

SCRAPS
Kennel Card

Amelia



Animal ID: 45785
Shelter Tag:
Status: Euthanized
Sub-Status:



Lost / Found Address

6000 E Valleyway Avenue
SPOKANE WA 99212

Current Location: - #

Type: Dog

Date In Shelter: 8/8/2022

Date Available:

Primary MicroChip: No microchip number

Breed: Medium Mix Mix

Primary Color: Brown

Secondary Color: White

Sex: Female

Age: Adult

Weight: 70.6 lbs

Media Animal:

Distinguishing Features / Markings: Found with a red harness and red leash



Treat Lover



Cuddlebug!



Love Car Rides!



Toy Fanatic!



Trick Master!



Housebroken!



Social Butterfly!



Adventurous

Adoption Summary: Amelia will make a best friend to just about anyone she meets. She has joined staff members for short trips out of the shelter, both by foot and in the car. One thing we have learned is that she absolutely loves treats and is not afraid to lay in your lap while waiting for her puppuccino to be made! Ask her to sit, shake, lay down, speak, and "sit pretty;" there is no doubt she will impress you. When she is happy, it is not uncommon to see her smile and roll on her back for belly rubs.

Status History

Sub-Statuses: [Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

New Status	Status Date	User	Animal Type	Physical Location	Evaluation Category	Source	Source Date	Out H Co
Euthanized	30-Jan-2023 14:54	Dr. Beth O'Keefe	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Under Vet Care	27-Jan-2023 16:11	Dr. Beth O'Keefe	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Awaiting Rescue	20-Dec-2022 16:06	Dr. Beth O'Keefe	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Stray Hold - In Vet Care	15-Nov-2022 12:36	Dr. Beth O'Keefe	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Under Vet Care	13-Nov-2022 12:18	Kayla Peterson	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Under Behavior Modification	3-Sep-2022 12:05	Kevin Vanhook	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Awaiting Behavioral Assessment	1-Sep-2022 12:47	Matthew Gardner	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Bite Quarantine	8-Aug-2022 13:28	Kayla Peterson	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	
Awaiting Vet Exam / Health Check	8-Aug-2022 12:49	Erin Muxlow	Dog	Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services		Stray	8-Aug-2022 12:49	

Care Requests for this animal

Request	Date Entered	Reminder Date	Category	Reminder Notes	Requested By	Fi
Edit Delete	11/13/2022 12:23:00 PM	11/13/2022	Kennel Staff Concern	A few of the mammary glands are very large. Possible round masses or swelling. Exam and treatments done, dog is friendly and loves pets. Placed under vet care for now until vet clears for adoption. -Kayla P.	Dr. Beth O'Keeffe	
Edit Delete	12/14/2022 3:52:00 PM	12/14/2022	Kennel Staff Concern	Favoring left hind leg. Obvious when she is standing up from laying down or after walking outside. Small mass on inside of the left hind leg. Mass/cyst/? behind left front shoulder. -Kayla P.	Dr. Beth O'Keeffe	



Behavior Assessment

This information is supplied as a guide only based on the history supplied to us and on our observations of the animal in the shelter. SCRAPS, its employees and agents accept no responsibility in the event that the animal behaved differently from its description above nor are any guarantees made in respect of its future behavior.

Animal Behavior Saved At: 24-Oct-2022 12:22:36.000

Animal ID: 45785
Animal Name: Amelia **Age:** Adult
Tag Number: **Breed:** Medium Mix
Gender: Female **Spayed / Neutered:** No
Handler: **Observer:**
Behavior Assessment Date:
Retest Date:
Retest Reason:
Next Test Date:

Recommendations

Adoption Recommendations:

Comments:

Took Amelia out. Walked around play yards. Nothing unusual. Got in and out of kennels with no issues. Will get out again for positive reinforcement. K Vanhook

Suitability With Children:

Other:

Yard Size:

Overall Rating:

Passed For Rehoming:

Indemnity/Waiver:

Adoption Summary:

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Color Match:

Profile/Activity Level:

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Medical History Report

**The Spokane County Regional Animal
Protection Service**
6815 E. Trent Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99212
509-477-2532

Animal ID	Name	Type	Breed	Mixed	Secondary Breed	Color(1)	Color(2)	Gender
45785	Amelia	Dog	Medium Mix	Yes		Brown	White	Female
Spayed / Neutered	Age	Primary Microchip Brand	Primary Microchip #	Rabies Tag	Weight	Spay / Neuter Due Date	Temperature	
No	Adult				70 lbs 9.6 oz			

Veterinary Clinic Software Record #:

Weight: 70 lbs 9.6 oz

Date of Weighing: 1/20/2023

Intake - Non-Vet

Date: 13-Nov-2022

Weight: 71.5 lbs

Attitude / Hydration

Normal

Ears

Normal

Eyes

Normal

Skin & Coat

Abnormal Missing a patch of hair near the rectum

Mouth, Teeth, & Nose

Normal

Abdomen

Abnormal Possible masses or swelling in the mammary glands.

