

Dear reader,

The book you are about to read was written by Spanish undergraduate students of the World Languages & Cultures department and illustrated by undergraduate students of the School of Art and Design, both from Georgia State University.

This project has been made with my Intermediate Spanish classes and the final product is a result of collaboration by the authors -students who wrote the original stories based on personal experiences-, by the illustrators -Art students who gave life to the stories with a fresh and unique touch-, and by me, who directed and supervised the whole process.

I hope you will find the stories in Serie Leamos, appealing, interesting, and enjoyable. Above all, I hope that these stories will help you love reading and reading in Spanish.

¡Espero que lo disfruten!

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The Last Dog



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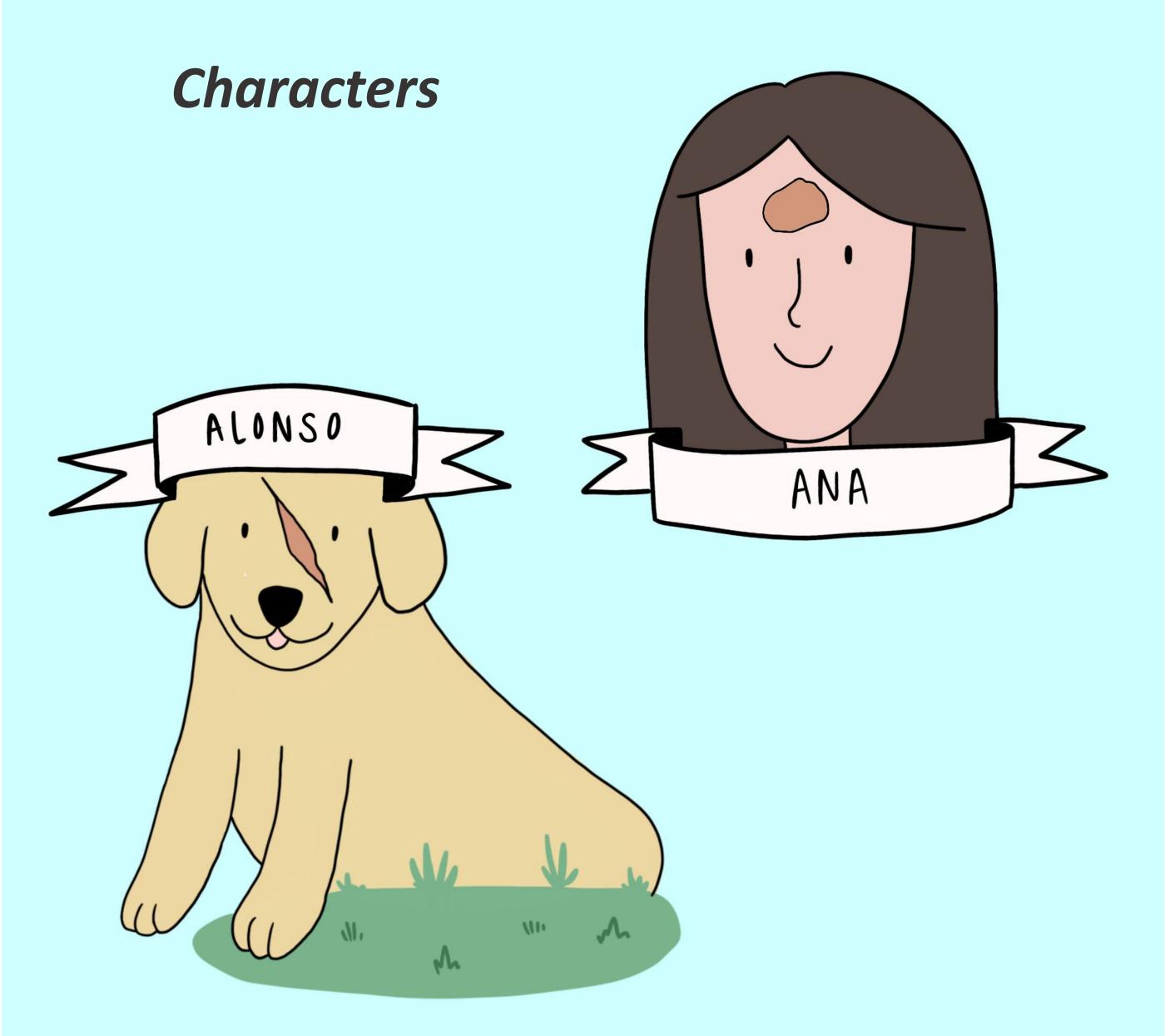


