Happy Friday! Here are your updates for the week:

Covid update: Fingers crossed, quarantined staff should be returning Monday following their 10 day lock up. Yay!

Holiday Hours: The shelter will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25, as well as Dec. 31 and Jan.1 for the holidays.

Bite Hold Animals: A reminder that bite hold animals should not be housed in public areas of the shelter, unless deemed necessary, with proper precautions, by behavior staff.

Cat Carrier Techniques: I am attaching 2 helpful video links for putting cats in carriers with as little stress as possible. Please take a minute to watch them and remember to utilize them when you need to move cats throughout the shelter. Thanks to Stephanie S. for finding these gems for us!

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IajGu89jSU>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdvEoC3U080&feature=youtu.be>

Open Adoptions: As we continue to use and support open adoption policies, please take a look at the attached document from a conversation on the national Human Animal Support Services facebook page. It's a good reminder for all of us to remove bias and be inclusive. Thanks Julie for formatting the info into a shareable document!

Staff Photo Scavenger Hunt: Everyone should have received an email from Julie with details and team assignments. Each team has their own link to upload their photos. Contest ends on January 10. Please remember to follow all current Covid protocols while participating. Social distancing, masks worn appropriately, you know the drill. We need to remain vigilant in keeping our staff safe and healthy. Have fun, I can't wait to see all of the photos!

The winner of our drawing last week is Tania! In case any of you are wondering, the favorite Christmas movie with the most votes was Christmas Vacation. Once you have read this email along with the attachment and watched both videos, please tell me the one thing you would most like to accomplish as an organization in 2021. Have a great weekend everyone!

Best,

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