Limbs & Tail

Normal

Urogenital / Gastrointestinal

Normal

Result:

Comments:

Date Spayed / Neutered:

Schedule Surgery Date:

Stitches Removal/Wound Recheck Date:

Clinic Name: SCRAPS

Previously Spayed / Neutered: No

General Vet Notes: 11/15/22: P has mammary masses, need to evaluate and examine further. Move dog to E pod when space. - BOK

11/22/22: Plan to work on getting P on Sx in the next weeks or so to do mammary mass removal and spay if possible. - BOK

12/1/22: Drew blood - in house chemistry WNL. CHOL mild elevation, likely due to P overweight. Ok for sx when we are able to get it scheduled. Rec trying to get chest xrays if possible.- BOK

12/16/22: Reported concerns about favoring hind left leg(s), on palpation no significant reactions. No swellings. P is overweight and needs to lose some weight. Slight limp on left hind but nothing significant when trotting her up and down hall, was active and pulling on leash. Possibly has some arthritis. Working on scheduling her xrays of her hind end as well as chest xrays to better evaluate if any mets. Leash walks only, would recommend kennel rest if is possible soft tissue injury causing her discomfort. Will have techs start NSAID. - BOK

12/20/22: P does not appear to be liming any longer and no further reported concerns. Contacted community partner for xrays they have not gotten back to us. Had FF rescue in today, they have medical rescue space open. Are very interested in helping Amelia out and willing to transfer and get her medical care done as soon as they can. P is awaiting transfer/rescue. - BOK

Full notes to be entered 1/29 - dog is not available for transfer. Under vet care only.

Following email was sent to staff that were integrally involved with this dog out of curtesy on 1/27. "Amelia Dog 45785 – I have not fully updated this dogs notes as a curtesy and wanted to touch base with you all before, in regards to Amelia medical and behavior. This dog poses a difficult and ethical dilemma. Amelia has mammary cancer that is progressing/growing/changing. I have concerns on her chest x-rays and with the changes I have seen medically the odds are that these are cancerous mammary masses that will return even if removed.

Putting her through multiple intense long painful surgeries is not in her best interest. Amelia herself also has multiple factors, with a bite history upon intake, a incident in the shelter of a reaction/bite, albeit you can argue provoked, still she is person selective. She is additionally highly dog reactive/selective with intent to bite. Furry Farm was here yesterday with me and with all the medical, with how she behavior tested, they cannot safely or ethically take this dog on and denied transfer with a heavy heart due to not having a safe place to be able to keep her and concerns for continued non-fixable medical. It is inhumane to continue to hold an animal that has a condition that will be end stage and continue to progress. This decision has not been taken lightly and many discussions have been had. I know she is a sweet dog and very friendly to the humans she does like. Please shower her with treat, hamburger, toys, etc. this weekend. If you would like to be with her as we help end her pain please let me know. Will be helping her Monday to allow her to be pain free. I appreciate all the efforts you all put into these animals and the tough decisions we face are not easy. With a heavy heart, Dr. Beth"

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Previous Medical Details:

Known Allergies or Medical Conditions:

Feeding Requirements:

Most Recent Date In Care: 27-Jan-2023 **Date Adopted:**

Origin: Stray

Indemnities/Waivers:

Medical Notes

Notes	Date
No Medical Notes Stored	

Vet Treatments

Date Administered	Vet Treatment Type	Route of Administration	Treatment Result	Administered by External Vet
11/13/2022	Strongid			
11/13/2022	Revolution (Selamectin)			
11/13/2022	DA2PP			
11/13/2022	Bordetella			

Vet Treatments Due

Date Due	Vet Treatment Type
11/27/2022	DA2PP

11/27/2022	Strongid
12/13/2022	Revolution (Selamectin)

Medications

Medication	Amount Dispensed	Route of Administration	Frequency	Date From	Date To	Vet Name	Reason	Notes	Instructions
Rimadyl/Carprofen - 100mg	14 tablets	PO	HALF tablet PO, 2 times every 1 day(s)	16-Dec-2022	30-Dec-2022	Beth O'Keeffe		Dosing at 12 hr interval intentionally and dosing for ideal weight - BOK	

Drug Usage

No drugs administered to this animal.

