Hi all-

Here are your updates for the week:

ADOPTIONS: We have 20 puppies coming tonight, so next week is going to be busy! Our customer service staff have been rocking the adoptions-thank you guys! We will also be keeping 1-3 litters of kittens at the shelter instead of in foster-both for adoption appointments and to have animals for camp kids and kid's day out. We have ordered a play pen so they can get out of their cages and get appropriate exercise.

TRANSPORTS:  Erin will be picking up 9-11 dogs from Harbor tomorrow that are coming from St Landry's in Louisiana. Our next transport from HARTT (puppies) is scheduled for July 30-31. They are also trying to get us scheduled for one more in July. We will be posting a sign up sheet as soon as we get some definite dates so staff that is interested in going can sign up.

VOLUNTEERS:  We have had a few hiccups with the volunteers completing their health screenings this week, but I think we have them worked out. We are planning on adding cattery volunteers starting July 13. We are also adding one volunteer in the clinic each day Monday through Wednesday from 1-3 pm to help with laundry, washing instruments, making surgical packs etc. Thanks Ashhley!

CAMPS: Each camper that lives locally is coming in for one on one animal time. Beginning July 16, we will also be doing Kid's Day Out on Thursdays for the rest of the summer. Kids will be coming to the shelter for outdoor activities in limited numbers. If anyone is available to help Kelsey with camp on those days, please let Ashley know.

LONG TERM ANIMALS:  Each Monday when Julie sends out our animal inventory report, we will be taking our top 3 long term animals to promote on social media for the week. Those animals will also be fee waived.

VET STAFF:  Vet staff will be short for the next 2 weeks due to staff vacations. Please be patient with them if you need something. They are also creating an on call schedule for the days that they are not in the building. It will be posted on the door to pre-op. Please refer to that for who to email or text if you need them. You will still email the vet staff email, no matter who is on call.

TEAMS:  There has been much discussion about continuing to work in teams. The current executive order states that work that can be done remotely is required to be done remotely .Michigan is still in a fairly good place overall, although some areas have seen an increase in cases over the last week. I talked with some other shelters in Michigan to see what everyone is currently doing, and our management team discussed this at our meeting this week. Most of our teams need to be onsite, especially with the increased number of animals at the shelter. Starting the week of July 7, animal care and vet staff will be returning to their normal schedules as long as team members are comfortable doing so. If you have questions or concerns, please see your supervisor. If our executive orders change due to increased cases, we may need to adjust accordingly.

DONATED FOOD: Please make sure to keep all bags of food on pallets and not directly on the floor in the garage. If we get open bags, they need to be securely taped closed to avoid moth infestations.

FOSTER:  As of Monday, we had twice as many animals in foster as we do in the building!! Great job Stephanie! We are working on getting a vet tech/assistant to help  support the foster program. It has quickly become way too large and successful for one person to manage-which is a fantastic problem to have. Hang in there Steph, help is on the way.

ADMITTING: Admitting has been very busy with both regular appointments and a bunch of transfers. Thanks for working so hard to help the animals who need us!

DEVELOPMENT: Our third party Succulent Sale is tomorrow at the shelter from 11-2. It will be outside and we are expecting it to be busy. The development team is doing a wonderful job with securing donations and bringing money into the shelter so we aren't poor. Great job team!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

Holly