Bruno's story by Monica Borowiecka

After having lost our beloved dog Azara, whom we had owned for over 10 years, it was time to introduce a new dog into our crazy family.

I had just returned from living in London so we decided to go into the RSPCA to find a new dog. I remember looking on the RSPCA website, strolling through the countless homeless dogs, and coming across Bruno. I instantly fell in love; there was something about him.

When we walked into the RSPCA shelter, Bruno was the first dog we came across. He was lying there quietly, his then small head popped up on his pillow, and his big brown eyes staring sadly into the distance. While all of the other dogs were running around crazily, Bruno quietly remained in his spot.

My father was also interested in Bruno but he didn't say anything. He just stood there quietly. My other family members were more interested in the cute little puppies that were playfully barking at each other.

It wasn't long before Bruno grew comfortable with my dad and I. He got up and came over to us, licking our fingers with his warm tongue. He then started to bark at the other dogs, jumping up on the fence. At this stage we could see that Bruno wasn't a small dog, he was big, and it was clear that he would be growing more.

We asked the RSPCA officer about Bruno. She told us that he had been there for over two months, and that if he didn't find a home soon, that he would unfortunately have to be put down. This shocked us all. Due to his size, families were not interested in him.

We also learned that Bruno had come from Townsville, from a litter of around ten puppies. The officer wasn't entirely sure about 'his story', but said he had definitely gone through hardships, as when he was brought to them he weighed around ten kilos.

He is now a healthy, happy, and heart-warming dog, who has brought so much joy to our family. Like they say, 'you don't choose the dog, the dog chooses you.'