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Friendship Lesson: Even when everypony doubts her, Fluttershy believes in the strength of her own ideas.

TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1- INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE- MORNING

Epic "Chariots of Fire" style music plays. A close-up shot of a HELMET. We zoom out to reveal that it's owner is ANGEL BUNNY. He stretches, crouches down, readies himself. Angel springs to action, launching himself around the perimeter of the room. It's bunny parkour!

FLuttershy stands in the middle, eyes following him in awe. Angel hops and flips-- over the furniture, swinging on a lamp, darting through a few stacks of books.

1 FLUTTERSHY
(wincing)
Oooo, be careful!

Angel climbs a teetering tower of BIRDHOUSES. He nearly makes it to the top, when he slips and falls. The birdhouses collapse onto him with a clatter. Fluttershy rushes over.

2 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(flustered)
Are you okay, Angel?

Angel emerges from the rubble, crying elephant tears and holding up his hurt foot. It's throbbing and red.

3 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I knew that a little bunny entering the Ponyville Paw-Kour contest was a dangerous idea.

She goes to her FIRST AID CUPBOARD and opens it to reveal it is full of CRITTER MEDICAL SUPPLIES (such as the tiny wheelchair in Ep. 122, gauze, etc). Fluttershy searches high and low. But nothing to help Angel.

4 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh dear. I'm all out of bunny foot braces. I think we need to pay a visit to Dr. Fauna...

SC. 2- INT. DR. FAUNA'S OFFICE- HALLWAY- SHORTLY AFTER

Fluttershy pulls the injured Angel in a wagon, with his bad foot sticking out, as they arrive at the VET'S OFFICE. She tries to open the front DOOR but it won't budge. Fluttershy frowns.

5 FLUTTERSHY
(to Angel)
I was sure that she would be here today...

Angel shrugs. Fluttershy knocks on the door.

6 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Hello? Is anypony there?

7 DR. FAUNA (O.S.)
(looking through peep hole in door)
Fluttershy? Am I glad to see you!

Fluttershy pulls on the door.

8 FLUTTERSHY
I wish I could say the same, but the door is stuck so, I um... can't see you.

The door swings open to reveal a bunch of CRITTERS (some mice, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, etc) standing in the doorway. A few CHIPMUNKS fall towards Fluttershy and land at her hooves. They nuzzle her. Angel pouts.

Standing in the doorway is a distraught DR. FAUNA (the vet pony from Ep. 210). Dr. Fauna points to Angel Bunny's foot.

9 DR. FAUNA
Ooh. Somebunny hurt his foot! Let's bandage that up so he can get back home. I don't think I can take in even one more critter right now.

At this, a BABY GIRAFFE appears and walks straight into the building. As soon as he's in, a few critters spill out.

10 FLUTTERSHY
Oh dear.

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES.

ACT 1

SC 3- INT. DR. FAUNA'S OFFICE- DAY

Fluttershy looks around in awe. The office is busy with activity. We see a few other animals scrambling around the cramped office, playing with the equipment and each other. It's not an easy environment for Dr. Fauna to work! A FRUIT BAT flies over and sits on her head. She doesn't notice.

Angel Bunny sits on the EXAMINATION TABLE. Dr. Fauna wraps Angel's foot in a BLUE CAST.

11 FLUTTERSHY
You really have your hooves full here.

12 DR. FAUNA
This place is like a zoo! Then again, it's normally like that but still... I can't keep up!

She is about to apply a piece of GAUZE when a bird a swoops in, steals it, and takes it to the nest it has built on a high corner SHELF (Note: the nest should be colorful from all the unnatural materials it has stolen like the gauze, mixed with leaves, etc). They've tried to bring nature inside and it's not working.

Without missing a beat, Dr. Fauna picks up another piece of gauze and tries again, used to this by now. She finishes the cast and passes Angel a pair of BUNNY CRUTCHES.

13 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
(in a baby voice- same as Ep. 210)
Now does my favorite wittle bunny want a carrot-pop?

Angel shakes his head "no". He grumpily takes the crutches. Dr. Fauna lifts him down from the table and he hobbles away.

14 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
That's okay. I think the goats ate all of them, anyway.

15 FLUTTERSHY
I just can't believe all these poor little animals are hurt!
(concerned)
What <u>happened</u>?

Dr. Fauna shrugs.

16 DR. FAUNA
I'm flummoxed! Everyday, there are more and more animals on my doorstep. Most of them just have minor ailments-- hurt wings, stuffy noses, and such.

