

Pippa the Termite Detection Beagle

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When Beagle Rescue Victoria received a call requesting assistance to re-home an unruly female Beagle named Pippa, it became abundantly clear to both Jen and Tam that she was not suitable for re-homing in a pet home. She was clearly distressed both physically and mentally, snapped out at opened hands, snarled and showed much negative and fearful behaviour.

Luckily for Pippa, Beagle Rescue had been contacted the week before by Elder Pest Control, a company that had devised a training program where Beagles would sniff out termites. They work on the same positive reward system that all Beagles work on: FOOD.

Pippa was exactly what they were looking for in a Beagle.

Pippa is now living in Singapore where she spends her life working, eating, being photographed and spending her time happily doing what she was bred to do.

She has gone from being a highly distressed, overweight and unhappy girl to the now settled, beaming, international superstar who even has her own résumé and webpage!

John, Nola and their son Chris (CEO of Elder) have been an amazing support for Beagle Rescue and they know that each lucky Beagle sent their way will receive the highest level of care and training. Elder Pest Control



Overweight and unhappy, it was dear Pippa was unsuitable for re-homing

has not only pledged to make monthly donations to Beagle Rescue Victoria but have just taken another wonderful girl (Genevieve) under their wings to train.

[Visit the CDC website for more on Pippa.](#)

Update 4 more beagles unsuitable for pet homes have been trained in detection and given a new career and great life!

[Click for Beagle Rescue](#)



Dog Tired

Dougal and Tess are not your average West Highland Terriers and whatever you do, don't call them fluffy lap dogs. Able to run a half marathon, the two dogs are constant running companions of their owner and runner, Paul Ashton

who conquered an amazing challenge by completing the *Alpine Skyrun 100 mile – Ultra Marathon*.

Although the dogs were not able to join Paul on that particular journey they

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Dog Tired in Support of Mental Illness (continued)

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 trained hard with him to make sure he could complete the **one hundred mile run (160km)**, over the highest mountains in Victoria, covering 5,500 metres of ascent and descent.

because that's dead boring and this course has tremendous variety and diversity."

In the lead-up to this impossibly difficult event Paul lay awake during the early hours of one morning and thought 'this is

runners. When Paul was battling a severe bout of nausea early on in the run he looked to Mind for inspiration;

"I experienced a really terrible bout of nausea and couldn't run; I just had to force myself to walk and focus on overcoming that. I was feeling very sad and very sorry for myself and then I started thinking that most clients at Mind go through worse than this every day during their journey of recovery from mental illness. I've only got to do this for two days, you know, I can get through this, it's just going to be bloody tough."

Paul completed the event in 40 hours, with just four hours sleep to carry him through.

"When you go on a run of 100 miles you discover things about yourself... it takes you to places you won't have been before. You push yourself in different directions. You encounter pain, fear, and anxiety. We have so much potential that we don't realise until we actually do something that opens up those opportunities to us."

Paul has a vision to expand the event for next year and he is now frantically working on that.

The next run is scheduled for 28 – 29 March 2009 and interest from participants, organisations and potential sponsors is welcome.

Please contact Paul Ashton on 03 9455 7900 or pashton@mindaustralia.org.au.



Paul with Doug and Tess

Paul, along with four other runners, set out to attempt a 100 mile (160km) Ultra Marathon, which took in spectacular alpine scenery including; Mt Feathertop, Mt Fainter, Mt Bogong, Spion Kopje, Mt Nelse and Mt Hotham – a total of six major ascents and descents and two major river crossings.

This event was born from Paul's passion as a runner;

"I wanted to make this the hardest event in Australia in terms of a trail ultra marathon. Ultra marathoners want a challenge and it's absolutely stunning country. There's no point doing a 100 mile flat

stupid, I'm doing this run and it should become a charity event to raise money for Mind'.

"It was amazing, I remember I was walking my dogs around the park and I met another dog walker and said 'I'm doing a charity run' and he said 'I'll sponsor you' and I thought wow, is it going to be that easy... and it really was. Every person I spoke to said they would support Mind and support me on the run."

The combined effort saw the runners raise over \$6,000 for Mind's Scholarship program.

Raising money for Mind also acted as a tremendous motivator for each of the

"
This tough event is nothing compared with the challenges faced daily by people recovering from mental illness.
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~Paul Ashton

Adoption Directory Success Story



Wellington was matched up with an ideal family by Victorian Collie Rescue

He was dumped at a pound in A.C.T and was on “death row” when Collie Rescue found him. They quickly adopted ‘Zac’ and placed him in a nearby foster home.

Around the same time a couple had asked to be put on the waiting list as they were looking for an older Collie. In fact, they asked for a big, lazy one.

Zac fit the bill perfectly so

Collie Rescue arranged to have him brought down to Victoria. When he met his soon-to-be owners it was love at first lick.



Now called Wellington, he spends his time lying around on the couch or getting spoilt with cuddles.

