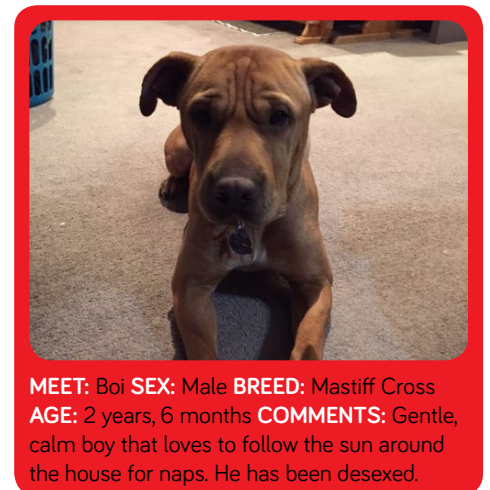
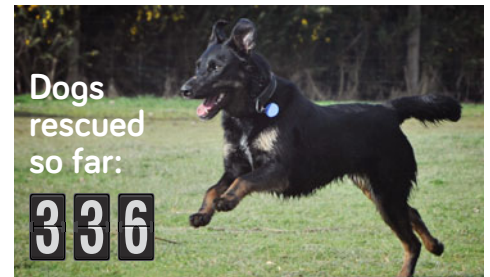
## Oscar Needs An Operation



**ABOVE** | He's come far... Oscar before (left) and after (right) rescue and vet care.

Recently we launched a Givealittle campaign for Oscar—he came to us in May with a chronic case of sarcoptic mange, a nasty yeast infection and secondary bacterial infection in both ears and he was underweight. He responded really well to treatment for these but our vet discovered he has entropion in both eyes—this is a condition in which the eyelid folds inward. It is very uncomfortable, as the eyelashes constantly rub against the cornea and irritate it. We are committed to getting Oscar the specialist surgery he needs next time the specialist is in Dunedin. However this is very expensive and will cost at least \$1,500. Oscar was lucky enough to be adopted recently into a very loving home and DRD want to make sure to follow through with providing his surgery.

Please take a look at our Givealittle page, share it and consider even a small donation:  
<http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help4oscar>



## Special Thanks to: Out of Town Volunteers

Kirsty Taylor is our person on the ground in Queenstown and does a great job assisting our Dunedin-based Liaison Officers by performing property inspections, solving adoption trial issues that arise on the spot and in the last year helping to place Aly, Monty and Mae in her area. She is also a good sounding board for our LOs for the many problems they face during the fostering and placement of a dog and offers timely support from her end. Without her and other unsung heroes fostering and volunteering for DRD in Queenstown, as well as other parts of Central Otago and as far North as Twizel, DRD wouldn't be able to successfully foster, de-sex and find forever homes all around the region for so many of the unwanted DCC Pound dogs we have rescued over the years.

## Gem: A Tribute

The following is to ex-DRD dog Gem, who many readers will have met on our stalls or around town. She passed away this year due to illness and her loving owners who adopted her a few years ago have contributed this:

“Gem had to be put down recently due to a pathological fracture of her pelvis due to undetected cancer. Rod and I are devastated by our loss and are still quite tearful whenever we think or talk about her. Gem was a medium sized dog with a huge presence. She was inspirational in the way she never let her blindness get in the way of her enjoyment of life. She was also a great meeter and greeter and especially loved the DRD fundraising days.

In what turned out to be her last year with us we shifted from our small harbour side property to a lifestyle block. This property presented a blind dog with many challenges but Gem handled them all well apart from the odd tumble down a bank or unexpected swim in the pond. I believe she really loved the extra freedom this property gave her and I will always remember her trying to round up our neighbor's sheep—without success.

She was a very special friend and I still see her out of the corner of my eye. She lies at rest close to our house where we still feel her presence.

Bless you Gem.”