She points at a family of perfectly healthy KOALAS. They are eating LEAVES from a HOUSEPLANT. They are smiling.

17 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
But the trouble is... even after they are all healed up, I can't seem to get these comfy critters to leave!

At this, a giant BROWN BEAR walks past, wearing a SHOWER CAP and a TOWEL around his body.

18 FLUTTERSHY
They <u>do</u> seem at home here.

19 DR. FAUNA
I wonder why they chose to flock to my office. It just doesn't make sense.

20 FLUTTERSHY
Don't be silly, Dr. Fauna. You are the best Vet Pony in Equestria! At least that's what I've been telling everypony...

Fluttershy's eyes widen in realization.

21 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no! Do you suppose it's my fault? Maybe I <u>shouldn't</u> have told those migrating birds to tweet your name everywhere they flew.

Dr. Fauna's face falls.

22 DR. FAUNA
You did what?

23 FLUTTERSHY
I didn't mean for this to happen. I just know animals feel safe and happy under your care.

Dr. Fauna cracks a tiny smile.

24 DR. FAUNA
Normally, I don't mind if a snake wants to slither in or a raccoon needs a rest. But now there's so many, I have no space to treat any injured animals!

25 FLUTTERSHY
That <u>is</u> a big problem.

Fluttershy breaks out into an excited smile.

26 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
That I'm going to fix it for you! I already have the perfect solution that'll make the critters happy and give you more space!

Fluttershy pats two DUCKS, then a GOOSE on their heads. They quack, or honk, respectively.

27 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Then you'll have <u>all</u> your ducks in a row.

Dr. Fauna CHUCKLES as she gestures to the row of ducks.

28 DR. FAUNA
You really do have a way with animals!

Behind Fluttershy (note: she is facing away from the door), we see the baby giraffe has just bent his head down and entered through the office door. He leans across the room, bending his neck to the houseplant the koalas were eating from earlier. He takes a bite and chews. His body takes up a huge amount of space!

Fluttershy and Dr. Fauna exchange a shocked look.

29 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
The sooner, the better!

30 FLUTTERSHY
I'm on it.

Off Fluttershy's determined face...

SC 4- INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - LATER

The MANE 6 and SPIKE are gathered, along with Fluttershy's usual animal posse. Fluttershy paces back and forth, talking and gesturing in a much more enthusiastic manner than usual.

31 FLUTTERSHY
Dr. Fauna needs my help with a serious problem.

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
A friendship problem?

33 FLUTTERSHY
No. Her vet clinic is a bit maybe um... overrun with adorable critters in dire need of a safe place to lay their heads and...

Fluttershy pauses for dramatic effect.

34 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
...they don't have anywhere to go!

Fluttershy's animal friends all make shocked faces. The horror! The Mane 6 aren't quite as appalled, but still appear supportive.

35 RARITY
Why, that's just awful.

36 FLUTTERSHY
(distressed)
I know!

37 APPLEJACK
(nodding)
Dr. Fauna's always fixin' Winona up when she ain't feelin' too fine, so helpin' her out is A-OK by me.

38 PONY WALLA
Yeah!/Me too!/Okay!

Fluttershy brightens.

39 FLUTTERSHY
That's great news-- because it means you'll all be helping <u>me</u> with something special, too. Something that's been a dream of mine for a long time...

The Mane 6 all exchange looks. What could this be? Fluttershy has secret long-time dreams?

40 PINKIE PIE
Oh, goody! Is your dream to make a bouncy castle shaped like a gigantic bundt cake?

41 FLUTTERSHY
No... not exactly.

42 PINKIE PIE
(shrugging)
Oh, just me then.

43 RAINBOW DASH
So what is it, Fluttershy? Spill!

Fluttershy becomes wistful and dreamy-eyed. She sits down and as she speaks, a few birds flock to her like a Disney princess.

44 FLUTTERSHY
My dream is to build a real animal sanctuary. A beautiful habitat where every animal, whether they are sick... Or scared...

A mouse scrambles up her back and hides in her mane.

45 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Or even just <u>lonely</u>...

We see HARRY THE BEAR hang his head and look at the floor. He sniffs.

Fluttershy stands, looking off into the distance. She's triumphant as she delivers the end of her speech.

46 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Feathered or furry, scaly or slimy, every critter would be welcome. My sanctuary can be the one place in Equestria they call home til they feel ready to take on the world!

