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## ***Sydney pet owners say dogs are living too long***

DoggieRescue is experiencing an unprecedented increase in the number in mature dogs being dumped at the pound in recent months. “Each week we are now getting a few dogs 10 or even 15 years old” says Monika, founder of DoggieRescue.com. “Never before have we seen so many middle aged dogs and right now we have more than 50 mature dogs looking for homes.”

Historically most of the dogs dumped in pounds have been younger and have outgrown their puppy cuteness. “It is the teenagers that we used to see a lot of, who are chucked out because they chewed the couch or dug under the fence or pulled madly on lead” says Monika.

In the 18 years of rescuing dogs I have never seen so many mature dogs being handed in. “Dogs are living longer than people’s expectation and are simply being left to die in council pounds.”

The little older dogs are often in a very neglected condition. DoggieRescue volunteers are putting a lot of care and effort into rehabilitating these little guys before they are ready to be re-homed.

“Who wants a scraggly looking dog? They are all immaculately groomed, fattened up and all their health issues attended to” says Monika. “The most common problems are they are full of fleas, need dentals and they are extremely underweight.”

“Small dogs live up to 20 years these days so a ten year old is only half way through his life.” “Right now we have more that 50 mature dogs looking for homes that were saved from the pounds” says Monika.

Mature dogs make such great pets:

- They are quieter when you are at work
- They are trustworthy to be left alone without barking and howling or destroying furniture
- They are so appreciative of a warm bed and a cuddle each day
- They make a great pal for your existing dog
- Don’t require a lot of exercise

Give a dog a second chance. You will be so glad you did!

### **Background**

DoggieRescue.com is Australia’s largest No-kill charity, in operation since 2001 with the primary objective of saving dogs from death row from council pounds. DoggieRescue has saved almost 10,500 dogs and has more than 200 dogs looking for homes. It relies on dog lovers to keep its doors open and is largely a volunteer run organisation. Visit [www.DoggieRescue.com](http://www.DoggieRescue.com) or call 9486 3133 for details.

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Photos available upon request.

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