

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.

Public Comment

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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



Showflake



Peaches