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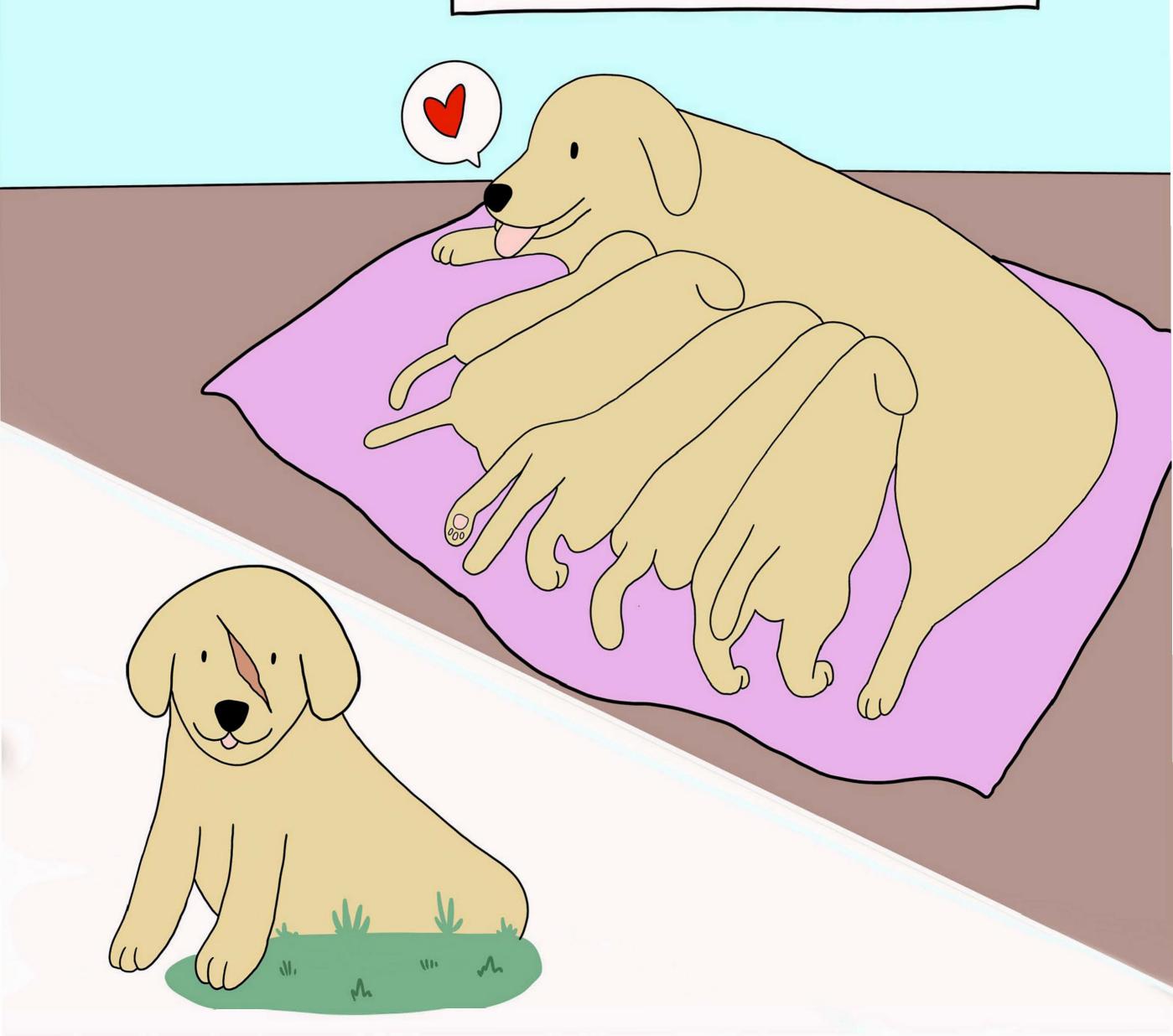
adoptar – To adopt animar- To cheer up atascar - to stuck ayudar – To help cicatriz- scar echar de menos- To miss elegir – To choose estar en peligro- To be in danger incendio – fire lamentar – To regret llorar- To cry mascota – pet molestar- To bother perrito- puppy rescatar- To rescue preocupar- To worry