He doesn't care where he is or what's going on - as long as he can be close to his people (and preferably lying down), he's happy.

Wellie is now a member of the CDC and will be at all of our events.

[Click for the Adoption Directory online.](#)

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A dog at its ideal weight lives, on average, two years longer than an overweight dog and has significantly less health problems during its life.
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Fighting Canine Obesity

For our May “Walk and Talk” night, PhD student Vanessa Rohlf came along to talk about canine nutrition and obesity.

Fit dogs live longer and have less health problems than overweight dogs.

One way to help fight obesity is to make sure that when you give extra treats, you even it out by feeding a little less dinner. Also keep in mind your

dog's size compared to the snack. Ms Rohlf said giving a slice of cheese to a toy poodle is like a human eating 1 1/2 Big Macs.

That's a big snack!

She also said it is important to run your hands along your dog's body to make sure it's not too fat or thin. (This also helps in detecting other things that might be wrong with your dog's health.)

Everyone received a DPI Publication that included a body scoring chart, which can be downloaded from the [DPI website](#).

Purina reps discussed the importance of quality dog food and referred us to an article in [New Idea](#) that gives an independent analysis of dog food ingredients. No matter what food you feed, this is great information!

CDC DIARY

Thursday, 26 June

Walk and Talk, Intro to Obedience
Presented by: [Western Port Obedience Dog Club](#)

Saturday, 12 July

Wine and Dog Biscuit Tasting 10:30 a.m. at [Tuck's Ridge Vineyard](#) Red Hill, Mel Ref 256 B2

Thursday, 31 July

Walk and Talk, Problem Behaviour or Behaviour Problems?
Presented by: Dr Jacqui Ley, [Animal Behaviour Consultations](#)

Thurs, 28 August

Walk and Talk, Winter weather and your dog's joints.
Presented by: Pia Kirke, [Animal Bodywork Naturally](#)

All Walk and Talks at 6:30pm at the KCC Park.



Bring a friend and their dogs to any of the Companion Dog Club events

Glamour Night at the Park was great fun for dogs and people alike.

Photo: Paws 4 A Moment



Glamour Night Follow Up

The Glamour Night was well-attended with over forty people in attendance with their dogs, who were treated to massage therapy, Bowen therapy, grooming,

trimming and professional photography shots.

Everyone had a great time and all the dogs just loved socialising with one another.

Purina Pro Plan provided nibbles for the humans as well as the dogs and made

sure everyone went home with a complimentary bag of dog food. There were lots of door prizes won on the night, too.

Visit the [Companion Dog Club website](#) for details and upcoming events to attend with your dog.

\$187.30 was raised for Ovarian Cancer Research

Glamour Night Fundraiser for OCFR

As the Glamour Night was designed mainly for the ladies, we decided to include a fund raising effort for a cancer that affects women in Australia.

Ovarian cancer has a lower survival rate than many other cancers associated with women because most cases

are detected at a stage too advanced for effective treatment.

One woman in Australia dies every ten hours of Ovarian Cancer.

After the fundraising efforts from our glamour night, the staff of DOGS Victoria hosted

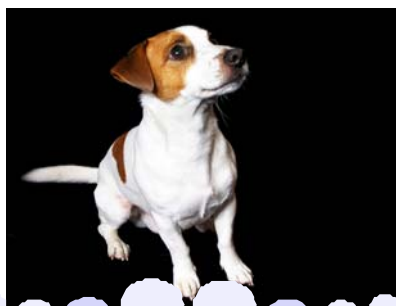
its own morning tea to add to the funds.

Altogether a total of \$187.30 was raised for OCFR.

If you'd like to make another tax-deductible donation to OCFR, please visit their website at www.ocrf.com.au.



Glamour Night



Photos courtesy of [Paws 4 A Moment Photography](#) and [Urban Tails Pet Photography](#) (click links for more photos)

What is the Companion Dog Club?



The club provides pedigree and non-pedigree dogs and their owners with a club that will promote and appreciate the uniqueness of all types and breeds of dogs. It also recognizes that each one of our canine friends is in a class of its own and is a companion in its own right.

As a member of the Companion Dog Club you and your dog will receive a number of benefits that encourage responsible dog ownership and welfare from within your own community.

The Companion Dog Club is an initiative of DOGS Victoria.

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Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

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Application Form

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Ph:.....

Email:.....

Dogs Name & Breed:.....

Referred By:.....

Payment can be made by
Cheque, Money Order, Visa, Mastercard or Bankcard

Name on Card:.....

Card No:.....

Expiry Date:.....

Signature:.....



For only \$25.00 including GST, you and your family can become members of the Companion Dog Club. Yes, the \$25.00 covers everyone in your family AND you can include as many dogs as there are in your household!

I am interested in more information about:

Online Competitions

Responsible Dog Ownership

Attending Fun Dog Events

Other:.....

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