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ISLA'S JOURNEY RESCUE

Rescue the forgotten, heal the wounded, and connect each stray dog with a furever family — turning heartbreak into hope one wagging tail at a time.

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One-Page Summary

Animals in our publicly funded shelter are experiencing preventable suffering.

This is not due to lack of care from staff but from a systemic oversight failure affecting medical treatment, intake decisions, and return-to-owner processes.

The result is:

Treatable dogs and cats deteriorating in care.

Adoptable animals euthanized.

Owned pets lost due to procedural errors.

Volunteers and rescues afraid to speak up due to retaliation.

Case Summaries

GREYSON – Cane Corso, young, underweight, fearful
Needed medical stabilization and slow handling but deteriorated under stress.

Why this matters: Treatable behavioral and medical issues became fatal due to lack of individualized care.

CUDDLES – Heartworm-positive, had confirmed adopter
Euthanized despite a ready home and a treatment plan.
Why this matters: Reflects a policy failure, not an animal failure.

SIR NACHO – Senior, emaciated, painful entropion, euthanized
Initially treatable; partial care provided, but no consistent medical management or pain control.
Why this matters: A treatable dog became “unhealthy/untreatable” inside the system—proof of care-continuity failure.

SNOWFLAKE – Owned indoor cat, 6 months old
Spayed, ear-tipped, and released outdoors before her family was notified.
Still missing.
Why this matters: No family should lose a pet due to a government error.

Budget Accountability

Category	Amount Allocated	Issue
Pharmaceuticals	~\$500,000	HW-positive dogs and sick cats untreated
Food	~\$90,000	Shelter relies on public donations

Not a funding problem — an oversight problem.

Oversight & Transparency Request

1. Independent audit of medical and operational practices.
2. Formation of a Community Oversight Council including veterinarians, rescues, and residents.

This is about accountability, not blame. Oversight saves lives.

Contact & Follow-Up

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Thank-You

Thank you for your time and commitment to the welfare of
Brevard County's animals.

THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SAFE HERE.



Greyson



Cuddles



Sir Nacho



Snowflake



Peaches
Young
Melbourne, FL
Peaches



Neck Wound Cat