

WHO WAS LULU?



Lulu was the sweetest dog you could ever imagine. She was a 14 year old puggle who loved strawberries, walks, and every person and animal she ever met. She came to us as a hospice foster in January 2021 and we were lucky to be her family for the last 55 days of her life. Lulu passed from metastatic mammary (breast) cancer. This was an almost completely preventable disease had she been spayed early in life. We miss her everyday and never want another dog to pass in such a needless way. We honor her life and legacy by providing spay and neuter education and resources to those in need.

WHAT ARE MAMMARY TUMORS?⁵

- Mammary tumors form from abnormal cells replicating in breast tissue.
- 50% of mammary tumors are benign (non-cancerous) and 50% are malignant (cancerous).
- **A DOG SPAYED PRIOR TO HER FIRST HEAT HAS LESS THAN A 1% CHANCE OF DEVELOPING MAMMARY TUMORS!**
 - Therefore, if you get your female dog spayed early in life, you can almost fully prevent this cancer!
 - Chance of mammary tumors increases with the number of heat cycles and age of your dog.
 - If you ever notice a new lump on your dog's abdomen, or around her nipples - **GET IT CHECKED BY A VET IMMEDIATELY.** Early detection and intervention is key!

WHAT IS SPAY & NEUTER?³

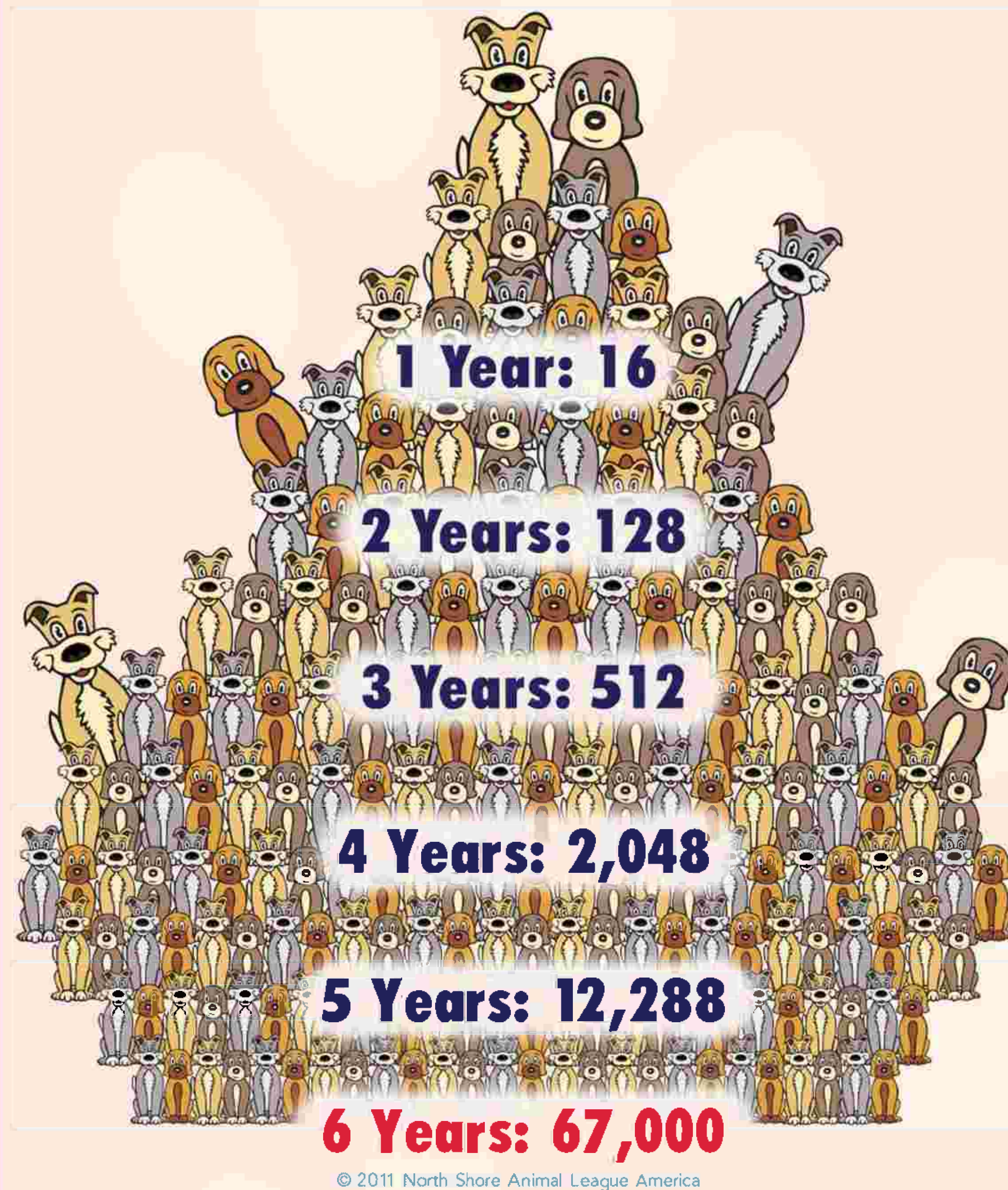
- **Spay** - Removing a female animal's reproductive organs so that she cannot get pregnant
- **Neuter** - Removing a male animal's testicles so that he cannot impregnate a female

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SPAY & NEUTER?^{2,4}

- It helps to control the animal overpopulation crisis.
- Over a million healthy dogs and cats are euthanized every year in the United States.
- It strongly reduces the risk of mammary cancer, ovarian tumors, and uterine infections in females.
- It eliminates the risk of testicular cancer and reduces prostate problems in males.
- **Up to 27% of unneutered male dogs will develop one or more testicular tumors.**
- It decreases the likelihood of unwanted behaviors in the home (i.e. marking, mounting).
- Your pet is less likely to roam away from the home.
- **Your pet will live a longer, healthier life.**

DID YOU KNOW?

