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Steve was found in the street with metal fragments embedded in his skull, after he was adopted out from a Petco event. He was shuffled around to a few different homes, one in which he was beat up by another dog who lived there, & the owner kept Steve crated immediately next to the dog that would attack him. Imagine the stress & anxiety he was going through every day! All of this could've been avoided if Barbara would've had an ounce of sense & homed Steve appropriately.

We let Barbara know we needed to have Steve re-homed on March 9th, & for months she made excuse after excuse as to why she couldn't get Steve into a single-dog foster home. We were told that Ashley, Steve's foster mom that we had kept in touch with, was no longer with the rescue, but they were on good terms. Barbara REFUSED to let us help in the process, even after we told her we have great relationships with rescues up here & could certainly help. In late April, Barb had her assistant Kat contact us, who after a few more weeks, called & made accusations that Steve's behavior was our fault, & that they were going to put Steve on a truck back to TX.

This broke our hearts, b/c we knew a 2-5 day drive on a truck crated next to many other dogs would be torture for Steve, & would likely set his temperament back to where he was before we even got him. We decided then & there that we were not letting Steve go back to TX, & we would find a forever home for Steve ourselves.

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But we had no idea how fucked up Doggedly Dog Rescue actually was.

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I know of one case of a foster mom being sent to the emergency room by a dog that Barbara just had to save. She showed absolutely no remorse, & even managed to get that dog back before he was euthanized. I worry that this dog will harm other dogs or people when Barb inevitably re-homes him without being honest about his past.

Once a dog needs to be returned to Doggedly due to Barbara mis-representing the dogs' needs, she turns around & blames everything on that adopter. I've heard from multiple adopters & potential adopters how she's talked shit about other people I've spoken to, completely lying about situations.

Apparently Barbara once asked an adopter to put 2 dogs into an XXL crate (instead of 2 smaller crates), & when the adopter raised concerns about the dogs being aggressive, asked for a video proving this. Barbara then used this video as "evidence" that the adopters were the reason that the dogs were not in the right home.

Barbara hordes dozens of dogs in crates for 20+ hours a day in her back room in Houston. This isn't illegal, but it certainly isn't humane. There even seems to be some evidence that the dogs she has adopted out have killed other dogs, & she has still re-homed them, without making that information known. She also raises thousands of dollars off of sad stories like Steve's, & doesn't always spend that money on the dogs. Where does it all go?

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Jonathan Decker is with **Ashley Alden** and **3 others**.

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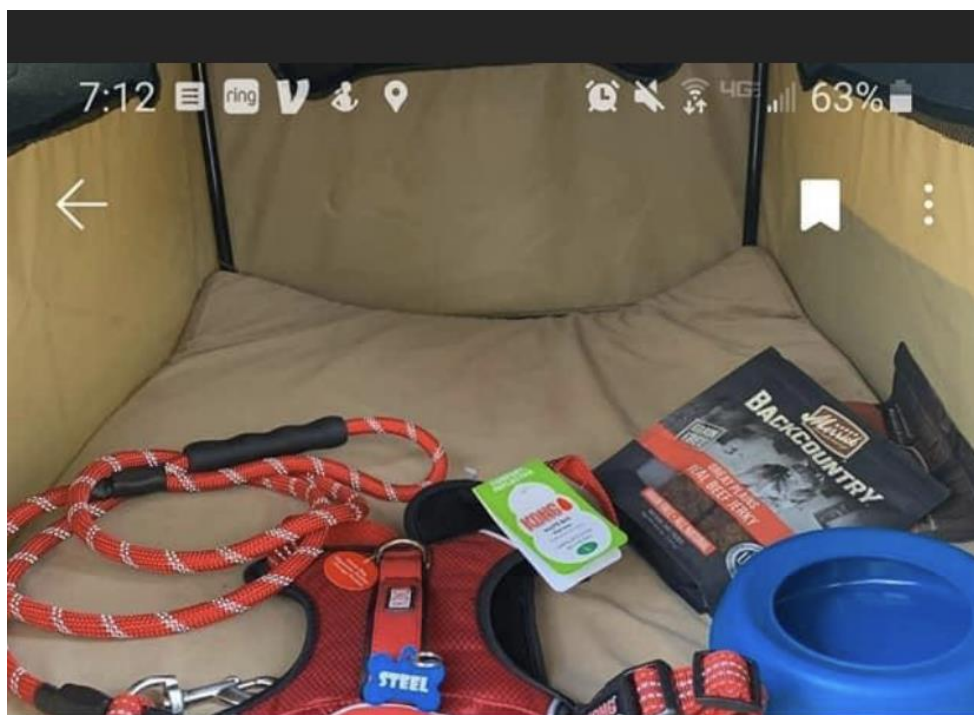
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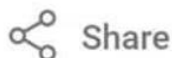


