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## Cover girl PETUNIA

This beautiful girl is looking for a quiet home and a kind, patient owner to help her come out of her shell

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Until February 29, 2016, get **10% OFF YOUR ADOPTION FEE** when you adopt a pet from RSPCA QLD at Wacol and quote "Furever Home"!

### Pets for Adoption

All our dogs and cats are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, wormed and health checked.



PIONI ID 881316

Domestic Short Hair

My name is Pioni and I'm the sweetest, gentlest girl. I love having my beautiful fur brushed for days, and all the pats you can give me - but I'm also as playful as a cat half my age and love toys. I need to stay indoors, but that's fine by me as I would prefer to cuddle up on the sofa anyway.

Pioni profile: bit.ly/rspca881316



BLAZE ID 809460

Staffy x Cattle Dog

d 2 yrs large

Blaze is a hunk of burning love! He already knows all the best tricks, sits without being asked, can shake paws, and his energetic, eager-to-please attitude makes him a great candidate for learning more. Anyone looking for a work-out partner will find a willing teammate in Blaze, who loves to play catch.

Blaze's profile: bit.ly/rspca809460



SPYRO ID 881970

Common Bearded Dragon

of male

Friendly little Spyro came to the shelter in a very poor way. Missing a back foot and requiring round the clock feeding to keep him alive, Spyro beat the odds! While he still requires some short-term support, he's a hardy little guy who'll need an experienced adoptive parent to look after him.

Spyro's profile: bit.ly/rspca881970

#### Feline Foster Tails

Introducing Anke! An RSPCA feline foster carer who's been opening her heart and home for nearly two years now.

One of the greatest joys in her experience of foster caring is being able to see the animals turn from sick or shy creatures into healthy trusting cats.

Currently, her family consists of Audrey, Oscar and three kittens: Mittens, Pepe and Hydro. All cats needed a home urgently as our Wacol shelter was full. Although these five cats had very different personalities, Oscar took on a fatherly role in cleaning and teaching the little ones. Anke knew she could leave the kittens home alone, knowing they were in good paws!

"It's been amazing to see the five unrelated cats getting along so well. All the different characters are so loveable and I wish them all the best, as they are still trying to find their forever families!" Anke said.

Right: Little Calico
kitten Hydro

Below: Anke and Domino, who
has now been adopted!

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Interested in becoming a foster carer? Visit www.rspcaqld.org.au/volunteer/foster



## **Keeping your future buddy busy**

The RSPCA has teamed up with Busy Buddy to keep our animals entertained whilst they await their forever homes. Busy Buddy has donated at least one treat-dispensing toy for every animal in our care.



The Busy Buddy range is available at World for Pets instore or online at www.worldforpets.com.au.



## 2X THE REWARD WITH BONDED PAIRS



Dahlia's profile: www.bit.ly/rspca629396 Ruben's profile: www.bit.ly/rspca623823



Jam's profile: www.bit.ly/rspca900247
Doughnut's profile: www.bit.ly/rspca900251

There's a bonded trend developing among the population at the Wacol RSPCA Shelter they are proving to be double the fun.

Dahlia and Ruben are canine companions that are so close they practically finish each other's sentences. Meanwhile, in the livestock paddock, you'll find a bonded pair of Boer goats – Jam and Doughnut – a sweet combo. No kidding!

Dahlia and Ruben are a fun loving couple who live by the motto: the family that plays together, stays together! Dahlia and Ruben walk together, run together, explore together and sniff together, so they are the perfect pair to be adopted together. This bonded pair is seeking a home where they can keep each other company and give their new family twice the love.

Back at the farmyard, Jam and Doughnut are an intelligent and affectionate pair waiting for a family who can provide ample pasture for them to eat and opportunities to learn and play.

So, if these lifelong friends are anything to go by, rewarding times lie ahead for families who choose a bonded pair from the RSPCA.





Coral is enjoying cuddles while waiting for a new home. Visit Coral's profile: bit.ly/rspca878237

#### Happy Paws, Happy Hearts

The the "Happy Hearts, Happy Paws" program allows the hundreds of animals waiting each day for their 'furever' homes to experience love, care and affection outside of their enclosures.

The animals involved are not just dogs and cats - even a variety of Australian wildlife like possums and joeys join in on the fun! With help from volunteer psychology students, groups of elderly, disabled and socially isolated Australians are given the chance to make long lasting connections with the shelter animals, while simultaneously improving the behaviour and building confidence of every animal under the RSPCA's care.

The Happy Paws Happy Hearts program provides a chance for both the animals and people to interact with each other, improving the quality of life for both. As the tails begin to wag a little faster, and smiles grow a little wider, it is without a doubt the program is a definite success. If you are interested in participating, volunteering or donating, visit:

# OUT COVET GITL PETUNIA

#### HI THERE! I'M PETUNIA AND I'M A BEAUTIFUL Honeycomb-coloured girl who is even Sweeter than a crunchie bar.

I've got a quirky kink in my tail, which I like to wave around like a flag while purring and rubbing up against you. I'm a little bit shy, so I would prefer a quiet home and a kind, patient owner to help me build up my confidence at my own pace.

I can be a little quiet at first, but once I am comfortable with you I promise that we will be the best of friends, and will be having heart-to-heart conversations all night long.

Visit Petunia's Profile: bit.ly/rspca873527

www.hphhfoundation.org





Best of all, it's a lot of fun for you and your dog!

#### **ENROL YOUR DOG TODAY!**

Any dog has the potential to be a great pet with the right training. Book your dog in at the RSPCA School for Dogs New Farm.

For more info, visit www.rspcaschoolfordogs.com.au

#### A fairy tail ending for Mia

Marvellous Mia was the front cover glam girl of the November 2015 edition of this newsletter.

She was looking for a special home and by the end of November, her Prince Charming, lan arrived. When catching up with Mia and Ian, he said that he could not understand why Mia was in our care for so long because she is such a beautiful girl.

Ian happily ran us through their daily routine which involves a nice long walk in the mornings followed by Mia running and playing through their acreage and

then welcoming the afternoon with a sleep in the sun. Mia is definitely living the life of a princess, spending time in the air conditioning when lan goes out.

To top off Mia's fairy tail, she and Ian's grandson have become inseparable; they explore the yard together and Mia gives him plenty of gentle nose-tip kisses. Ian believes Mia is finally living the life she deserves and we think so too!

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