Vet Consultations

Date	Reasons	Vet Notes	Vet	Date Resolved
16-Dec-2022				
15-Nov-2022				

Weight History

Weight	Weight Date	Date Updated
71 lbs 8 oz	11/13/2022	11/13/2022
70 lbs 9.6 oz	1/20/2023	1/20/2023

Vet Notes History

No notes entered

Client: (45785)
 Patient Name: Amelia
 Species: Canine
 Breed:

Gender:
 Weight:
 Age:
 Doctor: Dr. Beth O'Keeffe

Test	Results	Reference Interval	LOW	NORMAL	HIGH
Catalyst One (December 1, 2022 3:56 PM)					
GLU	85 mg/dL	74 - 143			
CREA	0.8 mg/dL	0.5 - 1.8			
BUN	15 mg/dL	7 - 27			
BUN/CREA	19				
PHOS	4.7 mg/dL	2.5 - 6.8			
CA	9.3 mg/dL	7.9 - 12.0			
TP	6.9 g/dL	5.2 - 8.2			
ALB	3.1 g/dL	2.3 - 4.0			
GLOB	3.8 g/dL	2.5 - 4.5			
ALB/GLOB	0.8				
ALT	63 U/L	10 - 125			
ALKP	105 U/L	23 - 212			
GGT	0 U/L	0 - 11			
TBIL	0.3 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9			
CHOL	370 mg/dL	110 - 320			HIGH
AMYL	491 U/L	500 - 1500	LOW		
LIPA	791 U/L	200 - 1800			
Na	151 mmol/L	144 - 160			
K	3.8 mmol/L	3.5 - 5.8			
Na/K	39				
Cl	118 mmol/L	109 - 122			
Osm Calc	298 mmol/kg				
TT4	2.1 µg/dL	1.0 - 4.0			

Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4

- < 1.0 µg/dL Low
- 1.0 - 2.0 µg/dL Low Normal
- 1.0 - 4.0 µg/dL Normal
- > 4.0 µg/dL High
- 2.1 - 5.4 µg/dL Therapeutic

Dogs with no clinical signs of hypothyroidism and results within the normal reference range are likely euthyroid. Dogs with low T4 concentrations may be hypothyroid or "euthyroid sick". Occasionally, hypothyroid dogs can have T4 concentrations that are low normal. Dogs with clinical signs of hypothyroidism and low or low normal T4 concentrations may be evaluated further by submission of freeT4 (fT4) and canine TSH. A high T4 concentration in a clinically normal dog is likely a variation of normal; however elevations may occur secondary to thyroid auto antibodies or rarely thyroid neoplasia. For dogs on thyroid supplement, acceptable 4-6 hour post pill total T4 concentrations generally fall within the higher end or slightly above the reference range.

Good

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January 26, 2023
RE: AMELIA Evaluation

Dear Beth,

Thanks for having us come evaluate Amelia and other dogs in need at SCRAPS. Our mission is to support you with dogs that need critical care or extra help with placement, and Amelia certainly fell into that description.

Unfortunately, we cannot bring her into our program due to the overlay of issues and evaluation of her quality of life. Her mammary tumors appear aggressive, and agree the cancer may likely have metastasized to her lungs and has a high propensity to return, if removed. She is also highly dog and cat reactive, and would need to be in a highly skilled foster home. Finding adopters for dogs that are challenged like her is harder now than it was in 2019. At this time Furry Farm is not accepting behavior case dogs, due to my home not being available to foster/train/rehab nor their being adoptive homes ready to receive them. With Amelia having both medical and behavior/liability, finding a rescue may be very difficult.

My heart is sad for her. Investing into her medical on top of having a long term foster with training requirements and unknown future is more than we are comfortable owning. We are prioritizing helping shelter dogs in need of medical help that can be placed into adoptive homes and keeping pets out of our shelter system when possible. We value our relationship with SCRAPS, and I am sorry cannot aid Amelia.

Warm Regards,
Stephanie Devine
The Furry Farm Rescue
ffr@thefurryfarmrescue.org
www.thefurryfarmrescue.org

Finalized Animal Control Issue Summary

Job Num: 50283

Urgency:

Date Received: 8-Aug-2022, 3:50:00 PM (15:50)

Officer Details: Todd Callihan

Officer Region: Valley

Agency: SCRAPS

Animal Control Issue Codes

Bite

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Victim Details
Person ID: 67925
Name: Steve Parmenters
Address: 12524 E 7th Avenue, SPOKANE WA 99216
Phone: Home:209 617 0717 Mobile: Work:
Email Address:

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Complainant Details
Person ID: 67922
Name: John Livingston
Address: 124 E Fairview Avenue, SPOKANE WA 99207
Phone: Home:509 998 0622 Mobile: Work:
Email Address:

