Hello President Beggs and the entire council.

You all have copies of limited records for Amelia 45785

I am going to summarize and further highlight

Amelia 45785 pg1

-This page shows vaccinations, test performed, and medications provided.

Rimadyl/Carprofen is an NSAID for pain and inflammation which was prescribed for a limp.

Amelia 45785 pg2

-11/13/23 At her initial intake, it was noted that she has masses or swelling of the mammary area

-11/15/23 Dr. Beth notes Amelia has mammary masses and she needs to evaluate and examine further.

-11/22/23 Dr. Beth notes she will be getting her into surgery in the next few weeks for mammary mass removal and spay.

-12/1/22 Dr. Beth drew blood which was normal and deems ok for surgery when they can schedule. Recommended getting xray if possible ***Now mentioning xrays. Xrays are done at Emergency Pet Care in Post Falls at no charge. Amelia also could have been taken to any vet or emergency to have this completed as the SCRAPS budget does not pay for all medical, the SCRAPS Hope Foundation does as well. Volunteers typically drive animals to these visits so there would be no constraint on shelter staff other than requesting a driver.***

-12/16/22 Documented limping and started on Rimadyl/Carprofen for 14 days. Notes still working on scheduling her xrays. ***Xrays were mentioned more than 2 weeks ago and Amelia has now been in the shelter care for over 1 month with no further progress on the masses***

-12/20/22 No longer limping. Community partner contacted for xrays but they have not responded. Furry Farm Rescue was there, has a medical space, and willing to take Amelia as well as get her medical care done as soon as they can. ***Who was contacted for xrays? Is there proof of this contact? Was every vet, emergency vet, and shelter contacted? Why was she not taken to an emergency vet? Why didn't Furry Farm Rescue take her that day as they were willing to take on medical?***

***\*\*Notes entered out of order.***

***-***1/27/23 Email sent to staff now about medical and behavior issues. ***No behavior issues noted prior. Why is this 2 and ½ months after intake? Why is this being mentioned over a month after a rescue partner had the capacity and willingness to take?***

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-1/27/23 Continued Notes- Now mentions a bite history on intake, a bite at the shelter, reactivity to dogs, selective with people with intent to bite which was stated that Furry Farm was there and they behavior tested her. Rescue now denies transfer for a safety concerns and non-fixable medical issue. States it is inhumane to continue to hold an animal that has a condition that will be end stage and continue to progress. States they will euthanize Monday. ***No bite history ever mentioned previously. No reactivity documented previously, no people selectivity with intent to bite previously mentioned. Is Furry Farm a Behaviorist? Dr. Beth is not a Behaviorist. They had Behavioral staff at SCRAPS at this time but did not consult them? Mammary masses in dogs are almost always cancer and many times aggressive however, they can still get much quality of life with mass removal, pain management, and many times can live many months in hospice. She states it's inhumane to continue to hold her with a progressive illness yet she has been held 2 and ½ months with no urgency for medical concerns. She could have gone into a hospice home, that was not offered by the vet. Staff and Volunteers were outraged by the decision and spoke up. They requested additional testing at their expense and offered hospice but were denied. Amelia was not suffering from an “irremediable prognosis” as she was not in a severe, unremitting physical pain as made clear by the fact that she was not on any form of pain control. Amelia was reported to still be eating, eliminating normally, and happy.***

-1/30/23 Mammary mass mapping is documented as well as it being documented that xray was completed at SCRAPS (when they had just received their new xray machine) on 1/27/23. Documents additional notes on a Behavior assessment completed with Furry Farm in the SCRAPS Clinic. Notes kennel reactivity, intense stare, weight shift forward, unable to be redirected, mouth open and intent to bite when reintroduced to another dog, and notes snarling at adjacent kennel. Discussed placement with Furry Farm and there were now safety concerns. Notes that she consulted with three colleagues about this case and if surgical correction would extend quality of life which was determined that they would be malignant. States she is a safety risk and would need very specific placement with an advanced handler, no other animal placement, to be able to manage her behavioral concerns. With all considered, Dr. Beth and the SCRAPS director made the decision to Euthanize as end stage disease will progress and not to prolong discomfort. ***Why was mammary mapping only documented now? First time notation of kennel reactivity, intense stare, weight shift forward, unable to be redirected, mouth open and intent to bite when reintroduced to another dog, and notes snarling at adjacent kennel but Furry Farm had been there previously, and this was not mentioned. Who are these 3 colleagues and why are their examination notes not documented? Dr. Beth notes Amelia would need very specific placement with an advanced handler, no other animal placement, to be able to manage her behavioral concerns but this was never explored at all even with many volunteers who are advanced handlers offering to assist. Dr. Beth and Director Jesse Ferrari chose to euthanize for an end stage disease, when placement was an option. They chose to euthanize Amelia "to not prolong discomfort" not because Amelia was not suffering from an “irremediable prognosis” as she was not in a severe, unremitting physical pain.***

This is a blatant violation of their contract with the City of Spokane. We implore you to hold SCRAPS, including Director Jesse Ferrari and SCRAPS Veterinarian Dr. Beth O’Keeffe accountable for this violation. We request that any medical euthanasia recommendations by Dr. Beth O’Keeffe be screened through a progressive no kill Veterinarian of our Advocacy Groups choosing or a Board of Three Animal Advocates in progressive no kill of our choosing that can ensure animals meet the contract criteria unless they are in the process of actively dying or critically injured. We also request no further behavior assessments be completed by any staff at SCRAPS including Dr. Beth O’Keeffe as there is not a Behavior Specialist on staff by education or experience.

Thank You