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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). There also STICKS and LEAVES and a few spare BIRD'S NESTS. Fluttershy searches high and low. But nothing to help Angel.

4 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(frowning)
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, arriving at the VET'S OFFICE. She tries to open the front DOOR but it won't budge. Fluttershy frowns.

5 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(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 MOB OF CRITTERS (mice, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, etc) tumbling out like the Tribbles in Star Trek. A few CHIPMUNKS roll 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). She breathes a sigh of relief as she plucks a MOUSE from her mane. She places him gently on the floor.

Dr. Fauna points to Angel Bunny's foot.

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

At this, a small flock of FRUIT BATS appear and fly straight into the building through the window.

Dr. Fauna slumps in defeat.

10 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
Can you help?

Off Fluttershy's surprised face as we...

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES.

ACT 1

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

Fluttershy looks around in awe. The office is bursting with activity. We see various other animals scrambling around the cramped office, playing with the equipment and each other. There's barely room for Dr. Fauna to work! A FRUIT BAT flies over and sits on her head. She doesn't notice.

Between the animals scurrying/flying around, and the ways the creatures have "decorated" it-- everything looks a wild mess. There are STICKS and LEAVES in random areas.

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
I'm bursting at the seams with
patients lately! I can't keep up.

She is about to apply a piece of GAUZE when a bird 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
(to Dr. Fauna)
Are you okay?

16 DR. FAUNA
(relieved)
I feel better that you've agreed to
help out.

17 FLUTTERSHY
Of course, Dr. Fauna. Whatever you
need.

Fluttershy leans down and nuzzles a RACCOON.

18 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I just can't believe all these poor
little animals are hurt!
(concerned)
What happened?

Dr. Fauna shrugs.

19 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.

20 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. A pair of OTTERS hold hands as
they float in the counter top SINK.

21 FLUTTERSHY
They do seem at home here.

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

23 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.

24 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no! Do you suppose it's my fault?
Maybe I shouldn't have told those
ponies studying bird migrations with
Tree Hugger to have their birds tweet
your name.

Dr. Fauna's face falls.

25 DR. FAUNA
You did what?

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

We PAN across the office, seeing the animals interact. THREE
BEARS sleep in hospital beds (goldilocks-style), SQUIRRELS
and FERRETS play together. Birds fly around, using light
fixtures as perches. It's a cramped party, but it's a party.

Dr. Fauna cracks a tiny smile.

27 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!

28 FLUTTERSHY
That is a big problem.

Fluttershy's eyes narrow.

29 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(determined)
And I'm going to solve it for you!

She stomps her hoof on the floor and puffs up her chest.

30 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I have an idea that'll make the
critters happy and give you more
space!

Fluttershy smiles. Fluttershy pats two DUCKS, then a GOOSE on their heads. They quack, or honk, respectively. She gestures to some other ducks. They are riffling through a supply cabinet. It's a mess.

31 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Then you'll have all your ducks in a
row.

32 DR. FAUNA
Sounds wonderful!

Behind Fluttershy (note: she is facing away from the door), we see a 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.

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

34 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.

35 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Dr. Fauna needs my help with a problem
I may or may not have created.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
A friendship problem?

37 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.

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

Fluttershy's animal friends all make shocked faces. A squirrel runs to his SQUIRREL BED and jumps in, hiding under the covers. The horror! The Mane 6 aren't quite as appalled, but still appear supportive.

39 RARITY
That's just awful. But how is it your fault, darling?

40 FLUTTERSHY
(embarrassed)
I might have been a little too eager in my support for her.

41 APPLEJACK
Well, Dr. Fauna is the best. She's always fixin' Winona up when she ain't feelin' too fine, so helpin' her out is A-OK by me.

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

Fluttershy brightens.

43 FLUTTERSHY
That's great news-- because by helping Dr. Fauna you'll all be helping me 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?

44 PINKIE PIE
Oh, goody! Is your dream to make a bouncy castle shaped like a gigantic Baked Alaska?

45 FLUTTERSHY
No... not exactly.

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

47 RAINBOW DASH
So what is it, Fluttershy?

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

48 FLUTTERSHY
My dream is to build a real animal
sanctuary. A beautiful habitat where
every animal, whether they are sick...
or lost...

Fluttershy nuzzles a FLAMINGO.

49 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Or scared...

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

50 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Or even just lonely...

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.

51 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.

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

53 RARITY
It was exquisite!

54 RAINBOW DASH
Pretty awesome.

55 PINKIE PIE
Gummy loved the part about being
scaly.

GUMMY blinks.

56 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 build my dream
project.

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

57 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
But I still can't build it alone. Will
you join me?