Location Details
Location: 6015 E Valleyway Avenue SPOKANE WA 99212
Location Notes: THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS DISPATCH REQUESTS ON THIS STREET.
0 OTHER DISPATCH REQUESTS AT THIS ADDRESS Hide / Show
ANIMALS LICENSED AT THIS ADDRESS Hide / Show
No animals licensed at this address

Animal Control Issue Details

Received By:	Erin Muxlow
Source:	Public
Potential Violence:	Unknown
Potential Violence Details:	Verbally Abusive: Unknown
Other Comments / Notes:	

Aug 8 2022 7:29PM INCIDENT 8-8-22 @ 7:30AM--- Stray dog was confined at business, employee thought this dog was their boss's and went in to have the dog sniff their hand and the dog bite down once. Victim received puncture wounds on the left hand middle finger and got medical care at Kaiser Permanente Veradale Medical Center, they cleaned the wound and told him to rest for a few days. Dog in bite quarantine at Scraps. No quarantine letter mailed, AO unknown, stray. Faxed to HD.

Aug 25 2022 8:04AM Stray, impounded at shelter. No DO info.

Complainant Observed Animals: No

Commercial Livestock: No

Inspection / Follow-up Notes

Animal Control Issue Completion Details

Afterhours No

Request X

Outcome

Outcome Stray, impounded at shelter. No DO info.

Notes

Animal ID	Class	Type	Breed	Shelter Tag	ACO Record #
45785	Domestic	Dog	Medium Mix		

From: [Ferrari, Jesse](#)
To: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:53:38 PM

Doc,

Wanted to make sure I didn't misquote you.

There were 2 specific questions asked last night at the Vol Dog Team Meeting:

1. Why was there no biopsy done
 - A. The reason no biopsy was done is because a biopsy would have been required for each of the 20+ lumps that were discovered. Additionally, the mass appeared to follow the lymph system which would have required extensive surgery followed by an extensive recovery time with little/no guarantee that the cancer would not return.

2. The length of time/timeline between Amelia's intake exam on 13 Nov and humane euthanasia:
 - Q. Why was there so much time that passed from her intake to humane euthanasia / why was the decision made to euthanize on Monday morning at 10am
 - A. The decision was made on Friday 27 Jan to euthanize on Monday 30 Jan. an email was sent to SCRAPS all informing the staff of the decision and asking for anyone involved to spend some time with Amelia/spoil her over the weekend.

Time line below.

15 Nov – Masses observed (Vet) and noted that further exam needed.

22 Nov – Vet requested spay date and noted mass removal if spay was possible

1 Dec – Blood draw & x-rays

16 Dec – Noted favoring left hind leg

20 Dec – Vet re-requested x-rays from community partner/clinic

20 Dec – 1st contact w/ Furry Farm in-person at SCRAPS

27 Dec – Email sent to SCRAPS ALL about Amelia's condition

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Jesse Ferrari

Director, SCRAPS

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From: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
To: [Peterson, Kayla J.](#); [Mason, Rebekah K.](#); [Gardner, Matthew A.](#); [Proszek, Ashley](#); [Vanhook, Kevin](#); [Hayden, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Ferrari, Jesse](#); [Hobbs Doyle, Nick](#); [Kidd, Christie D.](#)
Subject: Amelia
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 4:15:45 PM

Amelia Dog 45785 – I have not fully updated this dogs notes as a curtsey and wanted to touch base with you all before, in regards to Amelia medical and behavior. This dog poses a difficult and ethical dilemma. Amelia has mammary cancer that is progressing/growing/changing. I have concerns on her chest x-rays and with the changes I have seen medically the odds are that these are cancerous mammary masses that will return even if removed. Putting her through multiple intense long painful surgeries is not in her best interest. Amelia herself also has multiple factors, with a bite history upon intake, a incident in the shelter of a reaction/bite, albeit you can argue provoked, still she is person selective. She is additionally highly dog reactive/selective with intent to bite. Furry Farm was here yesterday with me and with all the medical, with how she behavior tested, they cannot safely or ethically take this dog on and denied transfer with a heavy heart due to not having a safe place to be able to keep her and concerns for continued non-fixable medical. It is inhumane to continue to hold an animal that has a condition that will be end stage and continue to progress. This decision has not been taken lightly and many discussions have been had. I know she is a sweet dog and very friendly to the humans she does like. Please shower her with treat, hamburger, toys, etc. this weekend. If you would like to be with her as we help end her pain please let me know. Will be helping her Monday to allow her to be pain free. I appreciate all the efforts you all put into these animals and the tough decisions we face are not easy.