quemar- To burn

refugio de animales- animal shelter



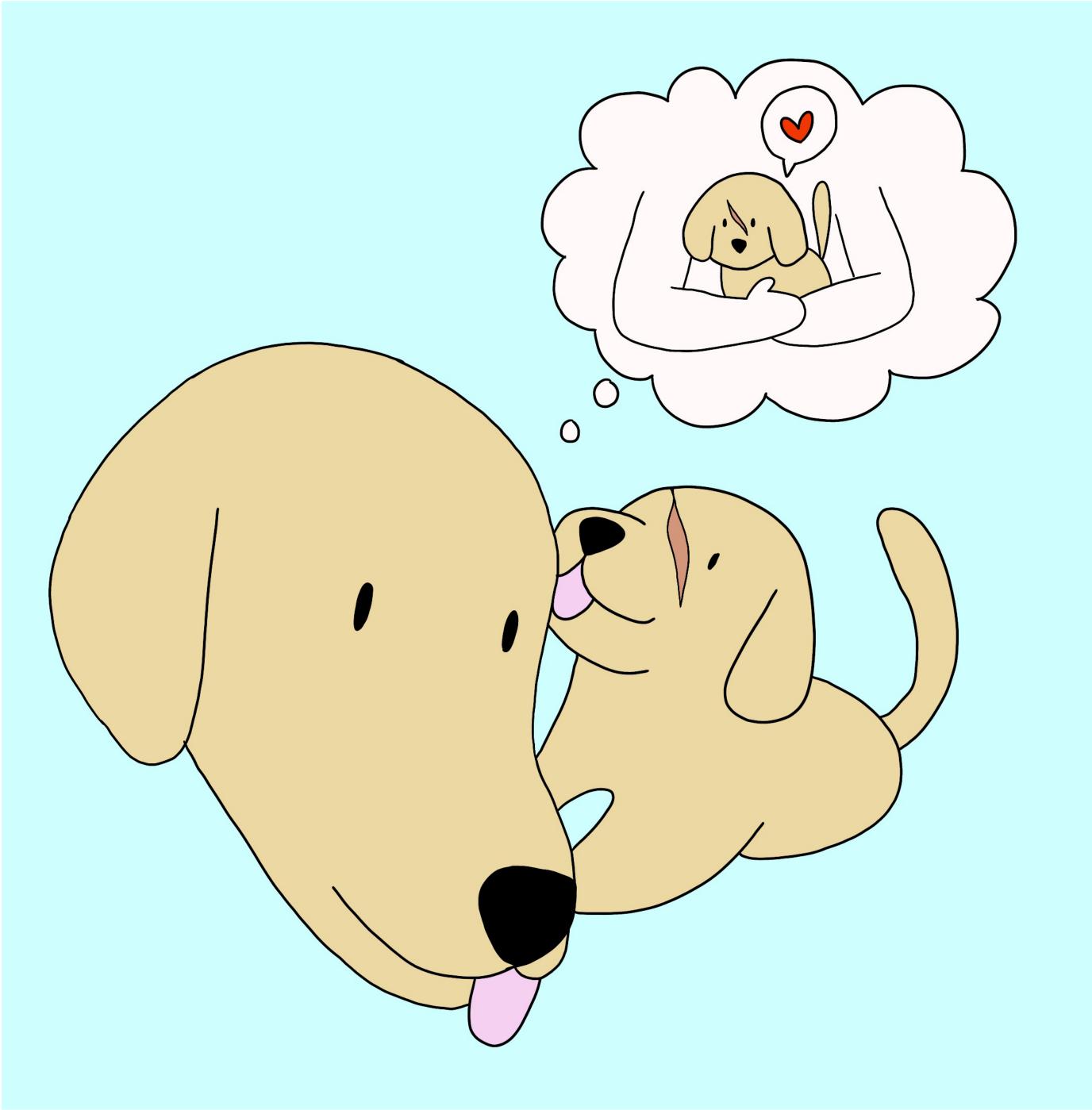
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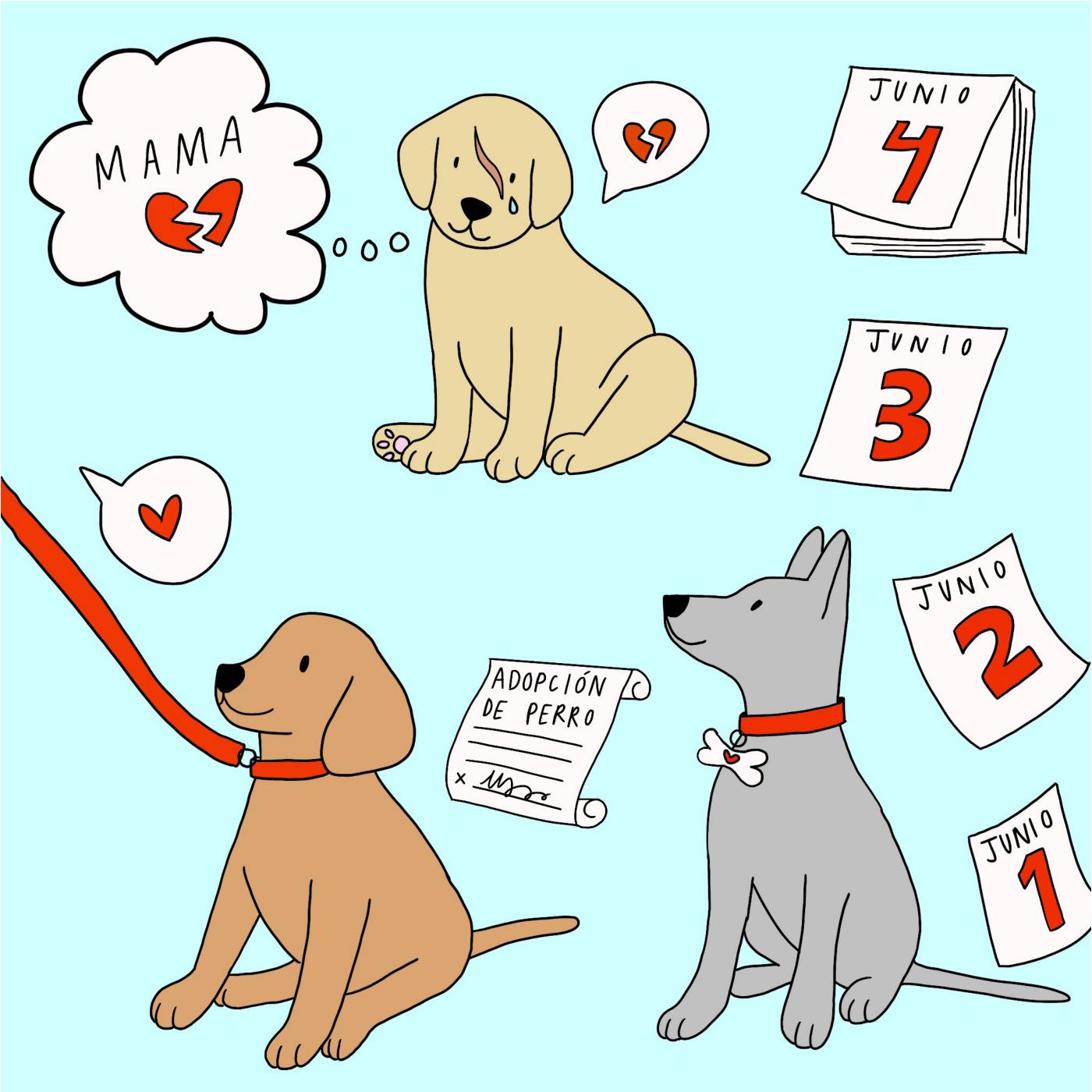
One day, 5 dogs were born in a pound. They all had long, yellow hair except for one. The youngest and smallest puppy was different; he had a scar on his face.