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

59 APPLEJACK
We're happy to offer our extra hooves
to ya!

Applejack scratches her chin with her hoof.

60 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Come to think of it, I actually know a
fella who'd be just right in settin'
this here thing up. Friend of mine
from Winona's sheep herdin'
competitions-- Wrangler. He's an
expert in animal enclosures.

61 FLUTTERSHY
How lovely.

62 PINKIE PIE
Ooo! Ooo! I know somepony, too! Hard
Hat (alt: Hammer Time) is the best
construction pony in Ponyville. He can
build anything you could ever, ever
want.

63 RAINBOW DASH
(joking)
Like a Baked Alaska bouncy castle?

Pinkie Pie's eyes widen in realization.

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

Pinkie darts away.

65 RARITY
And I have the perfect pony to help
capture the essence of your vision. To
give it some style, some flair!

66 FLUTTERSHY
Is it you, Rarity?

Rarity giggles, clearly flattered.

67 RARITY
No, no. I was referring to the
premiere interior designer of the
Canterlot Elite-- Dandy Grandeur. He's
a personal friend of mine so I'm sure
he would provide his services as a
favor.

68 FLUTTERSHY
Wow, thank you. I can't to meet all of
them and hear their ideas.

Pinkie returns, huffing and puffing.

69 PINKIE PIE
Well, that's done. Where were we?

70 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're right on track to making
Fluttershy's animal sanctuary a
reality!

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.

71 FLUTTERSHY
Thank you, Rupert!

Rupert bows.

72 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.

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

74 FLUTTERSHY
I think so.

Wrangler tips his hat.

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

76 FLUTTERSHY
Of course.

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

Fluttershy blushes.

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

Fluttershy procures a big POSTER-BOARD with very rough sketches and clippings tacked to it. There are LEAVES and TWIGS glued on. Some drawings of a bed/nest hybrid and actual hole in the poster. It's seen better days.

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

Off the specialist ponies confused faces as we...

END ACT ONE.

ACT 2

SC 6 - INT. DR. FAUNA'S OFFICE - DAY

Even more animals milling about. Fluttershy stands at the exam table with Dr. Fauna (note: the Dr should look increasing more frazzled).

Fluttershy grins as she motions to a rough DRAWING of the sanctuary in her hoof. It's been plucked from the dream board. Dr. Fauna listens as she feeds a BABY OTTER with a BOTTLE.

80 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And then all the animals will have
their own special areas! There are
going to be lots of nice leafy trees,
just like the forest so that they feel
at home.

Fluttershy looks expectantly to Dr. Fauna for a reaction. Dr. Fauna rocks the baby otter in her hoof as she speaks to Fluttershy.

81 DR. FAUNA
(baby voice)
That sounds fantastic! Who's the best
pony? Who is? It's you, yes it is!

Fluttershy raises an eyebrow and tilts her head. Uh.. what?

82 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
(flustered)
Oh! Goodness, I'm sorry. How
embarrassing. I've been talking in
that voice from dawn till dusk. Hard
to switch off. Excuse me.

In a Mission Impossible-style maneuver, Dr. Fauna squeezes by the giraffe, past the ducks, and finally places the baby otter in a CRADLE/BED.

83 FLUTTERSHY
So what do you think of the sanctuary,
Dr. Fauna?

84 DR. FAUNA
How fast can you build it?

85 FLUTTERSHY
With the help of the experts, I'm sure
we'll be finished in no time.

Fluttershy nods, confident.

SC 7 - EXT. EDGE OF PONYVILLE PARK - DAY

We see Fluttershy's hoof holding the rough SANCTUARY SKETCH. In it, there are lots of trees, rocks, etc. A little pool and few hammocks. Very natural, but intentional. It's pulled away to reveal the actual site-- just an open field of grass (note: there should be thick trees/forest behind it). Pure potential!

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

86 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And the enclosure will have a fence
with a gate in the back. That way, the
animals can return to the forest right
when they feel ready.

87 PINKIE PIE
Sneaky! I like it.

Fluttershy smiles. Hard Hat is unsure of this plan.

88 HARD HAT
You know, I designed the Ponyville
Hospital. I could do the exact same
thing right here. Or better yet--

Hard Hat points his hoof in the opposite direction (towards town).

89 HARD HAT (CONT'D)
On that cherry piece of land I have
right in the center of Ponyville.

90 PINKIE PIE
(disbelief)
There's piece of land in Ponyville
shaped like a cherry?!

Pinkie grabs Fluttershy and pulls her into a huddle.

91 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(stage whisper)
Fluttershy, you can not say no to
that.

Fluttershy puffs up and turns back to Hard Hat. She's a pony who knows what she wants.