With a heavy heart, Dr. Beth

From: [Proszek, Ashley](#)
To: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Amelia
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:18:41 PM

Hi Dr. Beth! Were you able to get x-rays of Amelia?

Ashley Proszek

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From: [Mraz, Jennifer M.](#)
To: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Cc: [Peterson, Kayla J.](#)
Subject: Dog 45785
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2022 5:49:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

This dog, Amelia, spent the day in dispatch. Between the three of us up here, we were able to keep a close eye on her. We have some concerns. One of her back legs does seem to cause her pain, unsure which one exactly. Most of the time she seemed fine. There were times where she clearly had a little trouble getting up and would let out little grunts/whines. She was able to do the stairs pretty good most of the day. There was a time toward the end of the day where she struggled making it up the stairs due to her back legs.

She was frantic to go outside several times during the day. She would urinate right away when we got outside, but not much. The three of us are wondering if she possibly has a UTI. She did poop in the morning, it was a little soft, but relatively normal.

Jennifer Mraz
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Saturday 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM
CLOSED Sunday

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10:00AM – 5:30PM Everyday



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From: [Ferrari, Jesse](#)
To: [Nichols, Cathrene](#)
Subject: FW: Amelia
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 7:15:45 AM

Cat,

A little more of the back story below.

Jess

Jesse Ferrari
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From: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Vanhook, Kevin <KVANHOOKE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: RE: Amelia

Appreciate you sending this over, this is a single case study (one dog) that is not scientifically proven to be effective or extend life/quality, this case was from 2011 and do not see any follow up studies or research that continues to support this. This is as well not associated with WSU, was there something else you were referencing? The WSU study I am aware of was in 2020 about carcinomas and is not an open enrollment study, but is at cost to the participant through the oncology department and still uncertain about outcomes, if extends quality/quantity. As I mentioned in our conversation foster/hospice will not extend her quality of life we would be just delaying, waiting for her to get worse, this is unfair to her with medical/behavioral history and clinical presentation.

I know these cases are hard, we are in a place where hard decisions are going to be made and our intent is for the best interest of the animals, to provide quality life and consideration of our community to the animals we can serve as a whole picture. If you have interested dog fosters I would encourage trying to see if they match up with any of our longer stay non-medical dogs that deserve a shelter break.

From: Vanhook, Kevin <KVANHOOKE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2023 9:38 AM
To: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: RE: Amelia

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Thank You for your consideration.

[Shrinking Dog Tumors Nonsurgically - Parsemus Foundation](#)

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From: O'Keefe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 4:16 PM

To: Peterson, Kayla J. <KJPETERSON@SpokaneCounty.org>; Mason, Rebekah K. <RKMAISON@SpokaneCounty.org>; Gardner, Matthew A. <MGARDNER@spokanecounty.org>; Proszek, Ashley <AProszek@spokanecounty.org>; Vanhook, Kevin <KVANHOOK@SpokaneCounty.org>; Hayden, Stephanie <SHAYDEN@SpokaneCounty.org>

Cc: Ferrari, Jesse <JFERRARI@SpokaneCounty.org>; Hobbs Doyle, Nick <NHOBBSDOYLE@SpokaneCounty.org>; Kidd, Christie D. <CKIDD@SpokaneCounty.org>

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From: [Mraz, Jennifer M.](#)
To: [DeHay, Aly N.](#)
Subject: FW: Office dog?
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2022 10:15:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Peterson, Kayla J. <KJPETERSON@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11:36 PM
To: Slack, Alyssa D. <ASLACK@SpokaneCounty.org>; Muxlow, Erin <EMUXLOW@SpokaneCounty.org>; Mraz, Jennifer M. <JMRAZ@spokanecounty.org>
Subject: Office dog?

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To: [Slack, Alyssa D.](#); [Muxlow, Erin](#); [Mraz, Jennifer M.](#)
Subject: Office dog?
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11:35:57 PM
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From: [Ferrari, Jesse](#)
To: [O'Keefe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: RE: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:31:31 AM

Sounds good, I'll get it out to them today.

Jess

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From: O'Keefe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:30 AM
To: Ferrari, Jesse <JFERRARI@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: Re: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers

I'm not sure why your Tuesday email didn't come though, or how I missed it. Just could find the conversation from Friday but see the attached updated response now.

Nothing is misquoted that is the facts/correct dates as far as I can tell, if that's the extent of detail you are wanting to share with them I'm good with that. It's simple and to the point.

-Doc

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From: Ferrari, Jesse <JFERRARI@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:47:20 AM
To: O'Keefe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: FW: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers

Doc,

Email for your validation before sending to the Vol Dog Team.

