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Bronwyn Stanford, Miami-Dade County's new Animal Services director, pauses after her appointment was presented to the County Commission on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021.

Animals lose an advocate

Our community had the good fortune to briefly have Bronwyn Stanford as director of Miami-Dade Animal Services Pet Adoption and Protection Center operations. Two weeks ago, she was pressured to resign — the final step in a legal entanglement brewing amid allegations from a prominent socialite and a few disgruntled shelter employees.

Animal activists, rescues, trappers, shelter staff

and animal volunteers lost a champion who listened and responded to them. She created new initiatives to help animals, participated in community events and worked tirelessly to further the cause of animal welfare. Many who work and deeply care for the animals are already feeling the impact.

— Maria Lopez,
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