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## After travelling 1500km Zara has come home

We were elated when Zara, a 12 month Foxy X Basenji found a foster home. Little did we know that this was the start of a journey of danger and uncertainty.

Zara escaped from her foster family days after arriving. We were all distraught and went about contacting everyone we could. We plastered the area where she was last seen with posters, contacted vets, the microchip agency and networked our plight using social media. No stone was left unturned.

Via social media we heard of sightings but we never got any calls despite having our details on her tag. We were getting increasingly worried and despondent.

The sightings of her petered out despite renewed efforts to increase awareness that she was very much loved and still missing.

Last week we received a call from a council ranger at Ballina to say that Zara was in their pound. How could she have travelled so far? It was definitely her. She looked scared in the pound and the ranger said it took a few attempts to catch her.

If it was not for microchipping, we would have never found her. Getting her back to Sydney was our next hurdle. We were over the moon when one of our volunteers offered to do a 16 hour round trip to Ballina almost the next day to bring her home. What a generous offer! Liz and her son travelled 1500km to bring our gorgeous girl back to safety. What amazing volunteers we have!

Zara is now safe and well at DoggieRescue but our shelter is not a forever home. Zara is a bit shaken from this experience and is looking for a family who is diligent with doggie safety and understands and has the patience that a rescue dog needs.

Zara would love a doona to snuggle under and would happily hang out with a doggy pal.

If you want to help Zara or any of our homeless dogs, please call DoggieRescue on 9486 3133.

### Background

DoggieRescue.com is Australia's largest No-kill charity, in operation since 2001 with the primary objective of saving dogs from death row from council pounds. DoggieRescue has saved almost 10,600 dogs and has more than 200 dogs looking for homes. It relies on dog lovers to keep its doors open and is largely a volunteer run organisation. Visit [www.DoggieRescue.com](http://www.DoggieRescue.com) or call 9486 3133 for details.

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Photos available upon request.

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