Jess

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From: Ferrari, Jesse

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:54 PM

To: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>

Subject: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers

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A. The decision was made on Friday 27 Jan to euthanize on Monday 30 Jan. an email was sent to SCRAPS all informing the staff of the decision and asking for anyone involved to spend some time with Amelia/spoil her over the weekend.

Time line below.

15 Nov – Masses observed (Vet) and noted that further exam needed.

22 Nov – Vet requested spay date and noted mass removal if spay was possible

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16 Dec – Noted favoring left hind leg

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20 Dec – 1st contact w/ Furry Farm in-person at SCRAPS

27 Dec – Email sent to SCRAPS ALL about Amelia's condition

30 Jan - 1/30/23: Mammary lump mapping -Starting right front mammary gland 2cm firm nodule, second mammary gland 3cm firm lump, fourth mammary gland 4cm lump with a multitude >15 small lumps palpated firm ~1cm extending around and laterally and medially from this gland and central mass appears to follow lymph system, fifth and caudal gland on right sides swollen with brown discharge. Left side mammary chain, between glands two and three 3cm firm mass, fourth mammary gland 4-5cm mass with fluid pocket that is red/inflamed and on the verge of rupture, fifth gland has largest 5-6cm mass firm within swollen caudal mammary glands. Difficult to palpate inguinal lymph nodes but some of the reported intermittent limping could be due to swelling/discomfort on mammary chain. P does have small dermal 1.5cm skin nodule on left hind medical hock. Xray in house non-sedated on 1/27 difficult to fully evaluate due to P size/overweight, regardless there are concerns for possible growth/mass in caudal lung field- dfox: metastasis. Additionally Behavior tested dog with potential rescue partner - dog shows intense stare, weight shift forward, unable to be redirected, mouth open and intent to bite when attempted to be introduced to another dog even from across the room. High drive and arousal. P has been kennel fighting when taken out of her kennel each time for evaluation, even if adjacent kennel is unoccupied goes straight for barking, snarling at adjacent kennel when leashed up. Discussed with FF about placement, per email above they as well do not feel safe placing this dog and with medical concerns were in agreeance that humane euthanasia is the most ethical decision for this dog. Consulted with three colleagues about this case, if surgical correction would be attempted would it be humane option and would we be extending her quality of life. All three after discussion, as well agreed with my assessment that potential surgical removal would only be extending the inevitable and increasing pain/discomfort with how many mammary masses she has, even without histopathology the tendencies and quantity of presentation present as suspected to be malignant. As well without a good end term solution/safe placement with her medical/behavioral conditions she is a safety risk and would need to be in a very specific placement with advanced handler, no other animal placement, to be able to manage behavioral concerns. Taking this all into consideration, discussed with shelter director and decision was made humane euthanasia is recommended. This animal is in a position where her quality of life is unable to be extended and end stage disease will progress, to not prolong discomfort humane euthanasia was performed 1/30.

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From: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
To: [Proszek, Ashley](#)
Subject: RE: Amelia
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023 12:11:47 PM

Can you come talk to me about this dog sometime, I am here today until 4p if you are in shelter. If not can catch up with you tomorrow?

From: Proszek, Ashley <AProszek@spokanecounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:19 PM
To: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: Amelia

Hi Dr. Beth! Were you able to get x-rays of Amelia?

Ashley Proszek

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From: [Vanhook, Kevin](#)
To: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: RE: Amelia
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2023 9:37:51 AM

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From: [Mason, Rebekah K.](#)
To: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Re: Amelie -dog #45785
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 3:45:59 PM

I was just concerned about her and wanted to check in. You should know that I would never change a medical status without approval from you or seeing a note that they could be moved to floor. Make sure Kayla gets a chance to say goodbye please, regardless of outcome, as Amelia is her favorite.

From: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Mason, Rebekah K. <RKMASON@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: RE: Amelie -dog #45785

Not available for adoption, we are working on her, some more concerns have arose with her. Please feature someone else, she is NOT to be released from medical care or changed status, she is still awaiting rescue placement but we are in a holding pattern.

From: Mason, Rebekah K. <RKMASON@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 1:17 PM
To: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: Amelie -dog #45785

Hi,

I see that Amelie is "awaiting rescue."
The APOs and dog team wanted to feature her for adoption to help move her along if possible.
Is her surgery scheduled yet?
She is so sweet and has striking features that I anticipate her having interest once she is visible.

