

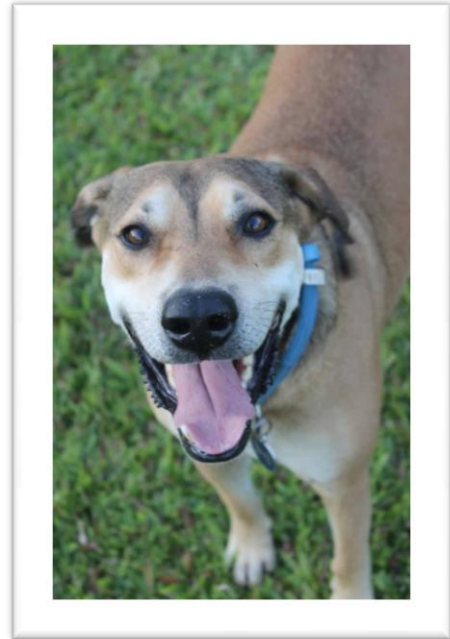
Buddy's story by Louise Ottewell

Buddy the Horn Island mixed breed

Buddy had a hard start to life. He was born on Horn Island and lived as a wild dog for years (nobody really knows how many), before becoming a victim to a particularly nasty pack dog attack which almost cost him his life. Left for dead, Buddy managed to crawl his way into a shed where he was found by Wendy who cared for him and ultimately, paid for him to be flown to Cairns. With the help of numerous people and organisations, including Sue and Ian his Cairns foster parents, Balaclava Veterinarian clinic, the Cairns Post and the RSPCA, Buddy came to live with myself and my Blue Healer Maxine in October 2014.

Despite the odds being stacked considerably against him, Buddy has made a full recovery and has gone from being a timid dog to a confident boy who has learnt that sticks are to be chased rather than something to be scared of. He is a happy, healthy dog who loves his home and most recently, has become a loyal protector of five month old baby Genevieve, a very small human who he adores.

Buddy is a shining example of how people can come together for a common cause – the love of animals.



Maxine's story by Louise Ottewell

Maxine the Blue Healer

Maxine came to live with myself and my dearly missed beagle Fred, at nine weeks old. She's now nearly ten and is showing no signs of slowing down with energy levels to rival that of an over enthusiast puppy. She has an obsession with sticks, balls and belly rubs. Max is a loyal protector and has been an accidental mother figure to numerous dogs over the years. She has spent time with those who have had major operations or a difficult start in life and has taught them how to play, has set an example of good manners during feeding times and has helped them settle and feel safe.

Most recently, Max and I have welcomed Buddy into our home. He has come on leaps and bounds over the past year and is now a happy, healthy, well-adjusted dog due largely, to Maxine's caring nature.

