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Herschel Wiley, Manager
Sumter County Animal Services

Via e-mail: Herschel.wiley@sumtercountyfl.gov

Dear Mr. Wiley,

Thank you for speaking with me today regarding a video sent to PETA that purportedly shows a dog who died at the shelter after three days without medical care. In case you would like to review it, the video can be found here:

https://www.facebook.com/125922124697967/videos/125949071361939/?hc_ref=ARQFscD3VY4HINA76ERWTWAx6FX3

We appreciate your assurance that animals in the county's care and custody are provided timely medical care when needed.

We're also writing to thank you and the shelter staff for the county's commitment to ensuring the facility will continue to be an "open-admission" facility (one which never turns away the community's stray and unwanted animals). No one wants to euthanize animals, of course; but there are far more animals than there are homes available for them, as you're aware, and euthanasia is often a heartbreak reality for shelters that accept every animal in need. The alternative for unwanted animals is typically a waiting list at a shelter that can't or won't accept them—which is almost always the case at shelters with "no-kill" or restrictive admission policies—or simply being turned away to meet a cruel fate (especially animals considered by some shelters to be "unadoptable"). Animals can and do suffer at the hands of those who don't want or can't keep them, and they need shelters that will take them in, no questions asked, and provide a painless end when needed, instead of turning them away, hoarding them, or leaving them to suffer. The consequences of "no kill" policies [are deadly](#).

The answer to the dog and cat overpopulation crisis is prevention, through meaningful spay-neuter laws and programs that make the procedure easily accessible to every animal guardian/caretaker. As well, we encourage you to browse PETA's website for additional information about [animal shelters](#), so-called "[no kill](#)" policies, and PETA's [Community Animal Project](#).

Thank you for your time and attention, and especially for standing firmly for your community's animals. Should you have any questions, please contact me at JenniferB@peta.org.

Sincerely yours,

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