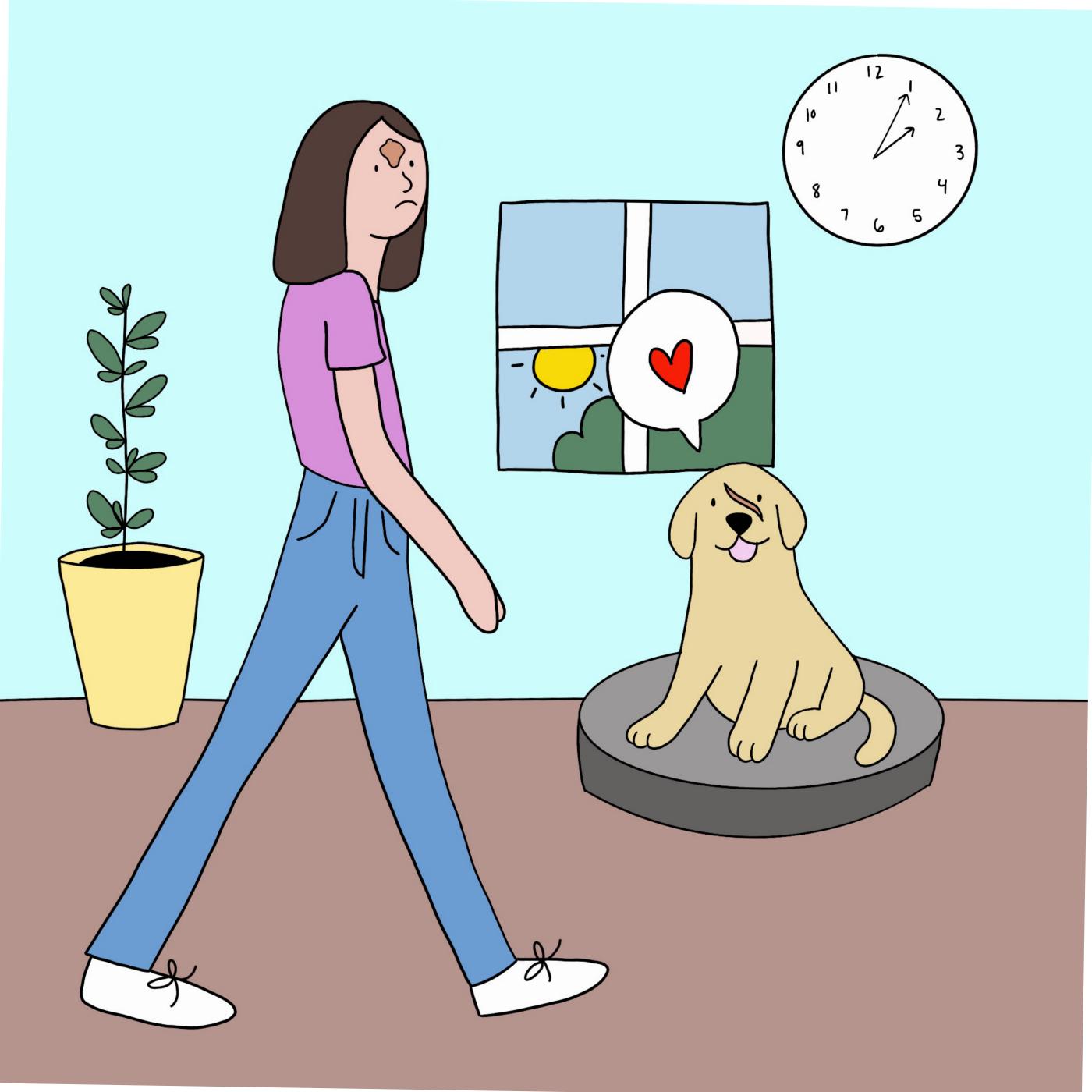
All of the other puppies made fun of him, because they thought that he was ugly and different. They told him that nobody would adopt him.