A brown BUNNY wipes away a single tear from his face. The animals erupt in chirping and chatter as if it is applause.

47 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(smiling)
Wow, Fluttershy. I've never heard you speak with such conviction.

48 RARITY
It was exquisite!

49 RAINBOW DASH
Pretty awesome.

50 FLUTTERSHY
(blushing)
Thank you everypony. You've all taught me so much about building my confidence over the years. It's because of your friendship that I finally feel able to make my dream project a reality.

The Mane 6 all smile back at her, proud. She's come a long way from the scared little pony they first met.

51 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
But I still can't build the sanctuary alone. Will you join me?

52 PONY WALLA
Definitely!/You got it./Yeah!

53 APPLEJACK
I'm happy to offer my extra hooves to ya!

Applejack scratches her chin with her hoof.

54 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
But come to think of it, I actually know a fella who'd be more help than I would. He's a friend of mine from Winona's sheep herdin' competitions--Wrangler. He's an <u>expert</u> in animal enclosures!

55 FLUTTERSHY
How lovely.

56 PINKIE PIE
Ooo! Ooo! I know somepony, too! Hard Hat is the best construction pony in Ponyville. He can build anything you could ever, ever want!

57 RAINBOW DASH
(joking)
Like a bundt cake bouncy castle?

Pinkie Pie's eyes widen in realization.

58 PINKIE PIE
Um. I'll be right back!

Pinkie darts away.

59 RARITY
Hearing you all mention these experts reminded me that I, too, have the perfect pony to help capture the essence of your vision. To give it some style, some flair!

60 FLUTTERSHY
Is it you, Rarity?

Rarity giggles, clearly flattered.

61 RARITY
No, no. I was referring to the premiere interior designer of the Canterlot Elite-- Dandy Grandeur. I employed his consultation services when I was setting up my Canterlot boutique. I know he would be thrilled to work with you!

62 FLUTTERSHY
Wow, everypony! Thank you. I can't wait to meet all of them and hear their ideas.

Pinkie returns, huffing and puffing.

63 PINKIE PIE
Well, <u>that's</u> done. Where were we?

64 FLUTTERSHY
We're right on track to building the most wonderful sanctuary in Equestria.

Off Fluttershy's beaming face...

CUT TO:

SC 5- FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE- LIVING ROOM- THE NEXT DAY

Hard Hat-- the construction pony from Ep. 412, DANDY GRANDEUR-- a fancy Canterlot-type, and WRANGLER-- a cowpony, all sit stiff on Fluttershy's sofa, sipping tea.

A brown bunny, dressed in a BOWTIE, lifts a tray of CUCUMBER SANDWICHES to the group. They each hesitantly take one. The only one who looks at ease is Dandy Grandeur.

65 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you, Rupert!

Rupert bows. Fluttershy clears her throat and becomes very "Business-Pony".

66 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
It's wonderful that you all could join me to discuss the Ponyville sanctuary project today. My friends have such nice things to say about each of your talents! This is a big project, so I'm happy to have such experienced ponies working on it with me.

Hard Hat, Dandy, and Wrangler all nod. They seem excited as well.

67 DANDY GRANDEUR
Rarity has impeccable taste in design <u>and</u> friends. So I can't wait to work with you, <u>you know?</u>

68 FLUTTERSHY
I--I think so.

Wrangler tips his hat.

69 WRANGLER
I'm just lookin' forward to helpin' ya out, ma'am. And the animals.

70 FLUTTERSHY
Of course.

71 HARD HAT
So, uh... Pinkie Pie said you drew up some blueprints?

Fluttershy blushes.

72 FLUTTERSHY
Not exactly, it's more of a "dream-board."
(blushing)
I've never shown it to anypony before.

Fluttershy procures a beautiful POSTER-BOARD with detailed sketches of animal environments. There are curated clippings tacked to it, along with LEAF and TWIG samples glued on. Some drawings of a bed/nest hybrids. It's basically the ultimate pony Pinterest page. Very well thought-out. This is the most Twilight-esque Fluttershy has ever been.

73 HARD HAT
That sure doesn't look like an animal hospital.

74 FLUTTERSHY
That's because it's not. It's a <u>sanctuary</u>. A place that is safe but not restrictive, cozy but natural. A place where the animals can come and go as they please.

As Fluttershy describes her dream, butterflies float by her head as she looks off into the distance, enchanted with her idea.

