

CAT CARE MEETING 03/27/14 6:30pm Valpo Public Library Rm A
Start: 638 pm
Adjourned : 850 pm

Present: PGonzalez, JLindmark, JMott, DFoster, JStall, RJocius, MWarfield

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE: Responsible for the health and well-being of all ICS cats from admission to adoption, or end of life. Our duties are to:

- A. Ensure good quality of life for all ICS cats.
- B. See that all medical needs are met in a timely manner.
- C. Oversee an annual physical evaluation of ALL shelter cats by qualified personnel in Spring of each year.
- D. Set up procedures on euthanasia.
- E. Meet regularly and submit a report to all other committees on a monthly basis.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vet Participation: Zoetis and Dr Reed---what does this entail? What does it mean for ICS? **Dr. Reed faxing paperwork 3/28. We will have to provide him with Invoices and documentation showing our usage of products that have been ordered. Rabies vacs will be ordered from Schein, per Dr. Reed's request. Zoetis offers massive discounts, to Vet sponsored non-profits, on meds, vacs, med supplies. Should be quite a savings for ICS.**
- Do we need a Head Medicator? Discuss the pros and cons. Do we have a candidate? **In order to implement Cat Care decisions/objectives, we need to have one person to lead the charge...a Head Medicator. Melisa to sit down with Paulette and/or Marti once per week to go over the med book, med sheets, etc**
- Move some kitties out of Kiki's. Move Molly to Hall?
- Barb Schwoegler's idea: Feature 2 long-time residents every month. **Love the idea. Needs further discussion to clarify what we will be doing. We can do this via email.**
- Procedures for ensuring cats have been fully processed and vetted before adoption. Adopted w/o vaccs, microchips, etc. ???
- Letting cats out of cages. Read instructions on cage cards. Creating a universal cage card. **Melisa, Paulette or Marti will be responsible for letting cat out of cage when treatment has ended. Otherwise, notes regarding new cats (in a room) should be followed.**

- Matching potential Adopters with the best choices of cats: personality, energy level, etc. When talking with potential adopters, regardless of age, be as blunt as possible about how active young cats/kittens are...especially if adopting a pair!! Stress that we do not support declawing and most of our cats have claws. Make sure they know this will require some maintenance: nail trims, scratching posts, etc. Try to show them cats of appropriate personality and energy level.

****And stress with ALL adopters that we are looking for this adoption to be forever.
In my opinion these things are not consistently happening and need to!

- Runs closed at Night
Add lighting, or motion lights? Needs further discussion, as or meeting ended due to the Library closing.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- **CLEANING:** Reduce the # of products we're using. Can we get a Grant?
Clearly label products. Laureen to control this. Re-do Cleaning Protocols?
No Grants yet for cleaning supplies or products. Will try to contact Libman??
Effective immediately, all medicators and cleaners will wear rubber gloves, to be changed between rooms. Laureen will continue to be the only one mixing and labeling cleaning solutions
- **Communication:** How to improve the flow between Medicators, Cat Care?
Agenda and Minutes to be shared with Medicators and Laureen.

Med sheets:

Are to be pulled by Melisa, Paulette or Marti only.

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Transporting cats to Vet:

Please email Cat Care with a summary of the Vet visit.

Leave info/vet paperwork for Melisa, Paulette or Marti to complete a Med Sheet.

Starting/Stopping/Changing Meds: Done by Melisa, Paulette or Marti only

- Chronic Cat List: Compile a complete list--Paulette
- Senior Cat List: Compile a complete list--Diana
- Ailing cats: Compile a complete list--Jeanne
- Starting Treatment: Put start date and End date (of treatment) on cage and on Med Sheet. We have had instances of over-medicating and under-medicating. As well as leaving cats caged who are finished with meds.

- VETS: Re-cultivating relationships with area Vets. Ordering of meds and med food. Creating a list of Vets who will collaborate with ICS. **Table.**
- Hall Cats: How are we tracking their physical exercise? These cats need to be worked with, not caged and forgotten. Start an Activity Form/Log??
- Moving cats: Corky, Twinkie, Georgie, Daisy Mae, Raja---FOLLOW UP: how is everyone adjusting to the move?
- Flea treatment for cats? What do we use? How often? **REVOLUTION Monthly treatments. Will purchase from Dr Reed or Zoetis**
- Zoetis **Dr Reed to let us use his License**
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- Dr Brooke visits: When? Where is the list for cats who need to be seen? **Mid-April. We will start having her examine Senior cats and Chronic cats, giving Rabies vacs.**
- Medical Supplies List: how are we doing compiling the list? Where will it be kept? Share with all Medicators and Room Moms.
- Dentals: Aggie, Bailey, Bjork, Lefty, Azurbuzjan. Who else is on the list?? **We have the 3 cats left from the last round of Dentals (Bjork, Lefty and Azur). These dentals are to be completed at Westchester. Jeanne will check their mouths before appts are scheduled. Bailey is done. Aggie needs to get over 5#. Scooter is scheduled at McAfee.**
- Weigh Day
- Vaccine Chart: I need help!
- FIV cats: do not need to be segregated---**Cloud is doing great in Disco.**

Next meeting will be Monday April 21st at ICS at 630 pm.