Happy Friday all! We helped so many animals this week! Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work. I would also like to thank everyone that takes the time to read these weekly emails and respond. The winner for last week's gift card drawing is Kelsey. Congrats Kelsey. Please see Steph to get your prize. Once you have read this week's email in its entirety, please respond and tell me what  the first thing is you would change about HSWM if you had no restrictions on time, money, etc. I really enjoyed reading everyone's responses last week about what their favorite thing is about working at HSWM. I am attaching the list to this email for all of you to enjoy. It's a good reminder why we do what we do.

Here are your updates for this week:

STAFFING: We currently have 2 part time openings for animal care.

ALL STAFF MEETING: Don't forget our all staff meeting is next  Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 11 am via zoom. It will last one hour.  You are required to attend unless you have prior approval from your direct supervisor.

KITTEN NURSERY: The lobby 2 renovation will begin in late October or early November. I will let you all know as soon as I have an exact date.

BARK IN THE DARK: Bark in the Dark is coming up on Oct. 3. It will be a mostly virtual event this year. Details will be coming soon, but if you have or see any creative ideas for engaging people with virtual events, please pass them on to Megan.

MAINTENANCE: Hurst Mechanical will be repairing the heating and cooling in cat holding 2 (the foster office) so we can control the temperature in there and have it be an appropriate animal space if needed. We will also be replacing some of the heating and cooling units on the roof and resurfacing and repainting the parking lot this fall.

SUMMER CAMP/KIDS DAY OUT: Today is our last day of virtual summer camp and next Thursday will be our last Kids Day Out for the summer.  A big thank you to Ashley, Kelsey and Megan for doing such a fabulous job!

TRANSPORTS:  Just a reminder that Tania adds all transports to the allstaff calendar as soon as they are confirmed. I would recommend that everyone look at any calendars that affect them/their department on a regular basis so you have an idea what to expect each week.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information on anything. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Best,

Holly

My favorite thing about HSWM is helping adopters find their new family members and being a small part of that journey

My favorite thing is, of course, the animals

when long-term or hard-to-place cats find the perfect homes (Muffin Man last week!)

My favorite part of working at HSWM  is having coworkers who are also good friends.

My favorite thing about working at HSWM is working with all of the different animals. Each one is so special and I am so glad i get to meet every single one of them

My favorite thing about working for HSWM, is that it changed my life

My favorite part is working with a puppy in your lap.

Favorite part about working at HSWM = We can see the pet lives we save in our community and we can see the impact that our work has on people in our community to help them find placement, receive routine care, or add a new family member. HSWM fills a HUGE "space" in GR and is essential in West Michigan. We see it every day. :)

Working with the shy/scared cats and rabbits and them finally opening up and coming around is so rewarding

The absolute best part of my job is HANDS DOWN reviewing happy follow up emails!

The best thing about working here is being able to witness shy kittens/cats blossom

Surgery. The Mr. Pickles and griffins and Mags type cases. My vetland staff. My dance crew.

I love working for something that means so much to me, helping animals in our community as all animals have always been an important part of my and my family's life!

 my favorite thing is seeing all the animals come through and get to their forever homes

The greatest thing about working at HSWM is when you talk with a person that has had their life changed by an animal they adopted from us or that we helped with in some way - like Vaccine Clinics.

Watching animals bloom from scared or ill when they walk in our doors to happy and healthy when they walk out!

My favorite thing about working at HSWM is getting to share my passion with like minded people!

Playing tug with ava

My favorite thing is sharing in common goals with people who have the same passion for animal welfare

My favorite thing is working to help others and doing it with other people who care deeply.

 seeing animals find a home.

Helping pups and seeing my people

My favorite thing is seeing someone's face immediately light up upon bringing a dog into a meet and greet! Knowing instantly that it's a match made in heaven. :)

my favorite thing about working here is my amazing team. We work so well together to give our animals and community the care they deserve!

My favorite thing about working at HSWM is that every person who works there is dedicated to ensuring the health and welfare of all the animals is top of the line!