

This 5-week-old kid, Woody, was found fighting for his life in New South Wales, Australia.







While driving by, someone spotted Woody's mother lying at the edge of a field. Five days later, another drive down the same stretch of road raised concerns, since the **ewe** was still in the same spot. The **good Samaritan** pulled over to see whether she could help and discovered that the distressed sheep was dying. Too weak to stand, she was suffering from what appeared to be pneumonia. There was an indentation in the dirt around her, where she had clearly struggled for days to get up. A lamb was nestled beside her, suckling her milk.

Unable to save the ewe, the rescuer took Woody home. She knew that he would face certain death if he remained without adequate care in the frosty winter conditions any longer. When they got home, she saw that he was desperate to drink as much as possible. It soon became apparent that he was ill. An examination by a veterinarian revealed that he had developed a stomach ulcer. Since he hadn't been receiving enough milk from his sick mother, he'd built up excess stomach acid. Fortunately, with the proper medication and care, he's doing much better.

Like all lambs and sheep, Woody has a unique personality and is sensitive and intelligent. His new family members have enjoyed watching him solve problems, play games, and bond with all the humans and other animals he meets. Just like the dogs and cats who share our homes, this little lamb has brought joy to his family and is greatly appreciated.

Woody's new family members are so proud to be his guardians and will give him the love and care that he deserves for the rest of his life. They'll also continue to fight for the millions of other sheep who aren't so lucky.

## Facts About Woody

- He follows his human friends everywhere they go in the backyard.
- He won't let his guardians be late with breakfast! He bleats every morning at the same time, signaling that it's chow time.
- He uses every trick that he can think of in order to get inside the kitchen, and he spins in a circle in excitement when he manages to sneak through the door.
- Woody is brave—he has no fear and treats every experience like a fun game.
- He races around the backyard and then jumps in the air, lifting all four hooves off the ground at the same time.
- He can shake hands and loves to nibble on people's long hair.
- When not scarfing down his meals, he spends his time tasting the plants in the garden and then spitting them out if he doesn't like them.
- He also loves to play soccer, although he's still working on maneuvering the ball without rolling his whole body over it and losing his balance!

