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**To:** [Nichols, Cathrene](#); [Ferrari, Jesse](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SCRAPS IS NOW A KILL SHELTER?!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 8:21:56 AM  
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Just let me know date/time I will work to adjust my schedule and be there as I can. This week is a tough one for me as I have limited childcare and supposed to be out on FMLA some. This is important and know needs to be addressed timely. Jess call me if you need to.

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Any time after 3pm works for me, just let me know and I will be there.



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Cat,

Most of them work during the day and hold meetings in the late afternoon.

J

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Ok, let me know when. Any time tomorrow morning before the budget meeting would work, or maybe later afternoon.



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Cat,

I think both meeting with the Volunteer Dog Team and having you there would be beneficial.

Jess

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Jesse and Dr. Beth,

I'm happy to stand with you if you feel a meeting is necessary; however, as I said, Dr. Beth is the qualified DVM and I am certain her assessment was sound. Our policy states that the director makes the final decision in consultation with DVM. You were by the book here. Any meeting with the Commissioners by statute constitutes an Open Public Meeting; so these volunteers would have to formally request to be on the BOCC Agenda. Perhaps we should work together to craft a response to this email. To be clear, we value our volunteers, and it is their prerogative to disagree; however, you followed protocol, and you are the ones with the authority to do so. There is no intention to be a "kill" shelter evidenced here, as our policy clearly outlined the methodology for humane treatment and euthanasia.

I know this has been a tough week and its only Tuesday! If there is anything I can do to support you, don't hesitate to ask.



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1/30/2023

Jesse and commissioners cc'd we as volunteers who work with the dogs are very concerned and disagree with your response.

Amelia never had a biopsy, there is no mention of it in her chart. We would like to know who the consulting veterinarians are, as this information isn't in her chart either. As far as hospice rescue, we do not have one in or anywhere near Spokane. Furry Farms is a rescue for multiple animals with different needs not hospice. It is concerning that our in-house vet is the only one able to correspond with a rescue, and without the presence or agreement of one or both of our dog team staff (Kevin and Stephanie).

We are concerned about the power of our in-house DVM, and aware of multiple disconcerting decisions and opinions expressed and regarding other dogs under SCRAPS care. We are seeing a trend towards regressing to a kill shelter model and are not pleased and do not support this. As volunteers who provide a great deal of our personal time to help the animals and shelter we have to speak up. We do not support or agree with the decision to kill Amelia, and do not agree that this was medically necessary without further testing (biopsy). Several of us would have been willing to pay for a consultation with another vet (outside of our house DVM's on documented consultations). We request a meeting to address this concern and ensure that the animals we work with are provided a proper fair chance. We have given of our time as we supported the morals, ethics and rules that our prior director (Lindsey Soffes) began. We do not support a kill model, or ONE staff member alone being given the power to make the decision to euthanize.

Sincerely,

Elicia Spotts  
Marie Pechous  
Joe Carey  
Christine Meehan  
Candice Valois  
Tim Malick  
Wade Ramm

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On Monday, January 30, 2023, 12:29 PM, Candice Morgan <[candicemorgan00@outlook.com](mailto:candicemorgan00@outlook.com)> wrote:

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Candice,

Thanks for reaching out to voice your concern.

After speaking with our Vet, it seems the screenshots you provided do not contain the most current information. To add a little more context, over the last couple days, our in-house DVM reached out to 3 of her colleagues (including an animal reproductive specialist) to discuss the situation and for their input. They all suggested euthanizing Amelia as the most humane way forward.

Additionally, to paint a little better picture and for the sake of fairness for those you've included in your email, there is no mention of Amelia's behavioral issues or bite history. In fact, as an alternative to euthanasia, a local animal hospice facility was contacted to see if she met their criteria for hospice care. Unfortunately they were not willing to take the risks associated with Amelia and denied the request for hospice based off of her observed aggressive behavior towards other animals.

I ask that you consider quality of life, over quantity of days in this matter and understand that a decision like this is never taken lightly.

Thank you,

Jesse Ferrari

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URGENT PLEA!!!

SCRAPS currently has a dog in their care that has been awaiting a medical foster due to the possibility of having a mammary cancer diagnosis. She is currently awaiting surgery for mammary masses but has yet to be scheduled. She has also NOT had a biopsy to confirm any sort of malignancy!!! However, the vet at SCRAPS has decided unanimously that she should be executed at 10AM tomorrow. (We won't say humanely euthanized as that is most definitely not the case).