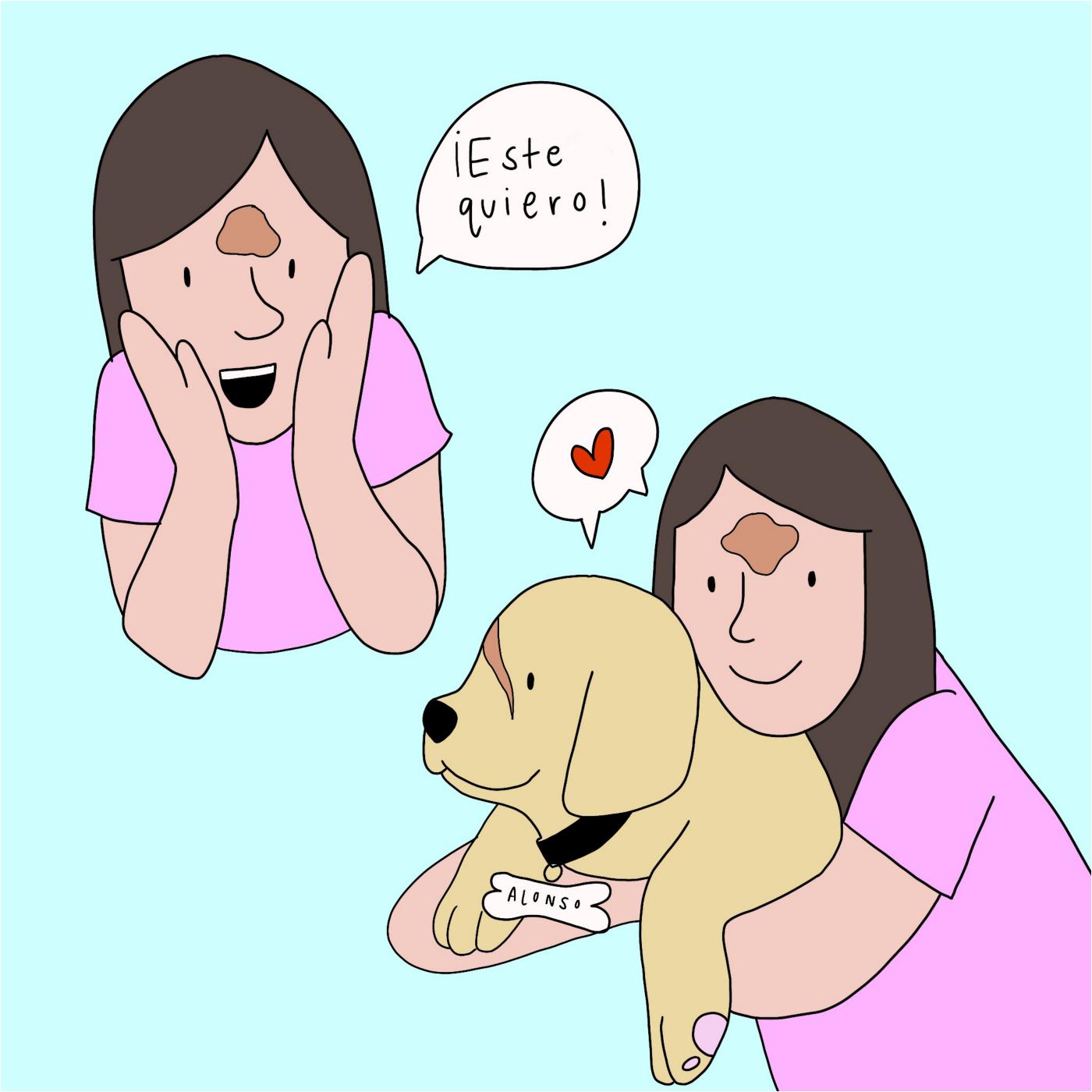
His mother cheered him up and told him not to worry, that one day someone would come and adopt him.



