

Doggie Rescue says “We have a Stay of Execution”



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Last week, Doggie Rescue, Sydney’s largest “No Kill” shelter faced the prospect of closure. A dramatic fall in donations combined with rising numbers of dogs being abandoned at the pound had left it struggling to make ends meet with more than 200 mouths to feed.

In desperation, Monika Biernacki, who founded Doggie Rescue some 17 years ago, appealed to supporters and the public for help.

“Keeping Doggie Rescue running has never been easy but this time I just couldn’t see a way out. The thought of closing and what that meant for all our babies and for all those at the pound waiting to come here was just unbearable.” says Monika.

“To continue operating for the next three months, we needed to raise \$75,000 by the end of April. I hoped that somehow it could be done.”

The dog lovers of Sydney responded generously, with Doggie Rescue reaching its short-term target in less than a week.

“The response has been beyond anything that I could have ever imagined or hoped for. I have been blown away by both by the number and generosity of people who share my commitment and love for the doggies that no one else cares about.”

“The adoption fee for our doggies doesn’t even cover our veterinary costs,” Monika explained from the charity’s “DoggieWood” shelter at Ingleside.

“If we cannot cover this shortfall and all our other essential operating costs – which currently stand at more than \$300,000 every year – we will not be able to continue to save lives.

“Without predictable and reliable income, the long term future of Doggie Rescue still remains very uncertain.”

With the focus now firmly on longer term survival, the charity is appealing for supporters to join their “**Doggie Rescue Life Saver**” program and help provide some financial certainty. Doggie Rescue Life Savers contribute a regular monthly contribution to support the care of one dog at the shelter.

“The recent amazing generosity of Australians has given us a stay of execution. We need to plan and raise awareness. Become a Doggie Rescue Life Saver and help us continue to save the lives of doggies on death row, not just for now but for years to come.”

To become a Doggie Rescue Life Saver, visit **DoggieRescue.com/lifesavers**

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Media Information

DoggieRescue.com is a registered charity and relies on dog lovers to keep its doors open. It receives no government funding and has a strict No Kill philosophy.

Latest figures reveal that over 63,000 dogs were killed in NSW over the last year.

To date, Doggie Rescue has saved some 8,500 dogs from death row from council pounds around Sydney with around 1,000 saved in the last year.

Doggie Rescue currently has a shelter at Ingleside as well as many dogs in foster care all over Sydney.

Web: www.doggierecue.com