92 FLUTTERSHY
I'm going to have to say no to that,
Hard Hat.

93 HARD HAT
But it will be much faster if we use
the existing blueprints.

94 FLUTTERSHY
Please just build a nice fence, dig
some ponds, and put in lots of trees.
Keep it natural.

Hard Hat shrugs. He scribbles some notes on his NOTEPAD with the PENCIL he keeps behind his ear.

95 HARD HAT
You're sure?

96 FLUTTERSHY
(firm)
Oh yes. I'm sure.

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

97 HARD HAT
Alright, then. I'll give it a shot.

Hard Hat trots off. Pinkie Pie grins.

98 PINKIE PIE
See, Fluttershy? Whatever you want!

99 FLUTTERSHY
(satisfied)
Good.

Fluttershy exits with a smile on her face.

In the background, Hard Hat sees that Fluttershy is gone and pulls some BLUEPRINTS out of his toolkit. He points to them and instructs some CONSTRUCTION PONIES on the project. They nod and get to work.

SC 8 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.

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

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

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

103 DANDY GRANDEUR
 (huffy)
Why ever not?

Fluttershy holds up the DRAWING.

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

105 DANDY GRANDEUR
All those shades of brown and green?
No! So drab. Yuck. You know?

Dandy Grandeur chuckles. Fluttershy looks baffled.

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

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

Fluttershy shakes her head "no".

108 FLUTTERSHY
I appreciate your input, but I'm
sticking to my original idea. I just
know it's the right choice.

Fluttershy stands to leave. She turns back over her shoulder
with a smile.

109 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
How about some nice beige fuzzy
blankets for their nests and beds?

110 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.

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

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

Out of Rarity's line of sight, we see Dandy hold up the loud,
patterned piece of fabric and nod in satisfaction.

113 DANDY GRANDEUR (CONT'D)
(shuddering)
Especially if its beige.

SC 9 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.

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

Fluttershy frowns.

115 APPLEJACK
What is it, sugarcube?

116 FLUTTERSHY
I'm looking for something less like a
cage... more like a nice hug.

117 WRANGLER
I'm afraid I ain't got nothin' like
that. But I do have this one in a
smaller size...

118 FLUTTERSHY
(shaking her head)
I want the animals to feel safe, not
locked up!

Fluttershy sees a cage at the back that is broken-- it is
wonky shaped and has no front door. She brightens.

119 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
This the perfect base for a little
cave. I'll take a bunch of these.

120 WRANGLER
You sure you don't want something more
secure...? Even for alligators?

121 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.

122 FLUTTERSHY
No cages. I'll just take these caves.

123 APPLEJACK
She's the boss!

But Wrangler doesn't look so convinced.

SC 10 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.

Nopony has done what Fluttershy asked! The "experts" have just gone ahead and completely ignored her wishes. And 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.

124 HARD HAT
 (callling 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.

125 DANDY GRANDEUR
The color just pops, you know?

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

126 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.

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

128 FLUTTERSHY
I.. I...

Fluttershy looks to each of their expectant eyes. She can feel herself slipping back into the version of herself that doesn't stand up for herself...

129 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I don't love it. In fact... I hate it!

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.

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

Fluttershy in front the curtains.

131 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.

132 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And this is the opposite of a nice
hug!

The trio of experts look annoyed.

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

134 HARD HAT
(scoffing)
That's not true! We used "lots of
trees", just like you said.

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

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

136 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.

137 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.

138 DR. FAUNA
(blushing)
Oh dear, did we come at a bad time?

Fluttershy can't help but brighten around the animals.

139 FLUTTERSHY
Um... no!
(smiling)
What are you all doing here?

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

Hard Hat GRUNTS and raises his eyebrows.

141 FLUTTERSHY
(eyes darting to the experts)
Uhh... um, okay?

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

The GIRAFFE bumps his head on the DOORWAY.

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 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh no! Ahhh!

Hard Hat shakes his head at the sorry scene. Dandy and Wrangler join him.

142 DANDY GRANDEUR
(snooty)
Maybe your "vision" wasn't all it was cracked up to be, you know?

143 FLUTTERSHY
But this wasn't what I wanted at
all... I wanted a sanctuary--

144 HARD HAT
Then you should build it yourself, if
you so know so much better than us!

145 CONSTRUCTION PONY WALLA
Yeah!/We're outta here./Let's go!

The workers take off, leaving Fluttershy standing in front of the rubble and logs. She slumps down. The animals and Dr. Fauna surround her, looking sad.

What is Fluttershy gonna do now? She's got a bunch of rubble and animals with nowhere to go.

Off Fluttershy's worried face as we...

END ACT TWO.

ACT 3

SC 11 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 in a BUNNY into a small BED.