ANGLE ON the specialist ponies all exchange a baffled look. This is clearly <u>not</u> what they thought they were signing up for.

75 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
So... can you build it?

Off the specialist ponies forcing their smiles and uncomfortably shooing butterflies away we...

END ACT ONE.

ACT 2

SC 6 - EXT. EDGE OF PONYVILLE PARK - DAY

We see Fluttershy's hoof holding a rough SANCTUARY SKETCH. In it, there are lots of trees, rocks, etc. A little pool and few hammocks. Very natural, but intentional.

76 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
I want the sanctuary to have an open floor plan...

The sketch is pulled away to reveal the actual site-- just an open field of grass with thick trees/forest behind it. Pure potential!

Fluttershy and Hard Hat stand with Pinkie Pie. They survey the site. Fluttershy seems eager and confident. She motions to the empty field.

77 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
No walls, more like an enclosure that melts into the trees, with a gate in the back. That way, the animals can return to the forest right when they feel ready.

78 PINKIE PIE
Sneaky! I like it.

Fluttershy smiles. Hard Hat is unsure of this plan.

79 HARD HAT
You know, I designed the Ponyville Hospital. I could do the exact same thing right here. I still have the blueprints. (then) Though it'll take a while to clear all these trees...

Hard Hat motions to the beautiful natural state of the land-- the whole reason Fluttershy loves it.

80 FLUTTERSHY
But I don't want to *clear* the trees. I want to *use* them.

81 HARD HAT
Are you sure? What you're talking about doesn't really seem like a cohesive structure. Or any structure I'm familiar with.

82 FLUTTERSHY
It shouldn't be. Critters don't live the same way ponies do.

Off Hard Hat's questioning glance:

83 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I know this is unconventional, but that's because we're trying to do something that's never been done before. And I really believe it will work.

Hard Hat shrugs and squints at the field, trying to envision Fluttershy's plan. He nods.

84 HARD HAT
Alright, then. I'll see what I can do.

Hard Hat trots off. Pinkie Pie grins.

85 PINKIE PIE
See, Fluttershy? Whatever you want!

86 FLUTTERSHY
(satisfied)
Good.

Fluttershy exits with a smile on her face and Pinkie Pie follows her.

ANGLE ON Hard Hat, trotting over to his CONSTRUCTION PONIES.

87 HARD HAT
(genuine) I know she thinks knows what's best, but once she sees how much better it works with these plans, she'll thank us.

He pulls some OLD BLUEPRINTS out of his toolkit. (NOTE: They are the ones for the Ponyville Hospital) and hands them to the construction ponies. They nod and get to work.

SC 7 EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

Rarity and Fluttershy sit next to each other. OPALESCENCE sits at their hooves. Dandy Grandeur stands facing them. He holds up two SWATCHES OF FABRIC. They are both brightly colored (orange, neon pink), but one is patterned.

88 DANDY GRANDEUR
Which one you like for the window treatments?

89 RARITY
(pointing towards the busier fabric)
I am loving the print on those!

90 FLUTTERSHY
Um... not to be rude, but there must be some mistake. We have no need for curtains at the sanctuary.

91 DANDY GRANDEUR
Why ever not?

Fluttershy holds up the DRAWING.

92 FLUTTERSHY
(smiling/sincere)
Everything is going to look natural in the animal habitats, not like it was made for ponies.

93 DANDY GRANDEUR
All those shades of brown and green? But... they're so drab. You know?

Dandy Grandeur chuckles. Fluttershy looks baffled.

94 FLUTTERSHY
(appalled)
Drab? You mean... the colors of trees?

95 DANDY GRANDEUR
Exactly! The "natural" look is not in right now. This is better, trust me.

Fluttershy shakes her head "no".

96 FLUTTERSHY
I appreciate your input, but I just know the animals would be happiest with dirt brown pillows and leaf green accents.

97 DANDY GRANDEUR
I'll look into it.

Fluttershy exits. Dandy Grandeur stares at his swatches, taken aback by Fluttershy's firm position. Rarity laughs and shrugs.

98 RARITY
When a client has a vision...!

Rarity trots away.

99 DANDY GRANDEUR
(genuine; to himself)
Sometimes they need me to steer them away from it.

We see Dandy hold up the loud, patterned piece of fabric and nod in satisfaction.

