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Laika's Amazing Journey

Laika who was named after the first doggy astronaut is a tiny Shihtzu X girl who was facing euthanasia at a council pound. She was terribly skinny, weighing only 3.5kg and she had this enormous pendulous mass hanging from her underside. She had been living like this for many years before she was thrown into the pound. (photos attached)

"We saved her from the pound but I really wondered what I had taken on, and what prognosis she really had. In my mind, was the thought of cancer and that we were probably wasting our time. However, we had her in our care, so we needed see what we could do to help her," says Monika, Founder of DoggieRescue.

She rested at our vets, The Cottage Animal Hospital in Parramatta, whilst recovering from kennel cough. There, she put on a little weight and yesterday was deemed well enough for surgery on her huge mass!

The mass was on the left so she had a full left side mammary strip which included removing this mass which had an incredible blood supply! (Photos attached). The surgery lasted 2 hours.

She recovered well and was up and about walking around yesterday afternoon (photos attached) and seemed amazed she was no longer carrying around this awful growth, which was bigger than the size of her head!

We have submitted a wedge of the mass for pathology and should have some results in a few days.

Laika is not quite out of the woods yet and will probably need at least another two surgeries as she has some mammary masses on the right side which will need removal and then she will need to be desexed as well as needing some dental attention.

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 more than 10,500 dogs and has more than 200 dogs in its care looking for homes. It relies on dog lovers to keep its doors open and is largely a volunteer run organisation. Visit www.DoggieRescue.com or call 9486 3133 for details.

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Photos attached.

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