Happy Friday all!

Here are your updates for this week:

HOLIDAY HOURS: The shelter will be closed 12/24-12/26 and 12/31 and 1/1 for the holidays.

CARRIERS/CAGES FOR CLEANING: Please make sure you are emptying all carriers and cages of bedding, litter boxes, food bowls, toys, caked on yuck, etc. before placing them in dog holding to be disinfected.

SMOKEY UPDATE: Thanks to the generosity of our staff, volunteers and board members, we have raised almost $900 to help Smokey's mom obtain housing! Thank you to everyone that helped. We will be coordinating a time with her next week to distribute the money.

EMAILS: Please remember to respond to all emails sent to you to acknowledge that you have received them. That makes it easier for everyone to know that you have the information you need, especially during this time of varied schedules.

STRATEGIC PLAN: The management team is currently working on setting goals for our strategic plan. We have our final session with HR collaborative in January and will be sharing the plan with all of you soon after. I am so excited to have a plan for the next 1-3 years in writing with goals, action steps and timelines to guide us in our work.

FELINE BEHAVIOR HANDOUT: Please read the feline stress handout attached to the bottom of  this email and tell me one thing that you learned. All staff should read and be familiar with the information included here. A big thank you to Stephanie Strowbridge for putting this together. It is important for all of us to have a basic knowledge of the cats we care for and what their needs are.

Please read the attached email (thank you Julie, for sharing!) from Fear Free shelters, watch and listen to the content, and tell me one thing you learned once you have completed that task. The winner of last week's drawing is Erin! Congrats Erin!

I would like to wish all of you the happiest of holidays. I hope that you get to spend some time with your family-4 legged and otherwise- over the next couple of weeks. I know this year looks different, but there is still joy to be found and memories to be made. I am grateful for each of you and all that you have done for, and given to, our animals and our community in the most difficult year most of us have ever seen. I am excited to see what we accomplish in 2021!

Best wishes,

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