Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Here are your updates for this week-short and sweet.

MEDICATIONS: Please remember to double-and triple- check for medications that need to go home when pets get adopted. There should be a memo in Shelterluv for anyone that has meds.

FOSTER CHANGES: Just a reminder that foster animals and supplies are now being picked up and dropped off out by the garage instead of through admitting in most cases. Please see the email from Stephanie and Sabrina for details.

ADOPTIONS: Our adoption numbers continue to trend up since we have opened for walk ins. Thank you everyone for your hard work, extra cleaning, and patience! We are sending so many more animals home.

COVID: Cases are still rising in our community. Please continue to take every precaution both at work and at home to keep yourselves and your families safe. I am attaching a graphic that explains the incubation period of the virus for you to review. This helps explain why quarantine works the way it does once you have been exposed.

Thank you for your great responses about what helps keep you positive during the craziness that is our world right now. Here are a few examples: family, pets, beer, saving money by staying home, art, music, video games and helping others. The winner of last week's drawing is Dr. Thompson! The task for this week is this: Please send me your favorite positive or motivational quote. We would like to print these and post them in the back hallway to remind us to be positive and why we do what we do each day. Thank you Julie for the great idea!

Finally, I want to thank you for all you do for the animals each day. Our mission is an important one, and it takes all of us working together to be successful. While 2020 has brought much stress, sadness and change, it has also shown us what we are capable of achieving together. We have changed protocols and processes at the drop of a hat, placed more animals than ever before in foster where they are so much happier, figured out how to do no contact surrenders, training classes, camps and adoptions-and do them well, changed every event and fundraiser that we have and still made them successful,  adjusted schedules and hours to get animals processed more quickly, supported families in need with pet food, medical care and other resources, and so much more. I am extremely proud of all that we have done this year, and you should be too. I am grateful for this HSWM team, thank you for being amazing. A special thank you to our staff that are working today and tomorrow, taking time away from their families to care for the animals. Wishing everyone a healthy, relaxing holiday. Enjoy your day.

Best,

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