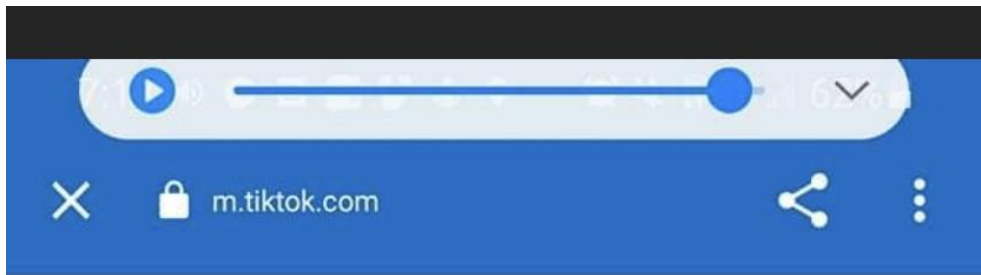
Burned badly by Texas-based rescue

Dealing with A Chance to Bloom (changed name to Doggedly Dog Rescue) showed us the dark side of animal rescues. We had adopted two bonded boys, we specified to Barbara that we lived in a condo and we needed dogs who were dog friendly to both large and small breeds. Furthermore, I had a family member who owned 4 French bulldogs.

When we received the dogs, they were not vetted at all like we had expected - one of the boys had to be taken to the vet because he had demodex which was not disclosed to us. We also paid for both their teeth's to be cleaned because they were in awful shape.

During their decompression period, we noticed that they were reactive to other dogs but we had just thought that it would pass because they were stressed out from transport and being in a new environment. Finally, almost 2 months later, we noticed that they were still aggressive towards other dogs - we reached out to Barbara again and she sidestepped our concerns and ensured us that

