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# A breed of their own

Rescued dogs find their forever homes thanks to breed specific rescue, shelters, foster carers and people who care

I can't believe anyone would give up this dog", exclaims Alan Jolawicz. Alan and his wife, Maureen, have recently adopted Merlot, a 2-year old Golden Retriever. It's easy to see the appeal of this glowing Goldie that has a sweet smile and easy disposition. Alan and Maureen also glow with the love and admiration they have for this furry goofball. Long-time Golden Retriever owners, Alan and Maureen have always sourced their previous dogs from breeders. Merlot is their first 'rescue' dog and they're so happy to give him a great home. Watching the three of them, you get the impression Merlot's pretty happy with his lot in life too.

Merlot's background is little sketchy but he was re-homed through the very organised and dedicated folk from Golden Retriever Rescue or GRR. At time of printing this story GRR have rehomed a staggering 56 Goldies throughout Sydney this year. Their dogs range in age from 18 months to eleven years and dogs have come from various backgrounds. Merlot was purchased from a pet shop and went to live with another dog. His owner, for whatever reason, kept Merlot in poor conditions.

and took him to a vet to receive care. Unfortunately this man was unable to care financially for Merlot and surrendered him to GRR who found him a home with Alan and Maureen. Merlot is now the centre of his new family's world.

All over Sydney, great dogs of all breeds are surrendered to pounds and shelters. Many are 'purebreds' who have wonderful temperaments and personalities. As Danielle Nelson from Animal Welfare League says, "We get some gorgeous dogs through here who've been surrendered for a number of reasons. Some people's financial or



**Merlot,**  
Golden Retriever

Re-homed by GRR. Now living the high life with Alan and Maureen in Wahroonga.



**Max,**  
Dachshund

Surrendered to pound. Max has recovered from abuse and living a comfy life with Angela in Bangor.



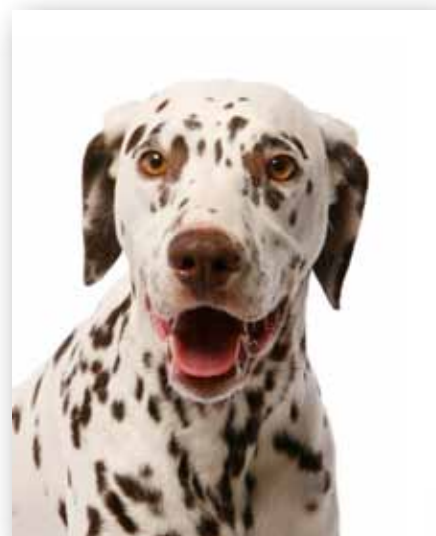
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**Oscar,**  
Dalmatian

Re-homed by Dalmatian Welfare. Fully recovered from his accident and living in Blackett with Bryan's family and two other Dalmatians.





### Joey, Greyhound

Re-homed by GAP. Joey is putting on a little condition and lolling around the house with Les in Concord West.



### Maxie, Great Dane

Re-homed by Dane Rescue. Maxie was surrendered as she is partially deaf and has an eye condition that requires further veterinary care. Maxie lives life large with another Dane and her family in Thornleigh.



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