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PRESS RELEASE

WILL SANCHEZ SEE 2009?

Veterinary staff at the Animal Welfare League Vet Clinic at Coombabah are praying little Sanchez an 8 month old Chihuahua will see in the New Year, after arriving as a stray last week in terrible condition weighing only 1.3kg.

Spokesperson from the AWL Qld Kim Assim said Sanchez was extremely malnourished, lethargic, throwing up bile and so flat when first found that it was thought he may have actually been suffering from the serious viral disease Parvo.

"Poor little Sanchez was found in an awful condition weighing only 1.3kg when he arrived," she said.

"He had diahreer and was vomiting repeatedly," she said.

"Our vets at the Coombabah AWL Qld Vet Clinic are doing everything they can to bring him back to health and he is slowly gaining weight," she said.

"Sanchez is just one of over 200 stray animals that has arrived at the AWL Qld for rehoming this month alone," she said.

"We take in hundreds of strays each month from several pounds in the surrounding areas of Queensland and often they require veterinary treatment before going up for rehoming," she said.

"All our animals immediately receive any necessary treatment to bring them back to full health," she said.

"In addition all our animals are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, wormed (including heartworm tested in the case of dogs), and flea treated prior to becoming available for rehoming," she said.

The AWL Qld does not receive Government funding for its welfare work and is therefore reliant on volunteers and the community's generosity.

With the average cost being \$400 per animal we rehome, the AWL Qld runs at a large loss when rehoming our animals.



The AWL Qld takes care of approximately 12,000 strayed and abandoned animals a year on the Gold Coast and surrounding areas. The AWL receives no government funding for welfare work, relying predominantly on the community for financial and emotional support. It is through the continued support of the community that we will achieve a brighter future for every companion animal in need.

For further information or for an interview please call Kim Assim on (07) 5509 9030.