By spaying and neutering just one male and one female dog, more than 67,000 births can be prevented in just six years! ¹



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We want to thank everyone who helped make this day possible. To Senior Dog Haven & Hospice - for giving us the opportunity to foster Lulu in her final chapter and bringing her into our lives. To Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center - for being so incredible to work with, helping to organize this program, and for making our vision a reality. To our donors - this wouldn't have been possible without your support!

Lulu was only with us for a short amount of time, but she made a long lasting imprint in our lives. We hope by educating the public and holding this ongoing fundraiser, we can decrease the severe overpopulation problem in shelters across the country, and stop animals from passing from preventable and treatable health issues. SPAY AND NEUTER SAVES LIVES!

We are forever appreciative of your generosity!

With sincere gratitude,

Lulu's Foster Family - Marissa Ionno,
Scott Tennett, Diego, & Scooty

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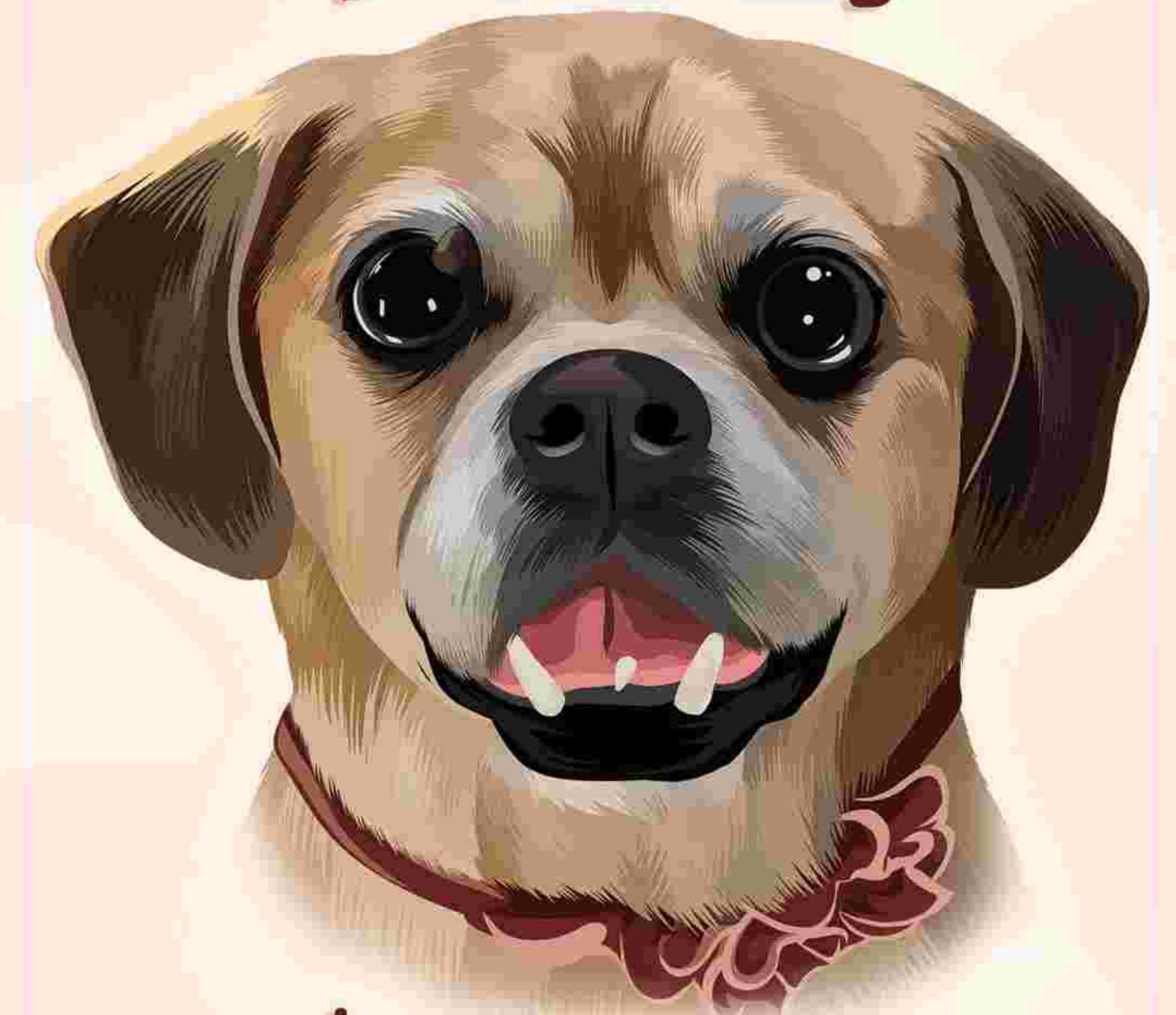
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