Happy Friday! Here are your updates for the week:

ADOPTIONS:  Adoptions numbers are growing-yay! We have a transport coming from Tipton on Monday with a few adults and one litter of puppies. We will be going to TN on Thursday/Friday to pick up a transport of 21 puppies and a couple of adults. They will arrive back at HSWM on Friday night, and puppies are scheduled for surgery on the following Monday and Tuesday. Our goal will be to do 2 transports a month from TN moving forward. We will also be transferring in some kittens in the near future. As a reminder for adoption staff, please offer needed items from our retail store at the time of adoption. This is an important revenue source for HSWM.

ADMITTING: We are back to a "regular" schedule for owner surrenders and transports/transfers. Appointments are required with curbside drop off.

CAMP:  Summer camp is going very well. Please note that although camps are virtual this year, each camper that lives locally is coming to the shelter individually for animal time. This means that we need to keep some appropriate animals housed at the shelter that can spend time with the kids. Kelsey could use some help with camp on Thursdays. This can be done remotely from home. If you are interested in helping, please let Ashley know.

VOLUNTEERS:  Beginning Monday, limited dog walking volunteers will be allowed in the shelter to take dogs out. Everyone will be scheduled in teams, required to read and sign our COVID procedure, and required to fill out the health screening form before each shift. We will look at adding some cattery volunteers as well in the next 2 weeks.

DEVELOPMENT:  HSWM will be partnering with Dreamscapes to host a succulent bar to benefit the animals. It will be on Saturday, June 27 from 11-2 at the shelter. There will be succulents, pots and soil available for $1 each. The event will be held outside with social distancing protocols in place. Our last mail appeal was dedicated to the Buddy Fund which covers costs for medical and behavioral care outside of routine needs. It has raised $17,000 so far!

REVIEWS:  All employees will be receiving an annual review by August 31. The management team is currently working on updating our review forms and you all will have the opportunity to provide input. Management staff will be receiving 360 degree reviews, which means you will have the opportunity for anonymous input for your direct supervisor. More info to come soon!

STAFFING:  Our facilities maintenance position is open.This position is part time and typically 25-30 hours per week. Please let Stephanie know if you know anyone who is interested. We are also adding a part time foster technician position to help with foster program needs, med room cats and filling in for vacations etc for regular vet staff. This position is also part time at 30 hours per week. Please let Kathy know if you have someone that is interested.

GENERAL OPERATIONS:  There have been some questions about how long we will continue to work in teams. I am researching recommendations at the state and county levels, surveying what other MI shelters are currently doing and participating in a national shelter webinar on this topic next week so we can make a safe plan for moving forward. The good news is that MI and NY are the only 2 states in the country that are currently listed as on track for containment.

Please let me know if you have questions or need more information on anything. I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend!

Best,

Holly