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**To:** [Mason, Rebekah K.](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Amelia  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2023 11:31:21 AM

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**From:** O'Keefe, Elizabeth <EOKEEFFE@SpokaneCounty.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2023 12:34:02 PM  
**To:** Vanhook, Kevin <KVANHOO@SpokaneCounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Amelia

10 am, Kayla will be here as well.

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**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2023 11:31 AM  
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Okay. Thank You for the consideration. Do you know about what time you are planning on letting her go tomorrow?

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

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**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2023 9:38 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Amelia

Good Morning,

Thank You for speaking with me this morning. Per our conversation the link is below. I also read a brief article on how cold laser therapy is another option. If not then can we consider a foster hospice for her?

Thank You for your consideration.

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

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**Subject:** Amelia

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