

Hi, My name is Blanche Wallace + I've been a volunteer @ the shelter for close to 13 yrs. Taking pix + helping find Rescue for dogs/puppies; cats/kittens. We watched what we've posted over the years to try to prevent bad publicity for the pound + workers. Recently we had an issue with dogs being euthanized that had rescue and had to notify the ~~mother~~ rescue that they'd been put down. We had a meeting with Kirk Smith + thought we had resolve some of the issue. Rescue had ~~save~~ saved a lot of dogs + cats from being put down (100's - 1000<sup>over</sup>) We also provided food. According to the records provided by Kirk Smith, the county has only had to buy food 2x in 13yrs. + now

3 times. We know as a rescue, that we can't save them all. Especially the bully breeds: dogs that aren't dog or people friendly. After the recent meeting with Kirk Smith, I asked about the dogs put inside since we were about to have that very cold snap. And he refused. He said the building was as cold as it was outside. When we went by the pound to take pix. All the dogs were outside & there were extra heaters on with the cabinet doors open. The pound was warmer than I've ever felt it in all the years that I've been going, so I sent him a text. And I've brought a copy of the text. He also text me screenshots & post

I'd shared that didn't mention the pound, but how it was abuse + neglect to leave dogs outside in that weather. His over the EMT + also posted about bringing pets in but yet he refused to bring the pound dogs inside. I feel that by sending me those text he was trying to intimidate me. I have been an advocate for the shelter dogs/cats + we've saved a lot of lives + I've had concerns in the past but kept my mouth shut for fear of being banned from the pound like others that's talked to animal advocate groups. But when the EMA post on his page about bringing pets inside but refuses to bring the

pound into a warm building that  
was built for them, And the public  
is asking are they being taken care  
of, I felt like I had let the dog  
& community supporters down if  
I didn't fight for them. I think  
the county employees forget who  
pay taxes & their salary.