

# Tid Bits

By Michelle Padovan

## Jerri comes out of model retirement to champion a charitable cause

Urban Animal's very own model, Jerri Dalmatian, has donated her time to Sydney based dog treat company 'DeliBones Barkery'. You may remember Jerri from the long running soap, *Bone and Away* and her numerous cameo appearances on *Desperate Housewives*. She's forged ahead since her infamous catnip snorting scandal (you may remember her being dumped from fashion label *Wheels and Dog Baby*) and is now concentrating on charity work. DeliBones have developed a counter top display that aids the Australian Red Cross. For only \$2.00 you can purchase two tasty and healthy dog treats with a portion of the sales going directly to the Red Cross. These yummy crunchy treats are made from human grade ingredients and come in a variety of flavours including Gar-lick & Cheese, Peamutt Munch, Salmon Slobbers and Jerri's personal favourite Liver Luvs. If your organisation, store or company is interested in the counter top display you can call Dr Neil's (02) 9421 1500.

## Sydney Dogs Home has gone to the Cats

Sydney Dogs Home has changed its name to Sydney Dogs and Cats Home. This hard-working animal welfare organisation not only re-homes dogs but they also find caring homes for abandoned cats. That's why they've decided to rename themselves so people wanting to find a kitten or adopt a more mature cat, can drop in to view their mob of moggies. The cost of a cat adoption includes desexing, microchipping, worming, vaccination and lifetime registration with your local council. Sydney Dogs and Cats Home can be found at 77 Edward Street, Carlton and their contact number is 9587 9611.

## The scoop is that dog poo is big business in the US

The news is that cleaning up after other people's dogs is a booming industry. The Association of Professional Animal Waste Specialists (aPaws.org) estimates that there are over 300 companies ready and willing to clean up other people's backyards. aPaws hosts the annual Pooper Scooper Round-Up which is a three day event that's highlighted by the Turd Herding Contest—a hotly contested competition to see who can pick up the most poo the fastest. Texas based company 'Pet Butler' refers to their employees as being 'faecal matter removal technicians' which gives them something dignified to put on their tax forms. With great names like Dog-gone-it, DoodyCalls, Dog Entremanure, or how about a company that calls itself Here's the Scoop! and advertises that "We stand behind our work, so that you don't step in it."

## Is that a parrot in your pocket or are you just pleased to see our customs officers?

Eagle eyed customs agents at Sydney airport detained a man about to board a flight to Bangkok after noticing a large and unusual bulge in the man's groin. When questioned, the man raised further

suspicion by explaining that he had a hernia that caused his testicles to rise. A strip search revealed six eggs hidden in a stocking in his underwear. Two eggs were damaged but the other four were taken to Taronga Zoo for hatching. The undamaged eggs contained two Gang Gang cockatoos and two Galahs. Both bird species are listed under the Conventions on International Trade in Endangered Species. Wayne Frederick Floyd was fined \$25,000 and given just four weeks to pay the fine in full. The Judge ruled that Floyd was conducting this cruel and illegal trade to profit. Rare Gang Gang cockatoos can fetch up to \$35,000. All birds have now been released into the wild.

## Micky the Mad Mauling Macaw

British police apprehended a man suspected of stealing a parrot from a pet shop. A pool of blood was left at the crime scene and the suspect had sustained a nasty bite wound. Micky, a Macaw was reunited with his owner, Angus Hart, who was not surprised by his parrot's actions. He was quoted as saying "He's a miserable old git".



Jerri the Spokes-Model for DeliBones. Photo by Animax.

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