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TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is a letter commending In Defense of Animals (IDA) for aiding Benton County with animal related issues the last four years. We have no animal control and no humane society. IDA representative, Doll Stanley-Branscum, has greatly aided us in cases of neglect and cruelty. In several cases IDA handled the entire matter.

Because we have no shelter or veterinarian willing to care for seized and abandoned animals, IDA transported animals to the veterinarians that work with them. Those that could be saved were placed through IDA's Project Hope Sanctuary.

I hope this letter will be of benefit to IDA in obtaining the support needed to continue their vital work. Their efforts not only bring relief to suffering animals but aid community leaders in working out humane ways to resolve the problems we face when animals are injured, cruelly treated and abandoned. It is very satisfying to be able to tell citizens who report neglect and cruelty that we can resolve such cases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Moffitt".

Sheriff Jerry Moffitt
Benton County, Mississippi