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## **We're here because they need us**

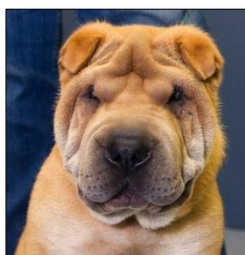
Shar Pei Rescue Inc. is a Not For Profit association dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned and neglected Shar Pei dogs.

Perhaps better known as the "Rolly" dog made famous in the Purex toilet paper commercial, the Chinese Shar Pei is recognised as one of the world's oldest dog breeds however despite its existence dating back 2000 years, the Shar Pei has been on the brink of extinction. In 1978, this gorgeous animal was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's rarest dog.

In the early 80's the breed made its way to Australia and became an instant hit after featuring in the Purex television commercial. This resulted in an exceptionally large demand for adorable "Rolly" puppies. Sadly however, once the puppy cuteness disappears many Shar Pei are abandoned or surrendered to pounds and shelters where they inevitably face euthanasia. Shar Pei inherently grow into strong, dominant adults, and like all dominant breeds of dogs, they require training and socialisation. Relegated to the back yard, ignored or mistreated, Shar Pei can become withdrawn and aggressive. To add to these problems, the breed is susceptible to Entropion (a genetic condition requiring expensive eye lift surgery to prevent blindness) and numerous skin conditions. Sadly, because of these health issues, Shar Pei rarely make it out of pounds alive.

***We help when no-one else will.  
We are their last hope.***

Through a community network of volunteers we save as many of these loveable dogs as we can. We provide the appropriate medical care, training and socialisation programs required to rehabilitate and re-home. All re-homed dogs are de-sexed, micro-chipped, wormed and vaccinated. We also offer ongoing advice and education programs teaching responsible pet ownership.



### **Meet Noah**

Noah was found abandoned in a park as a little puppy along with the rest of his litter. Almost blind from a lack of medical care, Noah was one of the lucky ones. He was saved by a few kind-hearted people in

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Sydney and offered up for adoption. Noah's plight inspired like-minded individuals in Victoria to form Shar Pei Rescue Inc. From this moment on we have saved over 500 Shar Pei, each with a similar story to tell.



We do not receive any government funding; therefore, we rely on donations from the community to help pay for food, vet bills and pound release fees. Corrective eye surgery, vaccination, de-sexing, micro-chipping, feeding and training are expensive and we do not recoup these costs when the dogs finally reach their forever homes. Why? Our number one priority is ensuring the breed is loved by many generations to come. An ever-growing community of families touched by Shar Pei Rescue Inc. reinforces our belief that these dogs deserve a second chance.

Through education, better breeding practices and a support community for owners and prospective owners, many of these fatal scenarios can be avoided.





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As the population of unloved pets facing euthanasia continues to rise we have commenced work on a new kennel construction built to comply with the code of practice for shelters and pounds. This will enable us to become a registered shelter where we can provide temporary housing for dogs recovering from surgery or requiring socialisation and training. These facilities will enable us to save many more Shar Pei than we can currently accommodate.

An army of volunteers are working tirelessly to see this through however to reach the end goal we will require substantial donations from the community at large.

### Master Rescuer of the Year



It was lovely to be recognised for the work we do by winning the 2011 Master Rescuer of the Year award; however, our ambition is to make such a difference that one day the Shar Pei breed will no longer need our protection.

It's been said that *bad things happen when good people do nothing* and *it takes a village to raise a child*. Although we'd like to, we know that we can't save every single animal; but with your help we can make an enormous difference. We can change the lives of the dogs we save and the families that open their arms to a new member of the household.

With over 250,000 unwanted dogs and cats put-down in pounds and shelters every year in Australia we need to act now. Through a combined effort we can save many lives.

Please help us in any way you can. You can make a tax deductible donation; put your skills to work as a volunteer; or get involved in our community foster care program.

Amanda Booth  
President, Shar Pei Rescue Inc.



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