As per the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. "In female dogs, 50% of mammary tumors are benign and 50% are malignant. However, **few of the malignant mammary tumors are fatal.**" (See link below for the complete article)

<https://www.acvs.org/small-animal/mammary-tumors>

This must be stopped. SCRAPS is said to be a no kill shelter unless absolutely necessary for life threatening injuries. This case is not that. This is due to lack of care or motivation to help an animal in need. See medical notes attached: she has not even had a biopsy.

4:55





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## Medical History Report

The Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service  
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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  NormalEars  NormalEyes  NormalSkin & Coat  Abnormal Missing a patch of hair near the rectumMouth, Teeth, & Nose  NormalAbdomen  Abnormal Possible masses or swelling in the mammary glands.Limbs & Tail  NormalUrogenital / 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.

Previous Medical Details:

Known Allergies or Medical Conditions:

Feeding Requirements:

Most Recent Date In Care: 07-Jan-2023 Date Adopted:



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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
Rimadyl(Carprofen - 100mg)	14 tablets	PO	HALF tablet PO, 2 times every 1 day(s)	16-Dec-2022	30-Dec-2022	Beth O'Keefe		Dosing at 12 hr interval intentionally and dosing for ideal weight - BOK.

Drug Usage

No drugs administered to this animal.

Vet Consultations

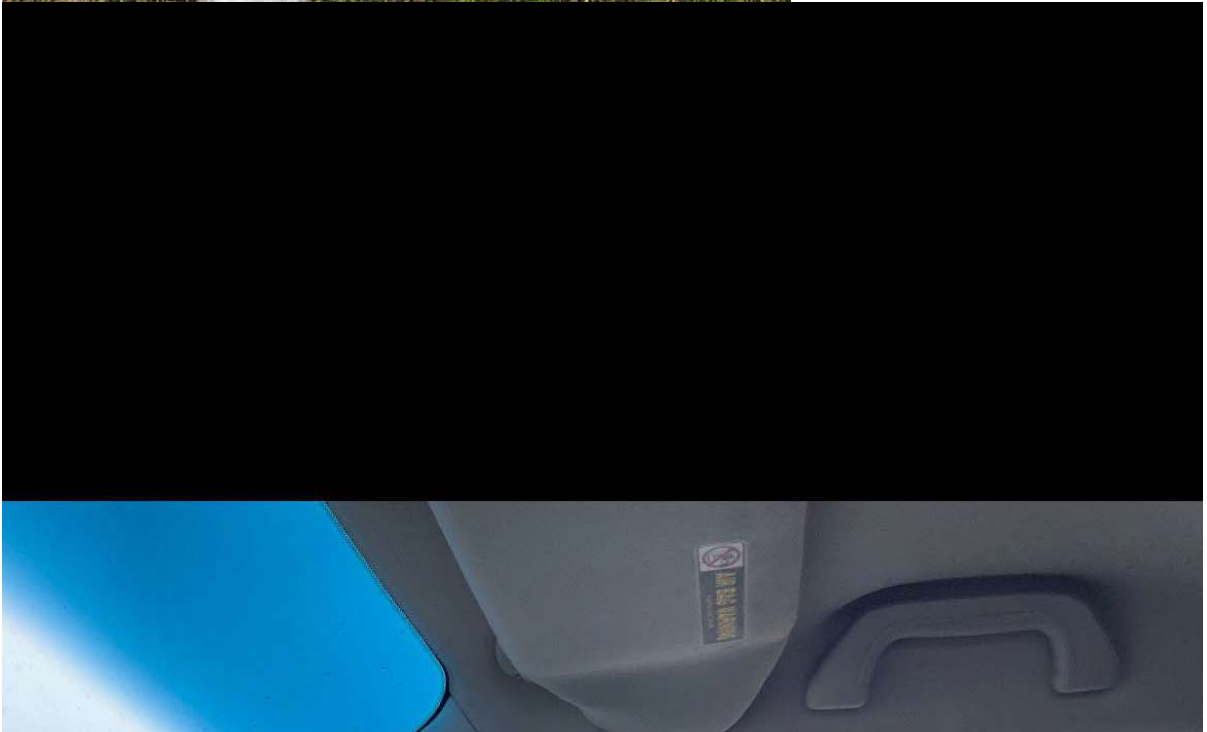
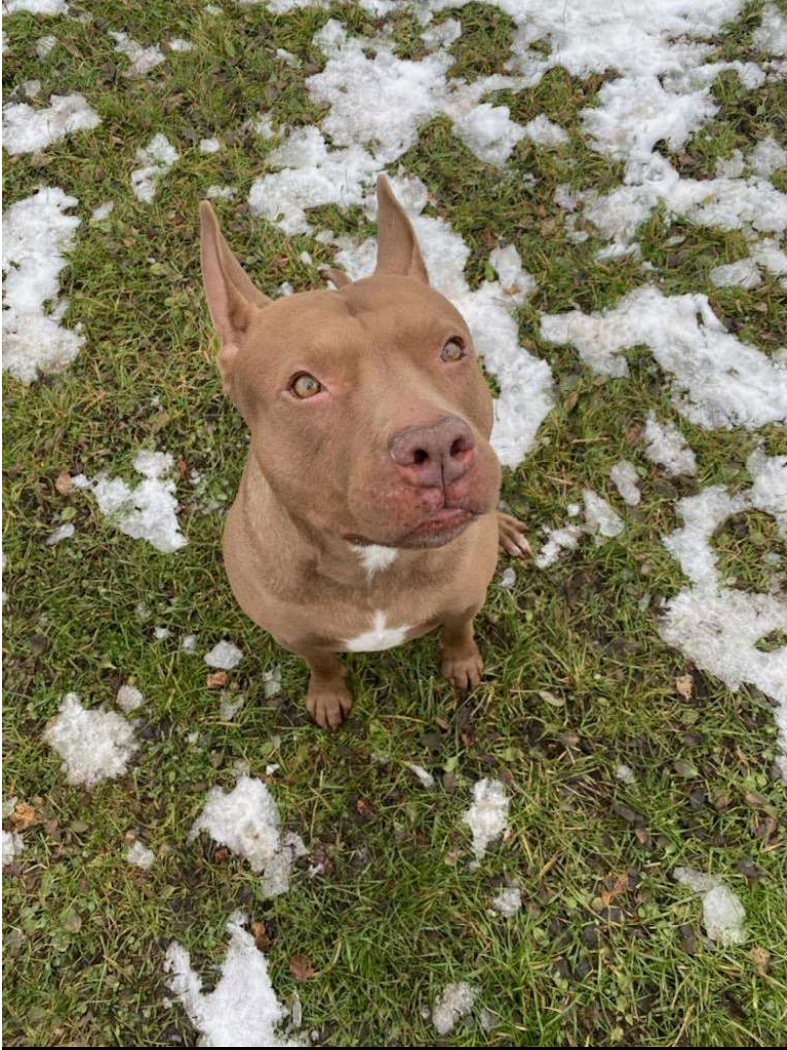
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16-Dec-2022				
15-Nov-2022				

