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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners we are writing to express our support for Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter's (YVAS) campaign to raise funds for a privately funded facility that is desperately needed for our community.

In recent years it has become increasingly apparent that the current YVAS shelter has exceeded their capacity. With YVAS being the largest and busiest shelter in Montana helping over 5,000 lost and homeless animals annually, they are in need of a shelter that reflects the growing population of Yellowstone County.

Many of the necessary upgrades for the new facility are required to continue serving the animals they house. Notably, the current shelter lacks many essentials, such as natural light for the animals, an overhead fire-suppression system, proper ventilation, and many other spaces that lack functionality for their current needs.

YVAS has been instrumental to Yellowstone County helping to shelter many animals brought in by the Yellowstone County Sheriff's office. It is important to keep these services going and to give YVAS the right space to continue these services.

YVAS has been an invaluable resource to our community for the last 15 years. The support of our community is crucial for this campaign to allow YVAS to continue serving our community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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