100 DANDY GRANDEUR (CONT'D)
(shuddering)
Especially if its dirt brown.

SC 8 EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Fluttershy and Applejack pace around a CART FULL OF CAGES. It belongs to Wrangler, who stands next to them. Wrangler points to a large, wooden crate.

101 WRANGLER
And right there we got yer standard sheep travelin' cage. Fits two critters, dependin' on size.

Fluttershy frowns.

102 APPLEJACK
What is it, sugarcube?

103 FLUTTERSHY
I'm looking for something less like a cage... more like a nice hug. Maybe if we lose that part...

Fluttershy points to the wall of a cage.

104 WRANGLER
Well then it wouldn't be a cage.

105 FLUTTERSHY
Exactly! (then, seeing something) Ooh!

Fluttershy sees a little dome-shaped BASKET at the back. She brightens.

106 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
This the perfect base for a little nest. I'll take a bunch of these. And anything else the animals can burrow into.

107 WRANGLER
You sure you don't want something more secure for the critters?

108 APPLEJACK
He does have a point there. You wouldn't want a bunny wandering in the wrong cave, would ya?

Fluttershy bites her lip, thinking hard.

109 FLUTTERSHY
No cages. I want to give the animals the freedom to come and go, it's the only way they'll feel comfortable.

110 APPLEJACK
She's the boss!

But Wrangler doesn't look so convinced.

SC 9 EXT. EDGE OF THE PONYVILLE PARK- CONSTRUCTION SITE- DAY

Hard Hat directs the construction ponies as they hammer away at an unfinished wooden building structure (note: should be an exact shape of the Ponyville Hospital).

Dandy Grandeur trots around, toting ROLLS of BRIGHT FABRIC.

Wrangler unloads a shipment of MASSIVE CAGES with animal beds inside them.

Now instead of appearing as a peaceful nature reserve, the site looks like an animal prison.

Fluttershy walks through the site in utter disbelief/horror.

111 HARD HAT
(calling out)
Hey! What do you think, Fluttershy?
(grinning)
I told you we'd be fast! Almost finished with the building already!

Dandy Grandeur points to a window with orange curtains.

112 DANDY GRANDEUR
The color just <u>pops,</u> you know?

Wrangler opens the door of cage and motions to it with his hoof a la Vanna White.

113 WRANGLER
Quite roomy inside, really. And very safe!

The three expert ponies surround Fluttershy. They look so proud of themselves-- oblivious to what they have done by ignoring her.

114 DANDY GRANDEUR
Don't keep us waiting Fluttershy! Do you love it or do you love it?

115 FLUTTERSHY
I.. I...

Fluttershy looks to each of their expectant eyes.

116 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I don't love it. This isn't going to work at all!

Record scratch moment! Everypony stops working and looks up at the scene. Hard Hat, Dandy, and Wrangler look crestfallen.

Fluttershy walks up to the front door on the building. She points to the top.

117 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
A giraffe can't fit through this door...

Fluttershy in front the curtains.

118 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
With these curtains blocking the light, how are the birds going to sing in the sunshine?

Finally, she trots to one of the massive cages and steps inside.

119 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And <u>this</u> is the opposite of a nice hug!

The trio of experts look annoyed.

120 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I know you all worked hard, but none of you did anything I asked for.

121 HARD HAT
(scoffing)
That's not true! We *used* the trees just like you asked.

He knocks on a nearby piece of WOODEN PLANK with his hoof to prove the point.

122 DANDY GRANDEUR
And that curtain fabric is organic! It's got "natural" fibers.

123 WRANGLER
And I added pillows inside mah cages! That should count as feelin' like a hug.

Fluttershy takes out her crumpled drawing from her dream board.

124 FLUTTERSHY
I may not know much about construction, or interior design, or wrangling... but I am an expert at one thing-- the care of animals.
(getting really fired up)
And what animals need is a sanctuary, not this!

Dr. Fauna enters with a small group of animals: a bear, some raccoons, and the baby giraffe.

125 DR. FAUNA
Helloo! The animals have been so excited for the sanctuary, they couldn't wait any longer. Can we take a look inside?

126 FLUTTERSHY
Um actually, it's not ready--

But the animals rush towards the structure, go inside...

The GIRAFFE bumps his head on the DOORWAY. He shakes it off, then ducks below it.

The RACCOONS appear in the window, swinging on the curtains and trying to gnaw on them.

The BEAR accidentally walks into a CAGE and gets locked inside. When he realizes he's trapped, he starts rocking the cage in a panic until it overturns and the door swings open. The bear RUNS into the building full- force and causes a wall to collapse! Logs roll onto the ground and dirt is kicked up in a cloud.