Thanks,
Bek

From: [Peterson, Kayla J.](#)
To: [Mraz, Jennifer M.](#); [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Re: Dog 45785
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2022 6:05:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I noticed these two things yesterday as well. I added a care request for favoring the hind leg. At the end of the day after doing perimeter with me, she was hopping with both hind legs instead of walking like normal. She also laid down afterwards and when attempting to stand again, she fell over twice until I helped lift her hind end.

She did urinate several times yesterday as well when I took her out, but she also drank 2-3 bowls of water throughout the day.

Thanks,
Kayla

From: Mraz, Jennifer M. <JMRAZ@spokanecounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 5:49:40 PM
To: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Cc: Peterson, Kayla J. <KJPETERSON@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: Dog 45785

Hello,

This dog, Amelia, spent the day in dispatch. Between the three of us up here, we were able to keep a close eye on her. We have some concerns. One of her back legs does seem to cause her pain, unsure which one exactly. Most of the time she seemed fine. There were times where she clearly had a little trouble getting up and would let out little grunts/whines. She was able to do the stairs pretty good most of the day. There was a time toward the end of the day where she struggled making it up the stairs due to her back legs.

She was frantic to go outside several times during the day. She would urinate right away when we got outside, but not much. The three of us are wondering if she possibly has a UTI. She did poop in the morning, it was a little soft, but relatively normal.

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From: [Peterson, Kayla J.](#)
To: [Gardner, Matthew A.](#)
Subject: Weekend updates
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2022 9:55:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Matt,

Just wanted to update you on a couple of things that happened over the last couple days..

1. **Krista found 2 TNRs that had been in traps for 25 days.** I found an additional cat that was in a trap for 19 days. I moved all of them to the floor (2 were adopted in less than 24 hours after being moved). If we are having a hard time getting TNRs released, we can send an email to the APOs with the found location and they can release when they have jobs nearby. The APOs released about 5 cats this morning after I spoke with Loparco about the situation.
2. **I talked with Nick about ordering more washable dog beds.** Nick says he will see what he can do, but does not think we will have the money to order new beds.
3. **Amelia is to be handled by clinic staff, behavior team, and techs only.** I had her in the office on Tuesday so Cortland could meet her. Loparco walked in and Amelia immediately charged her, barking, and bit her shoe. Luckily Loparco had thick boots and I left Amelia's leash on and was able to pull her away quickly. I contacted Furry Farms and they said they are going to work on finding her a foster ASAP to get her away from the shelter environment. I have not had her in the office since then, as I no longer believe it is safe to do so.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Kayla Peterson
[Shelter Technician](#)

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From: [Peterson, Kayla J.](#)
To: [Vanhook, Kevin](#)
Subject: Amelia #45785
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:12:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Kevin,

Will you let me know when you're at the shelter and have a moment to chat? I spoke with Joe about some behavior I've seen today with Amelia and he thinks she may be resource guarding.

Thanks,
Kayla Peterson
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From: [Ferrari, Jesse](#)
To: [O'Keeffe, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: RE: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers
Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 7:54:24 AM

Doc,

An afterthought, is there any photographic evidence of the lumps?

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From: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:30 PM
To: Ferrari, Jesse <JFERRARI@SpokaneCounty.org>
Subject: RE: Amelia Vol Dog Team Answers Answers

SEE Orange Below.. I know its lengthy but its not a simple answer.

From: Ferrari, Jesse <JFERRARI@SpokaneCounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:54 PM
To: O'Keeffe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>
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First need to define what a biopsy is and understand this to understand the medical reasoning behind why a biopsy was not performed and was not indicated in such case as Amelia's.

There are three types of "biopsies" that can be done and have pros/cons to each.

- a. **FNA = Fine Needle Aspirate – this type is least invasive, only collects a few cells**

from mass/area being evaluated and needs to be done to every different lump/mass. This is not diagnostic in mammary cancers and not recommended for mammary growths as the cells do not exfoliate off well to be able to identify. Other growths around the body this is a typical first step sampling and done usually at a first stage when a singular mass is identified on an animal to help determine what mass is. Not done in Amelia's case as would not be of diagnostic value due to how many masses and mammary masses FNA samples are not recommended to be done as poor diagnostic value and inconclusive.