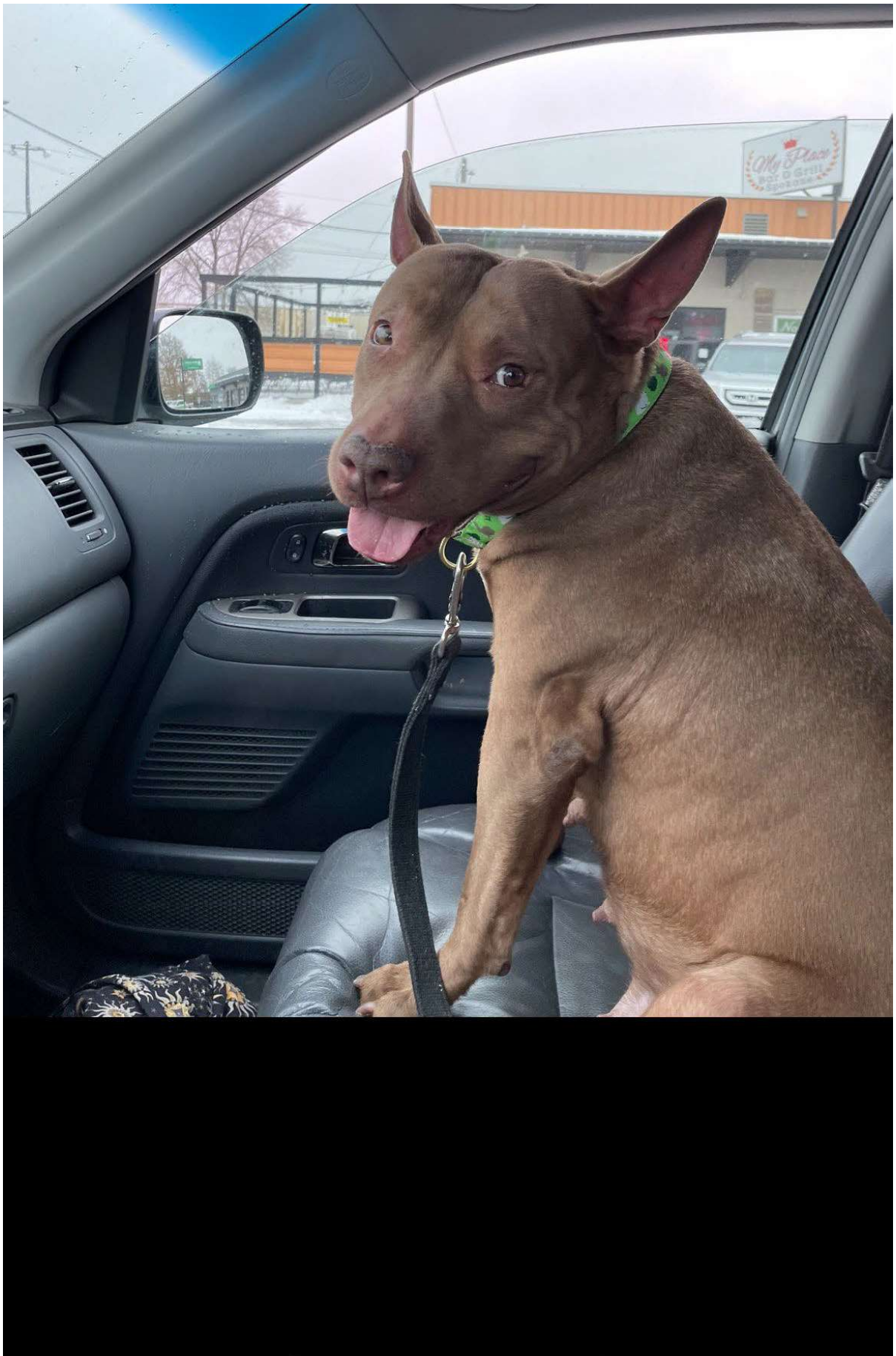
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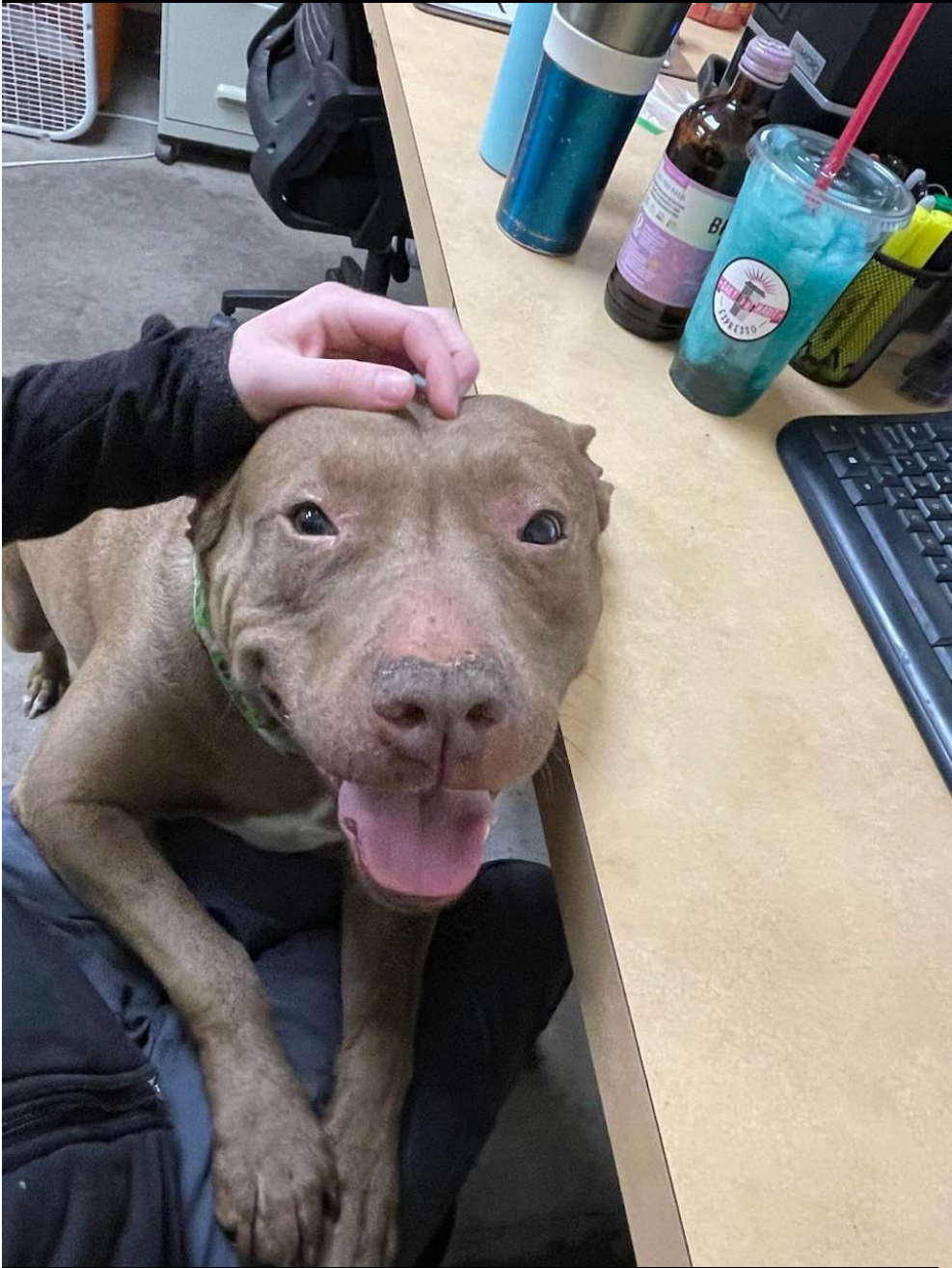
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You can see in the pictures Amelia is a happy dog. She has been handled by many employees and volunteers at SCRAPS. As of today (29JAN23) she shows no signs of distress but more of

