Lauren loves it!

By Freyla Ferguson

REHABILITATING dogs is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done,” said Lauren, who specialises in Terriers and small dogs. At the moment Lauren is looking after Jack, a 10-year-old Terrier mix, who was saved from the Wagga pound. “Dogs are able to live in a home environment and learn a proper structure,” she said. “They eat at the same time, get good sleep, good walks. They start to become your own dog.”

All foster parents are volunteers with full-time work. Although only new to CPR, Lauren is already feeling the rewards of giving a dog a new chance of life. “There are a lot of dogs out there being put down around Australia,” Lauren said. “And a lot of families that could benefit from having a dog. The social benefits for a family are just enormous.”

And although she finds it rewarding, Lauren says the most difficult part of the job is facing the reality that some people are not respectful towards their animals. “It’s not just physical abuse, it’s every day mental abuse; things like being left alone, no exercise,” she says. “A dog’s a dog. You have to be aware that you’ll need to walk a dog every day.”

Currently, CPR are looking for more foster parents. “We are looking for people who know the responsibilities of having a dog,” she says. “You can tell when you first meet someone whether they are in it for the dog.”

To become a foster parent or to adopt a CPR dog visit www.canberrapoochrescue.org.au

Mr Mitchell said the installation has been an ongoing project, in consultation with the National Capital Authority, as part of a policy introduced in 2008. “As we got closer to the city, NCA thought the look of the treatment was a more aesthetic solution than the metal mesh. Not respectful towards their animals, Lauren says the most rewarding things I have ever done,” she said. “It really is a response to the environment, and where the bridge is,” Thylacine creative director Caolán Mitchell said.

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