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## **Without it she would die.....**

4.7kg pure bred Shihtzu, Lily was a walking time bomb when she first came to DoggieRescue as she had a life threatening condition which needed urgent open heart surgery.

Our vets diagnosed Lilly with a Patent Ductus Arteriosus, commonly known as a PDA and she was operated on the 11 August.

Our vets said "it's amazing she has survived so far. Most dogs with this condition do not make it to her age (2 years). The extra artery is life threatening. She's an amazing little dog." Monika Biernacki, founder of DoggieRescue agrees.

"Lilly came through the surgery successfully and I am thrilled she made it. We were warned there were risks but we had no option. Without it she would have died. She's a real survivor and has been through so much in her short years." says Monika

Normally such surgery would cost around \$4,000 however this specialist surgery was generously discounted for DoggieRescue. We are currently fundraising to support the cost. Lilly is such a sweet little girl and it was all worthwhile just seeing her little tail wag after the operation. She is such a little darling!" says Monika.

Families wishing to contribute to can donate on line [www.DoggieRescue.com](http://www.DoggieRescue.com) or call 02 9486 3133 or send a cheque to DoggieRescue.com, 8 Chiltern RD Ingleside 2101.

### **Background**

DoggieRescue.com is a registered charity with tax deductibility status. It has a strict No Kill philosophy and relies heavily on volunteers for all operational aspects. To date DoggieRescue has saved almost 9,000 dogs from death row from council pounds around Sydney and has some 200 dogs looking for homes. DoggieRescue currently has a shelter at Ingleside as well as many dogs in foster care throughout Sydney. It has recently launched its Life Saver program enabling dog lovers to support one doggie at the shelter on a regular basis.

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

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For more information call Doggie Rescue founder – Monika Biernacki – 9486 3133 or 0429 044