**MEET:** Sea **SEX:** Male **BREED:** Staffy Cross  
**AGE:** 18 months **COMMENTS:** Sea loves to be with humans –big and small. Good recall, toilet trained and he has been desexed.



**MEET:** Ted **SEX:** Male **BREED:** Collie  
**AGE:** Approximately 12 months **COLOUR:** Black/Tan **COMMENTS:** Currently under assessment –more information coming soon.



**MEET:** Lilly **SEX:** Female **BREED:** Collie/ Greyhound Cross **AGE:** Approx 5–6 months  
**COMMENTS:** Friendly young dog. Currently under assessment –more info coming soon.

## TOP TRAINING TIPS:

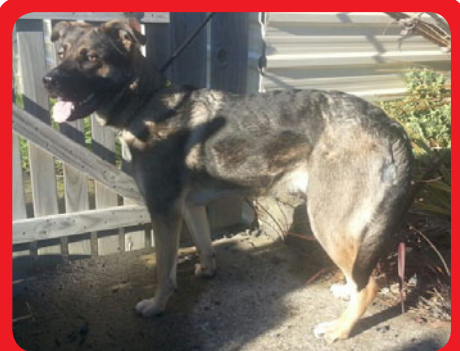
### Toilet Training

No matter the age of your foster dog you will need to be vigilant with their toilet needs. Take them outside regularly and when they empty, praise – Good Toilet or Good Empty. Do not treat. This is a natural bodily function and you are simply telling the dog what they are doing (outside) is good. If by chance a puppy, or dog urinates inside, simply put the dog outside and clean up. Do not growl at the dog. You should have been watching them more closely.

Reprinted from *DRD Training Manual 2016* by Pauline Blomfield

**SERIOUSLY!**  
*The best puppy training advice I ever heard!*

- STEP 1:** Roll up a newspaper and keep it handy!  
**STEP 2:** If your puppy pees on anything or chews something, pick up the rolled newspaper!  
**STEP 3:** Hit YOURSELF on the head while saying, "I should have been watching my puppy!"  
 Repeat as necessary!



**MEET:** Maddi **SEX:** Female **AGE:** 16 months  
**BREED:** German Shepherd/Lab Cross  
**COMMENTS:** Currently under assessment –more information coming soon.

## VOLUNTEER REQUIRED:

### Stall Co-ordinator

Each month during winter and fortnight during summer we have a Fundraising Stall at various places around town such as supermarkets and other large stores. We are looking for an organised and reliable person to organise the bookings and rosters for these. You would work with our stall display volunteers and would need to be computer literate as much of the organisation is done online via email. Training and support will be given. If you are interested please email Kaye on pigeonplace@clear.net.nz.

## Applications Sought For New Trustees

We are seeking new Trustee members for Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust, We welcome applications from people with a passion for and commitment to animal well-being and welfare. We seek those with skills or experience that will provide effective governance and leadership for the organisation. We are particularly seeking people with experience in the following areas:

- strategic thinking
- policy development
- fundraising
- financial and legal oversight
- marketing and communications
- public relations
- specific expertise in relevant fields –animal welfare, care and rescue

We particularly value applications from those with previous board experience. If you are interested in joining a Board which is committed to making a difference please email your application to, or request further information from, [info@dogrescuedunedin.nz](mailto:info@dogrescuedunedin.nz)

## Yes! I would like to help Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust save dogs' lives

Name:

Please contact me at:

Cheque donation:  (phone, email or postal details)

Please find my cheque for \$  is enclosed. I would like a receipt posted:  Yes  No

I have good fencing and would like to:  Foster  Adopt

I can help with:  Fundraising stalls  Pickup/delivery of donated items  Other:

Post to: Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust, PO Box 5865, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058 or email: [info@dogrescuedunedin.nz](mailto:info@dogrescuedunedin.nz) or phone: 022 176 5052

*\*Donations to Dog Rescue Dunedin Charitable Trust are Tax Deductable.*