DR. FAUNA
Oh no!

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ahhh!

The bear sits on the log-strewn floor, shaken but okay. Hard Hat shakes his head at the sorry scene. Dandy and Wrangler join him.

127 DANDY GRANDEUR
(snooty)
Maybe your “vision” wasn’t all it was cracked up to be, you know?

128 FLUTTERSHY
But this wasn’t what I wanted at all... I wanted a sanctuary. And none of you listened to me!

Fluttershy turns to Hard Hat, Dandy, and Wrangler. She gathers strength.

129 FLUTTERSHY (CONT’D)
So while I appreciate your efforts, I no longer require your services.

Hard Hat grunts. Dandy looks offended and Wrangler shrugs like “It’s your funeral.” The experts take off, leaving Fluttershy standing in front of the rubble and logs. The animals and Dr. Fauna surround her, looking sad.

What is Fluttershy gonna do now? Off Fluttershy’s worried face as we...

END ACT TWO.

ACT 3

SC 10 INT. DR. FAUNA’S OFFICE - A FEW DAYS LATER- NIGHT

Things are slightly more organized in the vet’s office. The animals are cooperating better and it is cleaner thanks to...

Fluttershy, who, tucks the otter into a small BED.

130 FLUTTERSHY
Sleep tight, little one.

She turns around and reaches up to place an ICE PACK on the BABY GIRAFFE’s head.

131 FLUTTERSHY (CONT’D)
(sad)
It’s going to be okay, I promise.

A trip of mice reach up for her, squeaking.

132 FLUTTERSHY (CONT’D)
Now, now. Everymouse has got to wait their turn.

She scoops them up and delivers them to a box lined with fabric. The mice snuggle in and fall asleep. Fluttershy sighs heavily.

133 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I'm so sorry. I thought I'd have a beautiful sanctuary for you all to stay in by now, but I put my trust in the wrong ponies.

Dr. Fauna appears next to her.

134 DR. FAUNA
It's okay, Fluttershy, I know you did your best. But we can make this work here. It'll be a bit...

She gestures to the animals settling down to sleep. With all of the makeshift beds, it looks like a grandma's living room at Christmas.

135 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
...tight, but with your help, we'll have these patients back on their paws in no time. Even without a sanctuary.

Fluttershy looks around, then a look of determination crosses her face.

136 FLUTTERSHY
(shouting)
No!

Dr. Fauna is taken aback.

137 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I won't give up! These animals need me and I'm going to solve this once and for all.

Fluttershy stands up tall and strong, finding her determination once more through her love for the animals.

She points down at a SLOTH hanging onto her hoof/leg (Ref: http://5newsonline.com/2016/01/25/stranded-sloth-prompts-adorable-highway-rescue/).

138 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
If this little lady can crawl all the way here from Western Equestria, I can find a way to build her a safe place to rest!

The animals erupt in cheers and squeaks. The tiny ones jump on the their “beds”. Dr. Fauna laughs.

139 FLUTTERSHY (CONT’D)
(giggling)
Oops, everyone back to sleep now.

CUT TO:

SC 11 INT. FLUTTERSHY’S COTTAGE - THE NEXT DAY

The Mane 6 and SPIKE sip tea, surrounded by animals. LOLA THE SLOTH still hangs on Fluttershy’s hoof. Fluttershy pats her on the head.

140 FLUTTERSHY
Thanks for coming, everypony. As you know, building the sanctuary didn’t go quite as planned...

141 PINKIE PIE
(agreeing)
I know, right? Who could have guessed that Hard Hat wouldn’t build whatever you want?

Pinkie shakes her head and sighs.

142 PINKIE PIE (CONT’D)
Now I have a garden shed shaped like a bundt cake! No bouncy castle for me.

143 RARITY
I must admit-- I’m a tad embarrassed myself. I never would have invited Dandy to help if I thought he’d act in such a manner.

Rarity looks down at her hooves.

144 APPLEJACK
(sheepish)
And Wrangler sure made a fool outta me, too. I’m sorry, Fluttershy.

145 FLUTTERSHY
It’s okay. You were all just trying to help. But I know that letting all the experts go was the right call.

146 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So what are you going to do now?

147 FLUTTERSHY
Try again.
(now grinning)
I'm going to re-build the sanctuary...
and do it my way this time.

Everypony erupts into an excited chatter.

