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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for shining a light on the ongoing crisis within Riverside County animal services. As a volunteer at the Coachella Campus, I am writing to echo the urgency of this situation and add context from the ground.

The shelter is critically overcapacity. Kennels are packed, and dogs are frequently housed together in unsafe conditions that elevate stress and can lead to fights. A key contributing factor is the delay in spay/neuter surgeries, which limits the dogs' ability to be adopted or transferred in a timely manner. The shelter's effort to avoid euthanasia for healthy, adoptable dogs is admirable—but "kennel stacking" is a deeply flawed and dangerous solution.

Riverside County has the funds to do more: build more kennels, host more S/N events, publicly ask for fosters (pay them). This crisis needs immediate attention. Do not kill for space. It's cruel, inhumane, and just plain disgusting.

Sincerely, Cecilia Ellis

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