

## **DoggieRescue shelter faces closure**

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DoggieRescue has been struggling with dwindling funds and more than 200 mouths to feed. *“The rise in dogs left to die at the pounds and the economic downturn has left me no choice but to close our shelter.”* Says Monika, founder of DoggieRescue. *“We have weathered all sorts of storms and battled on for the past 17 years but this time I cannot see a way out. There goes almost 2 decades of my life and work. I can’t bear to think what will happen to all our babies and all those just waiting to come here.”*

Total dogs killed in NSW has risen from 56,531 to 63,651, a figure that doesn’t include greyhounds. That is an 11% increase in 12 months!

DoggieRescue is getting more calls from people wanting to offload their dogs. *“It is so depressing and heart-wrenching. Added to this, the condition the dogs are coming in from the pound is worse than ever.”* says Monika. *“One of today’s pound dogs, Periwinkle a little Maltese came in weighing only 3.7kg and has more fleas than skin! It looked like pepper had been sprinkled all over his body.”*

DoggieRescue currently has a No-Kill shelter at Ingleside, located on the northern beaches. *“It is the best location we have ever had. We have put so much into making it as comfortable as possible for our kiddies. It is like a playground for them. It has taken me a lifetime to get there and now to think we have to let it go is just unbearable.”*

DoggieRescue.com is a registered charity and has relied on dog lovers to keep its doors open. It receives no government funding and has a strict No Kill philosophy. To date DoggieRescue has saved some 8,500 dogs from death row from council pounds around Sydney. DoggieRescue currently has a shelter at Ingleside as well as many dogs in foster care all over Sydney. To help DoggieRescue keep going call 9486 3133 or visit [www.DoggieRescue.com.au](http://www.DoggieRescue.com.au) today.

Photos of *Periwinkle* are attached.

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