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### AWL Veterinary Clinic – No Expense Spared

The Animal Welfare League Veterinary Clinic at Ipswich has given the gift of life to one year old Shar Pei *Petro* who was in a terrible condition upon arrival at the Ipswich Pound.

Despite a broken leg, ears full of dirt and wax as well as significant sight problems, Petro wasn't able to be caught the first time as he was terrified and ran off into bush land at Camira.

Spokeswoman Kim Assim from the Animal Welfare League at Coombabah said by the time Petro was captured and taken to the the pound two days later, he was very weak.

"The Vet Clinic at Ipswich provided supportive treatment to make him as comfortable as possible while he waited at the pound for his owner to collect him," she said.

"Petro received immediate treatment for his broken leg and helped him with pain relief," she said.

"After a week at the pound Petro had not been claimed and the AWL at Coombabah agreed to take him in for rehoming," she said.

"Once the AWL accepts an animal for rehoming the animal receives any necessary veterinary treatment as well as desexing and microchipping," she said.

"Petro received full treatment from the Vet Clinic including repair of his fractured leg and treatment for his ear and eye problems," she said.

"It is common for Shar Pei's to require treatment to remove folds of skin that fall into their eyes and cause irritaion,"she said.

"It was evident the previous owner had not treated Petro's eye condition and as a result he had ulcers on his eye from his hair folding over and constantly scratching," she said.

"Some animals arrive in such terrible condition and require numerous procedures to bring them back to health," she said.

"Petro certainly is a stoic dog that didn't complain even though he would



have been very uncomfortable and in considerable pain,” she said.

“He has a great temperament and was cautious at first but that is to be expected as he couldn’t see or hear anything,” she said.

“It is sad to see the dreadful condition that animals arrive in, but with the right veterinary treatment and some TLC they get a second chance at a new life.”

The AWL Qld cares for 10,000 of stray and unwanted cats and dogs every year on the Gold Coast and surrounding areas, with an average of 7500 animals returned to their owners or rehomed each year.

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