



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025011

CEER #2025011 titled SPCA of Brevard or Humane Society manage county animal shelter, was received by the County from Lynn Miraglia.

Citizen Statement:

~ Less capacity for sheltering animals humanely. The north shelter was closed but nothing was done at the south shelter to handle the extra intake to that facility.

~ Erroneous data on a report that is used to determine the monthly live outcome. *

~ Returning friendly cats and kitten to habitat without giving them an opportunity to be adopted even when there are very few cats in the facility.

~ Not working well with rescue partners and volunteers who are willing to take cats scheduled to be released to habitat

~ Does not utilize database software to best functionality and as a result not all stray intake shows in a timely manner on public website

~ Open record requests often take over 30 business days to respond to.

~ No initiation of the sterilization program (County Ordinance Section 12-76 from 2018) which is to assist low cost pet sterilization for people with limited financial means.

(*) note files 2024_02, 03 and 04 with negative numbers as cat inventory which is impossible. Notice that 2024_09 beginning inventory does not reflect ending inventory in the 2024_08 report. No quality control of data since they are not held accountable.

Citizen Recommendation:

SPCA of Brevard and Brevard Humane Society have the required experience to run an animal shelter correctly. Having either of those organizations running the shelter would benefit the lives of the animals in the care of the county while being held in the shelter. Both organizations have shown the skills of reaching out to the community with programs that help citizens and their pets. Either org would be more accountable for what their data shows than the current



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management. This would give the public more certainty that the data produced is accurate and timely

Staff Analysis:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office on 2/17/25.

Staff Recommended Action:

Pursuant to BCC-95, Section III.C.2, the County Manager summarily recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025011 as Brevard County Animal Shelters are not under the Board's jurisdiction.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 3:46 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026011

Recommendation # 2026011

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026011 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026011
Recommendation Title	SPCA of Brevard or Brevard Humane Society manage county animal shelter.
Areas Affected	Animal shelter part of Animal Services
Department Affected	
Current problem	<p>~ Less capacity for sheltering animals humanely. The north shelter was closed but nothing was done at the south shelter to handle the extra intake to that facility. ~ Erroneous data on a report that is used to determine the monthly live outcome. * ~ Returning friendly cats and kitten to habitat without giving them an opportunity to be adopted even when there are very few cats in the facility. ~ Not working well with rescue partners and volunteers who are willing to take cats scheduled to be released to habitat ~ Does not utilize database software to best functionality and as a result not all stray intake shows in a timely manner on public website ~ Open record requests often take over 30 business days to respond to. ~ No initiation of the sterilization program (County Ordinance Section 12-76 from 2018) which is to assist low cost pet sterilization for people with limited financial means. (*) note files 2024_02, 03 and 04 with negative numbers as cat inventory which is impossible. Notice that 2024_09 beginning inventory does not reflect ending inventory in the 2024_08 report. No quality control of data since they are not held accountable.</p>

Recommendation

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Attachments

2024_02_and_03_BasicMatrix.pdf
2024_04_BasicMatrix.pdf
2024_08_BasicMatrix.pdf
2024_09_BasicMatrix.pdf

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES
BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX
(vrs 6_13_2011)

Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 2/1/2024	134	116	-5	114	359
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	146	10	158	35	349
C	Relinquished by Owner	0	0	0	0	0
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	3	0	1	0	4
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	22	0	3	0	25
G	TOTAL INTAKE	171	10	162	35	378
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	82	6	29	30	147
I	Returned to Owner	77	0	9	1	87
J	Transferred to another Agency	16	6	32	26	80
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	67	2	69
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	175	12	137	59	383
M	Died in Care	2	0	2	1	5
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	1	0	1
O	Shelter Euthanasia	6	0	19	0	25
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	3	0	1	0	4
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	186	12	160	60	418
Q	Ending Shelter Count 2/29/2024	119	114	-3	89	319

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G	737
R plus Q	737

SAVE RATE:	95.24%	100.00%	86.34%	97.14%	91.71%
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Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 3/1/2024	119	114	-3	89	319
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	145	22	142	44	353
C	Relinquished by Owner	2	0	0	0	2
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	2	0	0	0	2
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	1	0	1
F	Other Intakes	18	0	3	1	22
G	TOTAL INTAKE	167	22	146	45	380
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	75	2	25	12	114
I	Returned to Owner	70	5	6	0	81
J	Transferred to another Agency	10	4	39	27	80
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	64	4	68
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	155	11	134	43	343
M	Died in Care	0	0	0	2	2
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	6	0	16	2	24
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	2	0	0	0	2
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	163	11	150	47	371
Q	Ending Shelter Count 3/31/2024	123	125	-7	87	328

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G
R plus Q

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SAVE RATE:	96.36%	100.00%	89.04%	91.11%	93.12%
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Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count April 1,2024	123	125	-7	87	328
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	123	5	131	107	366
C	Relinquished by Owner	4	0	0	0	4
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	1
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	28	2	2	1	33
G	TOTAL INTAKE	156	7	133	108	404
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	66	7	27	13	113
I	Returned to Owner	50	5	9	0	64
J	Transferred to another Agency	10	3	22	69	104
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	55	1	56
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	126	15	113	83	337
M	Died in Care	3	0	3	2	8
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	1	0	18	1	20
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	4	0	0	0	4
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	134	15	134	86	369
Q	Ending Shelter Count April 30, 2024	145	117	-8	109	363

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G 732
R plus Q 732

SAVE RATE:	97.37%	100.00%	84.21%	97.22%	93.00%
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Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 8/1/2024	188	182	15	185	570
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	128	6	125	166	425
C	Relinquished by Owner	1	0	0	0	1
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	1
E	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0
F	Other Intakes	17	2	1	1	21
G	TOTAL INTAKE	147	8	126	167	448
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	81	8	33	130	252
I	Returned to Owner	65	0	4	0	69
J	Transferred to another Agency	10	11	18	58	97
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	80	20	100
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	156	19	135	208	518
M	Died in Care	0	0	2	9	11
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	3	0	18	9	30
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	1
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	160	19	155	226	560
Q	Ending Shelter Count 8/31/2024	175	171	-14	126	458

Note: To check your statistics and calculations - A plus G minus R should equal Q

A plus G

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R plus Q

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SAVE RATE:	97.95%	100.00%	84.13%	89.22%	90.83%
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Species By Age		Canine		Feline		Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	
A	Beginning Animal Count 9/1/2024	188	182	15	185	570
Intake						
B	Stray/At Large	149	11	90	91	341
C	Relinquished by Owner	0	0	0	0	0
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
E	Transferred in from Agency	1	0	0	0	1
F	Other Intakes	17	2	1	2	22
G	TOTAL INTAKE	167	13	91	93	364
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	65	6	17	64	152
I	Returned to Owner	77	1	3	0	81
J	Transferred to another Agency	20	3	18	71	112
K	Other Live Outcome	0	0	38	6	44
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	162	10	76	141	389
M	Died in Care	0	0	0	6	6
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0
O	Shelter Euthanasia	1	2	14	5	22
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	163	12	90	152	417
Q	Ending Shelter Count 9/30/2024	192	183	16	126	517

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A plus G	934
R plus Q	934

SAVE RATE:	99.40%	84.62%	84.62%	88.17%	92.31%
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