just being a happy pup who loves being able to get outside.

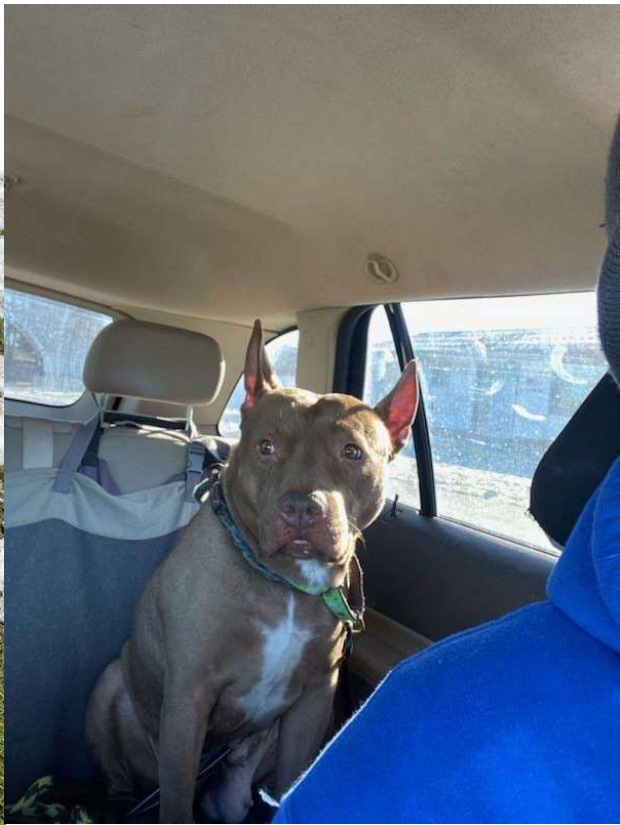






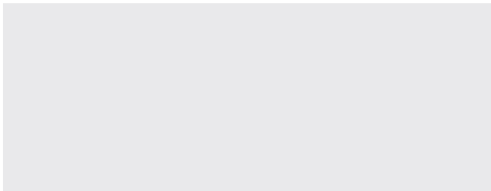






Amelia 3

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If you're not willing to put a stay of execution, then we will be forced to take further action.

We, as volunteers believe in the no kill model. That's why we spend so much time with the animals. That's why this is so devastating.

Please, This should not be tolerated. SCRAPS cannot stand by and say they are a no-kill shelter if they think it's okay to take Amelia's life, without cause.

With immense grief,

Tim Malick  
Marie Pechous  
Candice Morgan  
Elicia Spotts

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