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## Can you love an ugly duckling?

When he first came to us, this little pure bred Shihtzu just hung his head and did not move. He had lost all zest for life. His skin was sticky and itchy. His eyes were dry and sore. His ears were infected. The fleas were wriggling in his matted filthy coat and it was a long time since he had a belly full of healthy food or a good cuddle.

It was hard to believe that this much sought after breed (which typically costs several hundred dollars) had been discarded in the pound, unwanted and unloved.

After a bath, a clip and a brush Duckling was a new dog! He felt so much better with his clean fluffy coat, completely flea-ridden.

Since coming to DoggieRescue Duckling has made a slow but steady recovery. The angry redness of the skin is subsiding with antibiotics and medicated shampoo. His eyes are moist with eye drops and his hacking cough is diminishing after many sleepless nights. Duckling still sleeps most of the day but a few times, he has scampered about, following the other dogs. Best still he now has a hearty appetite. Small but significant improvements like this make it all worthwhile for DoggieRescue's volunteers, putting a smile on everyone's faces, including Ducklings.

Today Duckling has a lovely gentle nature and is easy going with other dogs. He is patiently waiting for a home where he will be treated like royalty. This gentle boy is toilet trained and is even good with cats. To find out more visit [www.DoggieRescue.com.au](http://www.DoggieRescue.com.au) or call 9486 3133 to find out how you can help Duckling.

### Background

DoggieRescue is a registered charity with tax deductibility status. It has a strict No Kill philosophy and firmly believes a dog is for life. It relies heavily on volunteers for all operational aspects. To date DoggieRescue has saved close to 9,000 dogs from death row from council pounds around Sydney. DoggieRescue currently has a shelter at Ingleside as well as many dogs in foster care throughout Sydney. Its Life Saver program enables dog lovers to support dogs like Duckling on an ongoing basis. To find out more visit [www.DoggieRescue.com.au](http://www.DoggieRescue.com.au)

**Photos of Duckling are available upon request.**

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