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Local Animal Shelter in Desperate Need of Help Rehoming Pets

More than 200 pets are in need of homes, fosters, or rescue due to no-kill shelter zoning issue

Coarsegold, CA: Innocent Angels Sanctuary is a non-profit, no-kill shelter for dogs and cats located just two miles past Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino in Coarsegold, CA. The shelter was in need of expansion as it currently houses more than 140 dogs and 70 cats, so founder Emma Kormos used her own savings to purchase a property outside of Clovis to relocate the shelter and the animals into larger and more suitable housing. Unfortunately, the zoning of this new property was later discovered to be one that does not allow more than four dogs. Kormos was forced to sell the new property at a staggering loss of around \$400,000. In addition, it was discovered that the current shelter also was located on land with the same zoning issue. On top of this, several new puppies taken in by the shelter had to be hospitalized for parvovirus, with a vet bill nearing \$40,000. "All of our financial reserves are disappearing so fast," said Kormos. "I'm afraid that within just a few weeks we will have zero money, and then how can I feed them? How can I take them to the vet? We need the money."

Emma and the Innocent Angels Sanctuary volunteers have been working with Madera Animal Control to try to adopt out as many pets as possible before they are removed to an uncertain fate at an animal control shelter. As Innocent Angels Sanctuary is a no-kill shelter, and several of the pets in the shelter's care are older or have special needs, the prospect of these pets being euthanized for lack of space after having survived their days on the streets is devastating.

To combat this issue, Innocent Angels Sanctuary is asking the public, the media, and other animal shelters in California to assist in the following ways:

- **Adopt a new shelter pet** - Adoption fees have been waived but potential adopters will still need to pass the adoption application process. Photos and profiles of the pets are in the process of being added to [PetFinder](#) and the Innocent Angels Sanctuary website at www.innocentangelssanctuary.org. Potential adopters can also call our shelter to visit and see if any of the pets are the right fit for their family. Innocent Angels Sanctuary will also be joining other animal rescues at [Super Adoption](#) on August 26th from 9am-2pm at Valley Animal Center as part of the #cleartheselters movement.
- **Other shelters or rescue organizations can help** by taking in some of the pets, especially those that are harder to adopt out due to age, breed, or special needs. Even taking in one pet can save a life.
- **Media organizations can help spread the word** - Potential adopters and rescues will be able to learn about the shelter's plight and help us save our animal friends.
- **Donations can be made** through the shelter's GoFundMe account at www.gofundme.com/innocentangels to help provide food and veterinary care to shelter pets, as well as to assist us in finding land and building a new shelter with the appropriate zoning to move to where we can continue our work to help homeless pets in the Central Valley.

Kormos said that pets have often been abandoned outside of the shelter over the years, leading to the influx of animals. "They just get dumped in the front and I ended up with too many, way too many. And we need to find them homes asap."

About Innocent Angels Sanctuary: [Innocent Angels Sanctuary](#) serves Fresno and Madera counties by assisting with the homeless pet population by rescuing and rehoming the pets that cross their path. This includes providing a safe haven for any sick, injured, abandoned, or abused pets. The pets are housed at the shelter, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and provided any veterinary care needed until they are available for adoption to new loving families.

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