148 MANE 6 PONY WALLA
Awesome!/Great!/Yay!

Fluttershy points to her dream board. The ponies gather around the poster, inspecting it with wonder.

149 RAINBOW DASH
How about putting an awesome flying course for the birds right there?

Rainbow points at the map.

150 PINKIE PIE
And a carrot-cake stand here!

151 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
A library cave?

152 FLUTTERSHY
(yelling)
Everypony, STOP!

Everypony freezes, surprised at Fluttershy's guts.

153 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(with a shy smile)
I appreciate you sharing your thoughts, but I need everypony to respect mine. Other ponies may be experts in their fields but animals are my field of expertise. And if I say this is what I want...

She indicates her vision board.

154 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Then this is what needs to happen! (beat) For the animals, of course.

The Mane 6 and Spike all exchange proud looks.

155 PINKIE PIE
Wow, we should call you Flutter*bold* now*!*

The other ponies laugh and nod in agreement.

156 FLUTTERSHY
To get things back on track, I called in a favor from an old friend. He'll be here any minute.

Twilight raises her eyebrow, suspicious.

157 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I thought you said no more "experts."

158 FLUTTERSHY
This is one expert I know I can trust to put the animals first. Plus there's nopony better at building...

A knock comes at the front door. Angel hops over and opens it. The door swings open to reveal BIG DADDY MCCOLT (from Ep. 523)!

159 BIG DADDY MCCOLT
(teasing)
I heard somepony needs some construction help for them critters.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(excited)
Big Daddy McColt!

She rushes over and gives him a hug.

161 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(to the Mane 6)
We met each other back when the map called me and Fluttershy to the Smokey Mountains!

162 FLUTTERSHY
And now he certainly knows his stuff when it comes to buildings <u>and</u> caring for animals.

Fluttershy grins, proud that she finally found right the right expert to help out.

163 BIG DADDY MCCOLT
(blushing)
Well shucks, let's not stand around talkin' about it. Let's get to it and build us a sanctuary!

164 PONY WALLA
Yeah!/Alright!/Uh huh!

SC 12 EXT. EDGE OF PONYVILLE PARK- CONSTRUCTION SITE- MONTAGE

Big Daddy McColt listens to Fluttershy, nodding his head. He turns to the scene and calls out her orders to the Mane Six (and a few others, including Starlight Glimmer).

Rainbow Dash flies up, pulls a log vertically, and posts it into the ground.

Rarity secures brown pillows to a tree branch.

Other ponies dump buckets of water to create a pond.

Applejack plants flowers and wild-looking bushes, etc. It's starting to look just as Fluttershy imagined. Big Daddy McColt hoof-bumps her.

SC 13 EXT. ANIMAL SANCTUARY - DAY

CLOSE ON Dr. Fauna with hooves over her eyes. Fluttershy is leading her.

165 FLUTTERSHY
Ready?

166 DR. FAUNA
Oh, I'm more excited than a beaver in a log pile!

Fluttershy moves Dr. Fauna's hooves from her eyes.

167 FLUTTERSHY
Welcome to Sweetfeather Sanctuary! A safe and cozy retreat for every creature.

REVERSE to reveal the gorgeous, finished sanctuary!

All of the animals are settling in. The BEAR lounges in the hammock, which fits him perfectly. The GIRAFFE stands under a tall canopy that looks like a giant leaf, smiling. She fits!

The KOALAS grab handfuls of leaves and chomp down.

ANGLE on Dr. Fauna looking around in awe.

168 DR. FAUNA
Oh, Fluttershy. This is amazing!

169 FLUTTERSHY
Now you should have plenty of room at the clinic, because once you've treated them they can recover here! With my help, of course.

Fluttershy spots LOLA THE SLOTH crawling very slowly towards the scene, left in the dust.

170 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(to the sloth)
It's okay, Lola. We all move at our own pace.

Fluttershy trots forward, gently picks her up and delivers her safely to a branch.

171 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(to the sloth/herself)
Sometimes all we need to do is believe in our dreams!

Fluttershy beams proudly as she watches all of her pony friends and animal friends having fun in the beautiful safe haven together.

172 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(to the sloth/herself)
And when we finally reach our goal...

As Lola settles into one of the brown pillows on the tree...

173 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
...we'll know that it was worth what it took to get there.
(beat, taking in the sanctuary)
Because the view will be even better than you imagined.

END SHOW.