

Shelter Scenario Orange

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Team Scenario

Notes

- Information provided in this document is fictitious and does not represent factual data from the shelter. Information provided has been generated for the sole purpose of the contest and does not represent the management, protocols or data of the shelter itself.

Questions to answer:

- Please perform an assessment of the welfare of the dogs and cats at the shelter. Present and discuss positive and negative aspects for both dogs and cats.
- Provide recommendations to improve the welfare of the dogs (**two recommendations**) and cats (**two recommendations**) at the shelter, taking into consideration animal management, husbandry and facility design.
- Provide one long-term recommendation to optimize the sustainability of operating the shelter now and in the future.

Background

- Open intake Municipal shelter
- ~800 dogs admitted each year
- ~1500 cats admitted each year

- Shelter operates at 50-100% capacity year round

- 93% dog live release
- 55% cat live release

- Average Length of Stay: 60 days (cats), 40 days (dogs)

Staffing

- 1 part time veterinarian on site once a week
- 1 full time DVM position currently being advertised
- 3 full time veterinary assistants, one position is empty & being advertised

- 8 full time caretakers, assigned to specific areas in shelter
 - 60% turnover rate/year

- 20 volunteers who walk dogs and create enrichment items for cats
 - Volunteer time: 1-2 hours/week

Intake and Holding procedures

- 5-day required legal stray hold
- Housed in holding area to complete following intake procedure:
 - Health exam performed by veterinarian only
 - Scan for microchip
 - Identification, weight, sex, age estimate
 - Receive medical care if necessary
- Average time in holding area prior to moving to adoption floor:
 - 21 days (cats) 14 days (dogs)

Environmental enrichment

Dogs

- Current enrichment opportunities:
 - Toys/blankets
 - Leash walks
 - Food treats
 - Volunteer interactions including play, petting and grooming
 - Raised bed
- Reactive dogs on adoption floor: 20%

Cats

- Current enrichment opportunities:
 - Toys
 - Music
 - Cage furnishings include:
 - Litter pan
 - Towel/bed
 - Hide box
 - Elevated area for resting
- Cats hiding on adoption floors: 25%

Preventative care at intake

Dogs

- Pyrantel de-wormer, topical flea and tick preventative and canine heartworm test
- Vaccinations: MLV DHPP, Rabies, Intra-nasal MLV: Bordetella, CPIV, Adenovirus
- Heartworm positive: 10%
 - Review protocol for treatment

Cats

- Pyrantel de-wormer, topical flea and tick preventative, and single dose ponazuril for kittens < 4 months
- Vaccinations: MLV FVRCP, Rabies
- Feline upper respiratory infection # 1 medical issue at the shelter followed by kitten diarrhea

Treatment room

- Sick dogs and cats are housed in isolation located next to treatment room.
- Isolation has a separate feeding station, cleaning supplies and laundry area.
 - Three isolation rooms for cats
 - Cats are often treated for URI in cat holding due to lack of isolation space for sick cats
 - Three isolation rooms for dogs each with 3 double sided kennels
 - Isolation area has separate ventilation with 100% fresh air exchange