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### **Cubby's owners grateful for second chance**

EVERYONE has grazed their knee at some point and can understand the pain and discomfort - but can you imagine how it would feel to graze about 70 per cent of your body?

After being hit and dragged by a bus, Staffordshire bull terrier Cubby has returned from the brink of death, amazing his carers at his progress.

Animal Welfare League Community Vet Clinic senior veterinarian Lisa Brumby has been helping to care for Cubby and still looks forward to his regular check-up visits.

"I did all of his bandage changes, so every day I got the honour of cleaning him up," Dr Brumby said.

"As he got better he's gotten a bit cheeky and he won't sit still for as long.

"Initially it would take me about half an hour...but by the end he would have to lie on the nurse's lap to stay still long enough."

Dr Brumby said Cubby was far from fully recovered, and in fact would be undergoing more surgery as soon as he was well enough.

So far, he has had an operation on his bicep tendon and had a screw implanted (which will probably be removed later). He also underwent a process called debridement, where dead and dying skin is removed.

"I haven't seen a dog with such extensive wounds before – normally we would have taken him to a specialist but they had already come from there and just could not afford it," Dr Brumby said.

"He was close to death at one point – if he was a Pomeranian he wouldn't have made it."

Dr Brumby said Cubby's injuries were the worst she had ever seen – with 30 per cent of his right side sustaining injuries and an incredible 70 per cent of his left side also hurt.

AWL public relations manager Gabrielle Wheaton said Cubby's recovery was remarkable to say the least.

“It’s so wonderful to see not only Cubby’s progress, but also to know there are people out there who will stop at nothing to care for their pets when they need it most.

“In these times of economic hardship the decision to go ahead with Cubby’s treatment was no doubt taken lightly.

“I am sure it is a decision they will never regret as it seems Cubby has come away from the experience with a new appreciation for life.

“The affection he shared with his carers at the AWL has even flowed on to other dogs – something he was not so keen on before the accident.”

Miss Wheaton said the AWL’s two vet clinics at Coombabah and Ipswich were a vital source of funds for the animals of the AWL, last year raising almost \$2.5 million in revenue.

Plus, their affordable rates enable more people in the community to access appropriate health care for their pets.

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