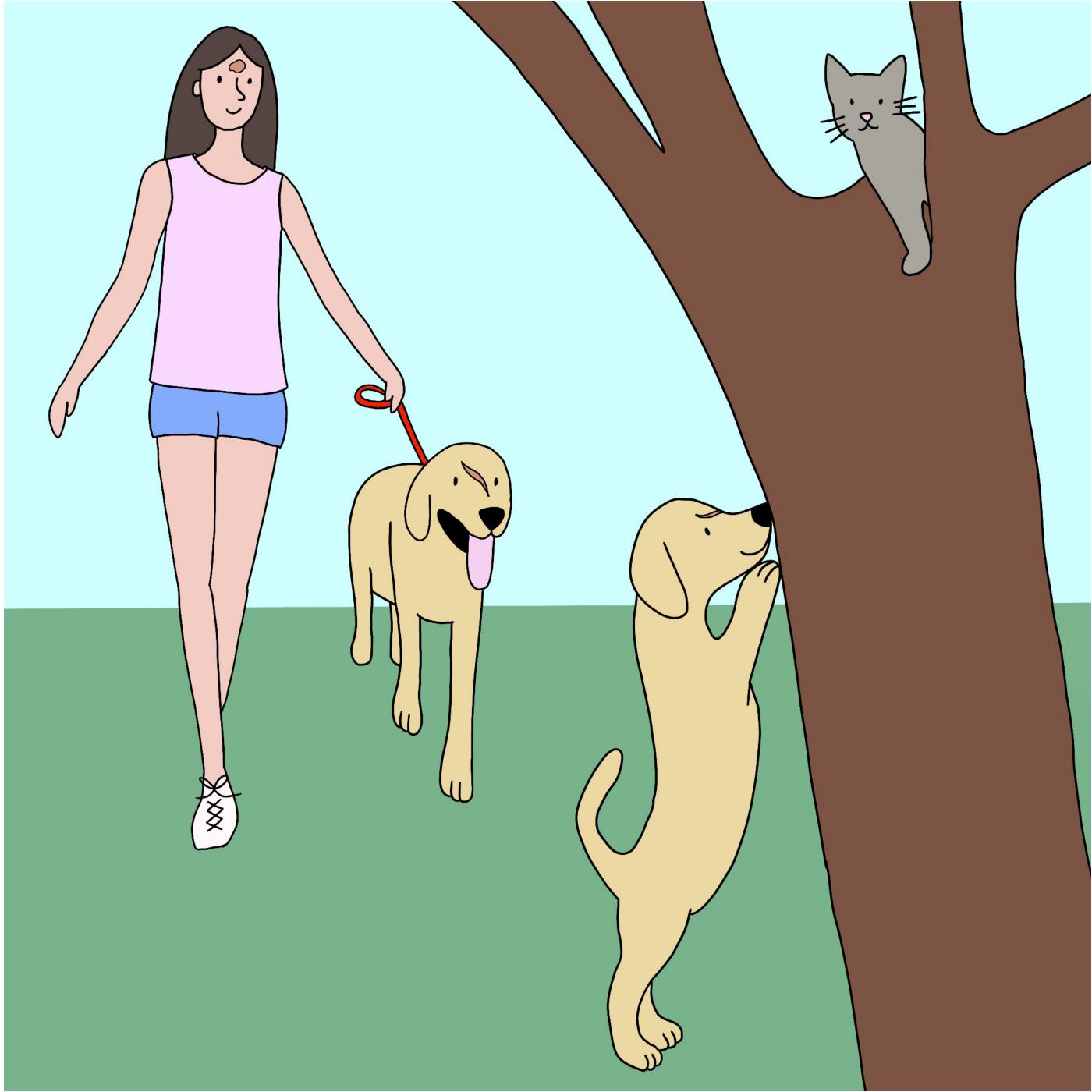
As the days went by, the puppies were adopted until only one was left, the one with the scar. The puppy cried every day, he missed his mom, and he was alone. New puppies were brought to the pound and adopted within a few days, but nobody adopted the puppy with the ugly scar.



