

FOR THE ANIMALS

The Pets' Trust Miami is encouraging animal advocates to attend a rally at 3 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Government Center in downtown Miami, where Miami-Dade county commissioners will discuss the 2023-2024 budget. Residents can voice their suggestions.

You'd have to have your head in the sand if you haven't heard how tragic our stray animal situation is, "a crisis every day" said former Animal Shelter Director Bronwyn Stanford.

For over a decade, elected officials have not honored the votes of almost 500,000 people or 65% of the voters, who agreed to a small tax increase to fund a simple, 11-page plan focused on sterilizing animals to reduce their reproduction. The Pets' Trust Plan has never been implemented. Flash forward 10 years, there's "a crisis everyday". The county's words, not ours.

Thursday, we are going

to ask the County Commission to finally jumpstart the plan by advancing \$10 million dollars now, to immediately get started on what residents voted for. When the plan is fully funded next year, the county can pay back this advance.

The Pets' Trust Miami does not get any money under the Plan.

The funds stay with the county, under the control of the commission, which decides if expenditures requested by the advisory board are acceptable. The advisory board will be made up of volunteers from the community who are invested in animal causes, with some selections picked by the mayor and commissioners.

Go to PetsTrustMiami.com to read our plan,

watch the Herald-sponsored documentary about it and learn the truth.

- Michael Rosenberg,
co-founder,
The Pets' Trust Miami