

Rescued Bichon Recovers from Dog Attack

Bichon Frise rescue group helps dog go from “Frankenstein” to fluff ball.

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Jackson received a clean bill of health following his surgery. A rescued Bichon Frise named Jackson looks more like the fluffy, white dog he's supposed to be now that he's recovering from severe bite wounds to his neck.

The apparent victim of a dog attack, Jackson was “looking pretty puny with his Frankenstein staples around his neck,” said Buffy Schnurbusch of Bichon FurKids Rescue, a California-based nonprofit organization dedicated to finding homes for the playful breed.

The Bichon rescue arrived at the shelter with bite wounds on his neck. Jackson first arrived at an animal shelter in Orange County as a stray with puncture wounds around his neck, presumably inflicted by a larger dog, according to Schnurbusch. The shelter treated the wounds and had the dog checked by veterinarians, who determined that the injuries were large, deep, and abundant.

“Fortunately, the punctures missed hitting major organs but did cause significant muscle tearing, requiring surgery to repair,” Schnurbusch said. To help cover the medical costs, she asked for public donations and was able to collect several hundred dollars.

“He is a true fighter for escaping from this attack without more serious damage,” she said.

Jackson made a recent public appearance at America's Family Pet Expo in Costa Mesa, Calif. His off-white coat set him apart from the rest of the Bichons at the Bichon FurKids Rescue booth, but after he had his sutures removed and got groomed a week later, Jackson has more of a “cotton ball” look.

He weighs 6 pounds and received a clean bill of health from the vet. Jackson is now living in a foster home in Whittier, Calif., awaiting adoption.

Adoption forms are available at the Bichon FurKids Rescue website.