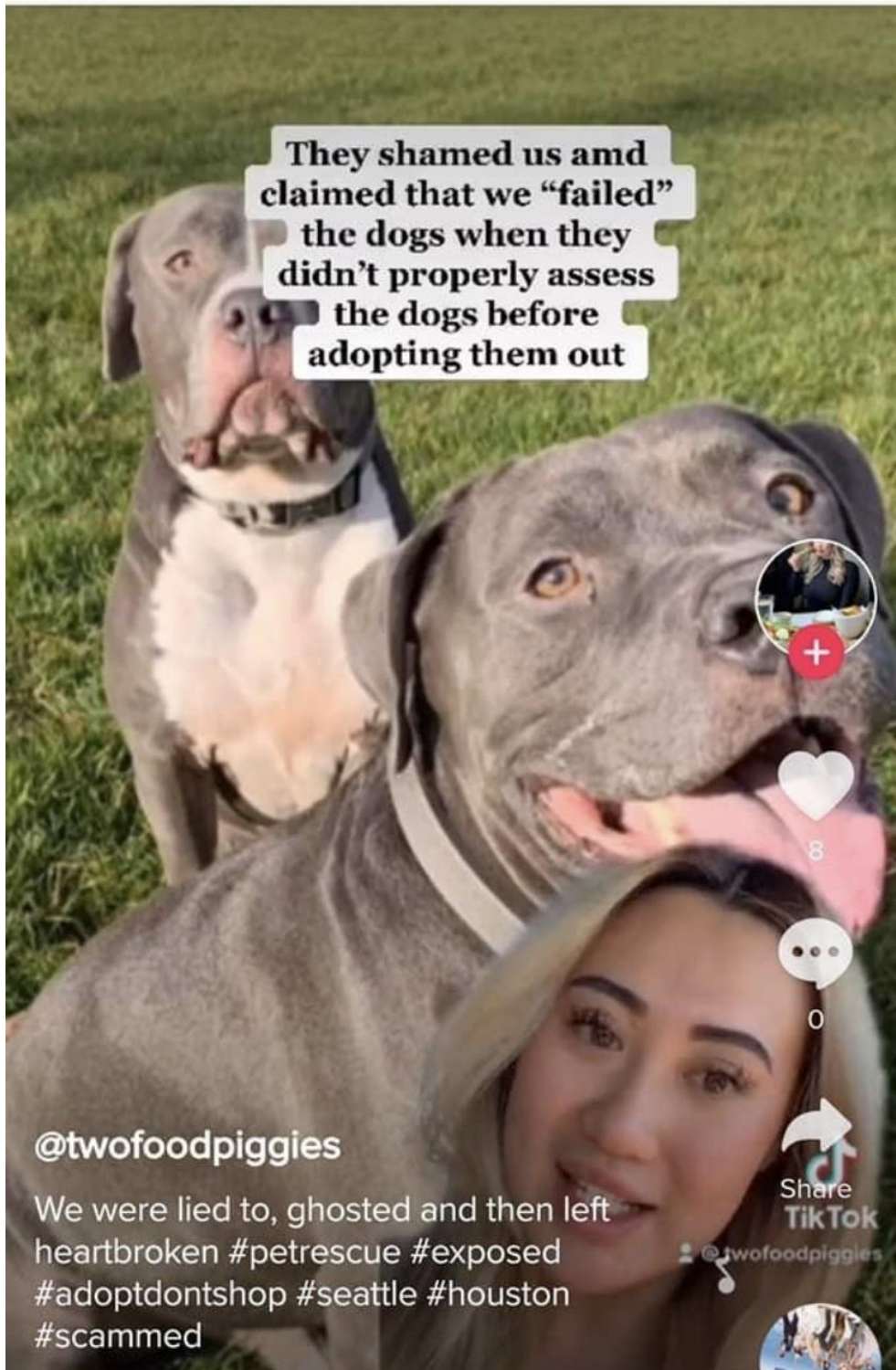




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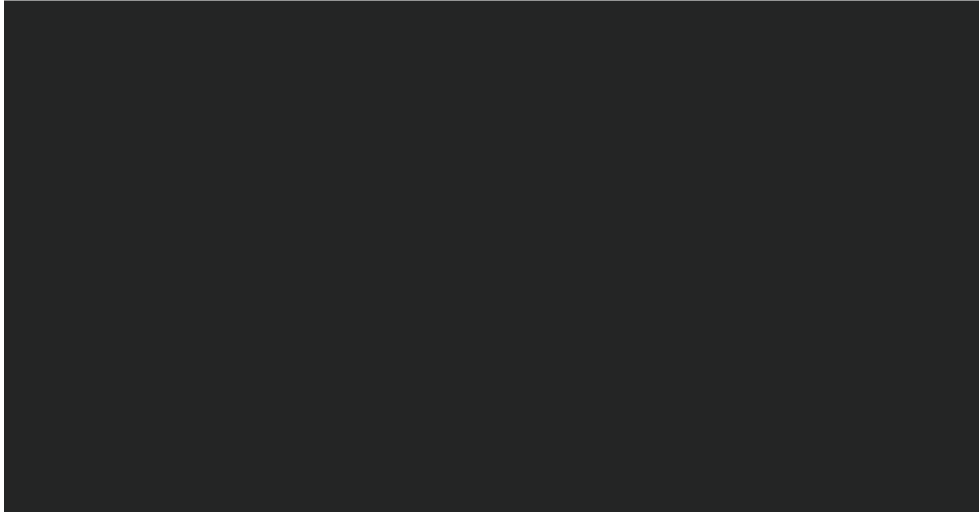
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Breed	American Pit Bull Terrier	Weight	
Color	Tan/Yellow/Fawn - with White	Sex	Male
Age		Pet ID	ps_43691436
Size	(when grown) Med. 26-60 lbs (12-27 kg)		

My Info

- ✓ Neutered
- ✓ Shots Up to Date
- ✓ Purebred
- ✓ Good with Cats
- ✓ Good with Dogs
- ✓ Good with Kids