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## **Rescued USA SHELTER DOG With RARE SKULL TUMOR Gets SECOND CHANCE**

### **With An AUSTRALIAN 3D PRINTED IMPLANT**

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**USPA NEWS** - Abandoned by her owners at a Texas Kill Shelter, 2-year-old Bliss fearfully awaited her Fate. Friends Of Emma Medical Rescue, a Local Major Medical / Critical Care Canine Rescue Home in Fort Worth, TX - took Bliss into their Medical Treatment Program - expecting a "Hospice Situation."

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Bliss quickly went from "Hospice Case" to "Treatable" - and Rescuer / Founder of Friends Of Emma - Elizabeth Hart, felt she had to find a Way to help! After Multiple Consults Locally and Extensive Research - with no Readily Available Options to assist "" Hart reached out to a Skilled Veterinary Cancer Surgeon in Ontario Canada who, through a Series of Advanced Imaging, offered Potential Solutions to help heal Bliss.

Initially, Bliss was to undergo a Delicate Surgical Procedure to remove the Huge Invasive Tumor & be fitted with a Titanium Skull Cap (sourced from Brazil).

However, with the Extent of Complexity & reach of Bliss' Tumor (requiring Removal of the Bulk of the Skull as well as Multiple Affected Facial Bones) it was decided that a Better Option will be a 3D Printed Porous Polyethylene Implant created by an Australian Manufacturer of Human Surgical Devices.

Currently, Hart is planning the 70+ hour round trip journey (driving, since Bliss cannot fly) from Texas to Canada - while the surgeon & the implant manufacturing company work together to design & create the 3D printed implant.

1 "Bliss is a beautiful, trusting young dog - SO deserving of every opportunity that we can offer her! We are of the mindset that - if you CAN help, DO help!"

2 Rescued shelter dog to undergo groundbreaking surgery! A collaboration between a USA canine medical rescue, an Australian medical device manufacturer & a Canadian veterinary surgeon will attempt to give Bliss her life back!

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