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MEDICAL REPORT drawn up by Trabulsi rana

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Name of Dog: joyce Date of Birth: 10.01.2017	Microchip number: 642099000136192
<p>Medical History – Joyce</p> <p>Joyce is an elderly female dog who was surrendered to the shelter on 06.02.2026 after her owner stated they were no longer able to provide adequate care for her.</p> <p>According to the previous owner, Joyce underwent a left forelimb amputation approximately eight years ago. However, the procedure was not performed as a complete limb amputation, and a portion of the limb remained. As a result, Joyce continued attempting to bear weight on the residual limb over the years.</p> <p>Chronic use of the remaining limb segment led to significant compensatory changes in posture and locomotion. Over time, Joyce developed an abnormal gait and body posture as she adapted to her altered anatomy. Clinical examination revealed an arched spine, abnormal positioning of the right forelimb, and overall altered movement patterns consistent with long-term orthopedic compensation.</p> <p>An orthopedic surgeon was consulted to evaluate her condition and discuss potential treatment options. Following examination, the specialist advised that completion of the amputation (removal of the remaining portion of the left forelimb) is not recommended. Given the length of time since the original surgery, Joyce's musculoskeletal system has already adapted to her current condition. Additionally, due to her advanced age, undergoing a major corrective surgical procedure would carry increased risks and is unlikely to provide significant functional benefit.</p> <p>Furthermore, the chronic abnormal weight distribution and compensatory gait have contributed to the development of a Grade III medial patellar luxation of the left hind limb.</p> <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Based on the orthopedic assessment, conservative management is recommended. Although Joyce exhibits permanent abnormalities in gait, posture, and movement, surgical completion of the forelimb amputation is not considered to be in her best interest due to her age, long-term adaptation to the condition, and the limited expected benefit of further surgery. Ongoing monitoring and supportive care should be provided to maintain her comfort and quality of life.</p> <p>STD Veterinarian</p>	

