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Tiny, terrified and bites

Lindy is emaciated, weighing in at 2.8kg. During her short life she has learned to be terrified of people. She cowers in the corner waiting to be beaten.

The pound warns that she is a “fear-biter” and will snap if threatened. Fear biting is a condition often seen in dogs that have experienced severe trauma or been abused in the past, and their future does not look good.

In all likelihood Lindy will end her life here, as one of the hundreds of dogs euthanased in Sydney pounds every week.

Luckily for little Lindy, organisations exist such as DoggieRescue in Sydney, which are prepared to step in and repair the damage done by others.

DoggieRescue founder Monika Biernacki explains that fear biting is very treatable.

“Fear biting is not a sign of dominance or aggression,” she explains. “Quite on the contrary, fear biting is a sign of profound anxiety. The dog gives lots of warning, by cowering or other submissive behaviour. The dog is not concerned with hurting you - she is just trying to protect itself.”

“Tragically, we see many dogs like this. With time and care they all learn to trust again. DoggieRescue is all about giving death row dogs a second chance at life.”

Lindy was recently rescued from the pound and relocated to the DoggieRescue refuge at Ingleside. Her tiny crate was marked ‘beware may bite’, but Monika says *“she transformed within hours. As soon as she understood we were not going to hurt her she let us pick her up. She was given a bath and had her matted hair clipped off. She even rolled on to her back for tummy tickles!”*

Lindy will shortly be available for adoption, and needs a special family to help her regain confidence and trust.

“She needs a calm environment with lots of gentle interaction. She has lots to offer. She is a mature, quiet girl who is social with other dogs and cat friendly. She would be happy in an apartment environment. She has a non-shedding coat and would cope with work hours on her own.

Lindy comes desexed with health checks and can be visited on the DoggieRescue website www.DoggieRescue.com.au.

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 well over 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 runs a Life Saver program enabling dog lovers to support a doggie at the shelter on a regular basis.

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Photos of Lindy available upon request

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