Happy Friday! Here are the updates for this week:

DOG HOLDING 2 SINK: Megan's dad repaired the leak in the dog holding 2 sink today. It needs to cure, so please don't use it until Monday.

TRANSPORT PROGRAM: We are looking for a creative name for our transport program to help us market it to donors. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Amy.

COVID RELATED PAY RELIEF: Please see the attached document from Skyla regarding updated emergency covid pay guidelines.

TRANSPORTS: We have a cat transport from River Valley coming on April 20 and 8 dogs coming from a Bissell transport on April 22.

LONG TERM DOGS: We will be having a long term  dog adoption special next week to highlight and hopefully find homes for some of our long term dogs.

COVID UPDATES: With a large increase in covid cases again, I wanted to remind you all of precautions you should be taking. Please make sure you are wearing your mask correctly at all times, social distancing and washing your hands frequently. A "close contact" for tracing purposes should you be exposed is considered anyone that you have been within 6 feet of for 15 minutes or more. Limiting the time you spend in close contact with your coworkers and the public is very important. Please take breaks and eat lunch by yourself. The breakroom and the training room kitchen are both available for your use, as well as the picnic tables outside if the weather is nice. The Michigan health department has changed the mandatory quarantine period for exposed individuals from 10 days back to 14 days due to the high number of positive cases. You are not required to quarantine if you have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks and are asymptomatic.

DEI SEMINAR: Maddie's Fund has another animal welfare DEI seminar on April 27 at noon. Here is the link if you would like to register:

<https://www.maddiesfund.org/candid-conversations.htm?_ga=2.67840083.376707437.1618593077-1998062856.1582570082>

I am also attaching a blog called Run the Dishwasher Twice regarding mental health that was shared in one of the national animal welfare groups. \*Strong language alert\* It is a good reminder for all of us that are feeling stressed or overwhelmed.

Thank you all so much for your hard work this week. I know the shelter is FULL and it has been a little crazy-and messy! Your hard work allowed us to save 58 lives that wouldn't have had that chance otherwise. We are grateful for you-and so are the animals.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Best,

Holly