- b. Incisional Biopsy – This is done under anesthesia and this would require taking a portion of EACH mass to send off for evaluation (histopathology). Is painful, has a 2 week healing process and then would need another anesthetic procedure for removal/further surgery to remove the masses in entirety if possible after results. Risks of incisional biopsies not healing, cancerous masses on abdomen/mammary do tend not to heal if this type of biopsy is performed as it leaves the remainder of the mass/cells/cancer there and you just agitated the cancer by disputing each mass and only taking a portion of it. If you do not get a good enough portion may be inconclusive and not diagnostic.
- c. Excisional Biopsy – Removal of entire mass(es) and sent off for evaluation (histopathology). This is the largest surgery, most invasive, most painful, but is most diagnostic as you get the whole mass and histopathology can be conclusive with this type of sample submission. With one or two masses this is what is done when identified in the mammary chain. When there is as many masses as Amelia had this is unethical at the stage she was at to put her through a surgical procedure that was going to be multiple anesthetic procedures, unable to remove all the masses, and will have to leave some masses there as there is not enough dog skin on her abdomen to be able to safely remove the masses and have enough to close up the surgical sites risking infection, dehiscence/non-healing and extended pain for a condition we already know has metastases as it is in all glands and in her lungs and lymph system from her physical examination and clinical medical context.
- d. Thus a 'Biopsy' was not indicated in her case and not performed. As a medical professional you take the entire case, clinical context, physical exam findings, diagnostic findings and individual animal into consideration to guide medical advise and what is best indicated for each patient. Doing a biopsy would not have extended her life or changed course of the medical recommendations as we clinically already had answers and can show/see the nature of the masses are neoplastic/cancerous.

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*TWO HOLIDAY Closures

Kayla was working with FF on possible transfer, had said they were going to possibly pull her. I put her as a lower priority as they were hoping to get her evaluated and into a foster home so let Kayla take lead there in communicating over the holidays as she was in shelter. In time from 20 Dec to Jan 17, Kayla was the one had been most in contact; Awaiting rescue response. I followed up with Kayla on 17th as I had not heard anything, she said she didn't know either. So contacted FF myself and they set up evaluation with me on 26th as there was some confusing information being given to them prior about her medical and behavioral that seemed to be worsening, so I clarified with FF and Kayla and set up meet/greet/evaluation.

26 Jan – FF evaluation exhausting possibilities for transfer to only rescue that was semi interested – as at this time three shelter vets (Dr. Beth, Dr. Laura, Dr. Anna) all in agreeance that this dog is not a surgical candidate with how many masses and extensive her cancer is.

27 Jan – Xrays taken in house, finally have in house xray! Confirmed concerns for metastasis and confirmed that Amelia is truly not a surgical candidate and extending time is not recommended, unable to extend QOL as masses will continue to grow and surgical removal is not recommended.

27 Jan – Email sent to SCRAPS (***was not to ALL SCRAPS, was to group of staff members that had direct care and working with her**) about Amelia's condition and asking if anyone wanted to be present and to shower her with love/treats over weekend. Time was agreed upon as that was when the ones who wanted to be with her could meet/come in.

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mammary gland 4-5cm mass with fluid pocket that is red/inflamed and on the verge of rupture, fifth gland has largest 5-6cm mass firm within swollen caudal mammary glands. Difficult to palpate inguinal lymph nodes but some of the reported intermittent limping could be due to swelling/discomfort on mammary chain. P does have small dermal 1.5cm skin nodule on left hind medical hock. Xray in house non-sedated on 1/27 difficult to fully evaluate due to P size/overweight, regardless there are concerns for possible growth/mass in caudal lung field- ddx: metastasis. Additionally Behavior tested dog with potential rescue partner - dog shows intense stare, weight shift forward, unable to be redirected, mouth open and intent to bite when attempted to be introduced to another dog even from across the room. High drive and arousal. P has been kennel fighting when taken out of her kennel each time for evaluation, even if adjacent kennel is unoccupied goes straight for barking, snarling at adjacent kennel when leashed up. Discussed with FF about placement, per email above they as well do not feel safe placing this dog and with medical concerns were in agreeance that humane euthanasia is the most ethical decision for this dog. Consulted with three colleagues about this case, if surgical correction would be attempted would it be humane option and would we be extending her quality of life. All three after discussion, as well agreed with my assessment that potential surgical removal would only be extending the inevitable and increasing pain/discomfort with how many mammary masses she has, even without histopathology the tendencies and quantity of presentation present as suspected to be malignant. As well without a good end term solution/safe placement with her medical/behavioral conditions she is a safety risk and would need to be in a very specific placement with advanced handler, no other animal placement, to be able to manage behavioral concerns. Taking this all into consideration, discussed with shelter director and decision was made humane euthanasia is recommended. This animal is in a position where her quality of life is unable to be extended and end stage disease will progress, to not prolong discomfort humane euthanasia was performed 1/30.

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Appreciate the observations and information. I saw the care request just today as Kayla says was just noted last night and put in. I went to check her today on rounds and she wasn't in her kennel. It wasn't until later that I knew she was in dispatch. She is on the top of the list tomorrow for when I am in for a little bit.

- Dr. Beth

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