One day, a little after 2PM, a girl entered the pound. Her name was Ana, and she was sad because she had an accident where she burned her face, and it left a scar. Her parents decided to gift her a pet with the hope that she would feel better.



She immediately saw the puppy with a similar scar to hers, and she decided that she wanted him. The puppy was very excited. Ana named the puppy Alonzo.



A few years later, Ana and Alonzo were going for a walk when they ran into a cat trapped in a tree. Alonzo climbed the tree and brought the cat down to the ground.



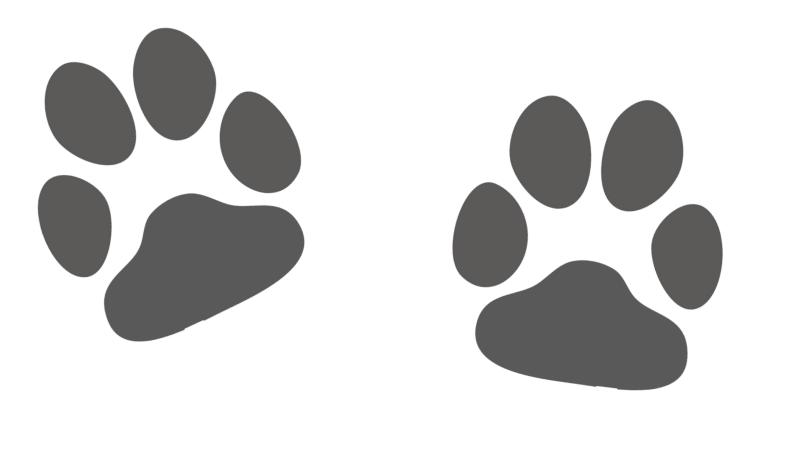
Ana decided in that moment that she wanted to be a firefighter.



Ana is now 25 and a happy firefighter. Alonzo is a rescue dog and helps her. Together they help people that are in danger.



Ana and Alonzo had horrible accidents that caused their scars, but they don't resent anything because they were able to find themselves through the scars. Instead of being depressed, they used their accidents as an inspiration to help others.



The End