146 FLUTTERSHY
Sleep tight, little one.

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

147 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(sad)
It's going to be okay, Creamsicle, I
promise.

A trip of mice reach up for her, squeaking.

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

She scoops them up and delivers them to a box lined with pieces of the ruined curtains. The mice snuggle in and fall asleep. Fluttershy sighs heavily. Dr. Fauna appears next to her.

149 DR. FAUNA
Fluttershy, I hope you're not still
worrying about the sanctuary.
(sympathetic)
It's really okay that it didn't work
out. I understand.

150 FLUTTERSHY
But it's not okay-- I tried to help
the animals and I... failed.

Fluttershy sniffs.

151 DR. FAUNA
(smiling)
Not at all! Look at this place.

We see a pan of all the animals settling down to sleep. With all of the makeshift beds, it looks like a grandma's living room at Christmas. Even though space is tight, each critter has a place to go and they are all cooperating with one another.

152 DR. FAUNA (CONT'D)
You have a gift, Fluttershy.

Fluttershy perks up.

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

154 FLUTTERSHY
(shouting)
No!

Dr. Fauna is taken aback.

155 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/>).

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

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

157 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(giggling)
Oops, everyone back to sleep now.

CUT TO:

SC 12 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.

158 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Thanks for coming, everypony. As you know, building the sanctuary didn't go quite as planned...

159 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.

160 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Now I have a garden shed shaped like a Baked Alaska! No bouncy castle for me.

161 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.

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

163 FLUTTERSHY
It's okay. I know that you were all
just trying to help.

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

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

Everypony erupts into an excited chatter.

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

Fluttershy points to a COVERED POSTER BOARD. Two birds carry away the CLOTH that was draped over it. It's a new and improved dream board! Except this time, the sketch of the sanctuary is more detailed/colored in like a map. The sticks and leaves are bright and fresh. Everything looks cohesive.

The ponies gather around the poster, inspecting it with wonder.

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

Rainbow points at the map.

168 PINKIE PIE
And a carrot-cake stand here!

169 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
A library cave?

170 FLUTTERSHY
(yelling)
Everypony, STOP!

Everypony freezes, surprised at Fluttershy's guts.

171 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(with a shy smile)
I appreciate you sharing your
thoughts, but I need everypony to
respect mine...

Fluttershy picks up Angel and snuggles him.

172 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
And nopony knows animals better than
me, so I know what I'm talking about.
Right, Lola?

The sloth (still on her hoof) smiles at her and nods slowly.

173 APPLEJACK
We never doubted that fer a second!

174 FLUTTERSHY
But after the project failed, I felt
awful... Like my dream had all been a
terrible idea in the first place!
(she pauses for reflection)
But then I realized, it wasn't that my
ideas that were bad-- it was just that
nopony cared to listen to them. I
deserve to be heard!

The Mane 6 and Spike all exchange proud looks.

175 PINKIE PIE
Wow, we should call you *Flutterbold*
now!

The other ponies laugh and nod in agreement.

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Fluttershy)
I thought you might decide to try
again. So I called in a favor from a
friend. I hope you don't mind, but
he'll be here any minute.

Fluttershy raises her eyebrow, suspicious.

177 FLUTTERSHY
I said no more "experts."

Twilight laughs.

178 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This one is different, promise.

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)!

179 BIG DADDY MCCOLT
 (teasing)
Can I come in now? I heard somepony
needs some construction help.

180 FLUTTERSHY
 (excited)
Big Daddy McColt! It's so good to see
you.

She rushes over and gives him a hug.

181 BIG DADDY MCCOLT
 (to Twilight/teasing)
I guess that means I'm allowed to
stay, eh?

SC 13 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 pulls a log vertical and posts it into the ground.

Rarity raises a flag that has been re-purposed using the curtain fabric.

It creates one side of a large hammock. 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 14 EXT. ANIMAL SANCTUARY - DAY

The Mane 6, Spike, Dr. Fauna, and Big Daddy McColt all stand facing Fluttershy.

182 FLUTTERSHY
Welcome, every creature, to your new
safe and cozy retreat-- Sweetfeather
Sanctuary!

Fluttershy holds a giant pair of SCISSORS and cuts giant RIBBON. It falls away to reveal the gorgeous, finished sanctuary!

All of the animals rush in, excited. The BEAR climbs into the hammock, which fits him perfectly. CREAMSICLE 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.

And LOLA THE SLOTH crawls very slowly towards the scene, left in the dust.

183 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.

184 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (to the sloth/herself)
 And sometimes we all need a little
 help from our friends to get to the
 perfect spot.

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

185 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 (to the sloth/herself)
 But when we do, it was worth how long
 it took get there.
 (beat)
 And the view is wonderful.

END SHOW.