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***News Brief***

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Time & A Little "Inmate Love" Helps Duke Make Miraculous Recovery

When Sheriff's Animal Cruelty investigators responded to a call in Queen Creek last April, they immediately removed "Duke", an adult Irish Wolfhound/Sheepdog mix from his owner, William White.

Deputies found the dog weighed only one-fourth of his natural body weight. At 35 pounds, Duke was covered in ticks. His skin so taut over the protruding bones, that it actually tore open over the hip.

(See Photo "before")

After emergency veterinarian care at two local clinics, "Duke" was brought to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Animal Safehouse in the First Avenue Jail.

Female inmates nursed him around the clock for several months, feeding him, giving him required medications and daily visits to the MASH dog park atop the downtown jail.

Today "Duke" is renamed "Shamus" and stands at about 120 pounds.

(See photo "after")

He has fully recovered, gets along with other dogs and is housebroken. Inmates say his only downfall is that he loves to drink water from a toilet.

Shamus will be available for adoption in about two weeks. [www.mcso.org/MASH](http://www.mcso.org/MASH)

Meanwhile, his "owner" William White, was convicted to 12 days in jail and can not own any animals for the next 18 months while on probation. White will also be required to participate in Animal Offender training.

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