

Cat Care 8-15-13

- Lefty (Boppers) has ringworm
- Still some cleaning concerns – mopping plus DRYING, linens must be washed with hot water and bleach; better supervision must be done
- Wet floors and under the furniture need to be taken
- Cleaning is an every day thing top to bottom, not just once a month or on a special occasion
- Ringworm protocol recommends flat mops or Swiffer mops, not the string mops
- Roberta will investigate and test the use; we will use the Bissell Steam Cleaner that was donated to us
- We should be sure to only use certain brooms in each room, especially rooms where there was ringworm
- Maddie’s Fund site – all should review the webinar on ringworm protocol; the cleaner the floor is and as long as all surfaces the cats are on are wiped off we can help reduce the threat of ringworm
- We should not be using super-absorbent towels for bedding to where they are being washed often – they do not dry out well – use those for cleaning
- Could we get a commercial laundry machine or start taking stuff to the Laundromat?
- How many cats have ringworm? Hazel, Bonnie, Gray, Fancy, Fava, Charlotte, Maya, Lefty, Sonny
- Church cats – could they go into Hall cages sometimes and switch the hall cats into the Church runs sometimes? Could we start integrating some of the hall cats back into some of the rooms? It may be worth a try and we may want to try with some of the “more likely” suspects that would be ok like Chino, Daisy May
- Are we making headway with ringworm? Yes and no – immune compromised cats are the only ones who have it; we need to just be cleaning better and follow cleaning protocol – cleaning party definitely helped
- Lots of returns happening right now
- Status of Vale Park: they are now giving their money to a “homes” fund for people and pets – they took away money donated to us to do this and are no longer giving us the credit that we were getting; however this does not mean that we will stop using them entirely – they are still a good source for emergency work; it doesn’t seem like a good idea to write off any vet
- Ark is offering us inexpensive spay/neuter and combo testing (\$40/\$25) and is a good backup vet for Spay/Neuter when we cannot use the Fried’s clinic (i.e., Dr. Fehrs is on vacation currently)
- \$2000 S/N money is available in Bissell grant still – budget would be saved for these things; it would be good to keep a record of the procedures that can be used with grants and Natalie is looking at this
- Germicidal? Joan found a disinfectant at Menards that she will be trying – Maddie’s recommended Spic and Span and bleach/water combo
- Food that we currently have – the cats are not eating the wet food now because they’re sick of it; often food like Friskies is being added to it, or fancy feast; dry food and wet

food needs to be blended to get the cats to eat, especially new returns, so we need to order from General or we can ask for donations

- With the Hill's program, we have not explored the cost of vet price lists on General Supply; we can order and ask for donations on canned food only, but eventually if we stay with the program we will want to move away from other foods to go to Hill's; we can ask for Friskies, Fancy Feast (pates), Wellness – let's ask on a cycle for different things, but not constantly – add to appeal letter
- By the end of next quarter we need to provide Hills with success stories and show the Hills "difference"; we also need to provide at least 4 emails from adopters per quarter to get them coupons, marketing materials;
- Toddles and Chase: Toddles renal numbers are getting bad, Chase stomach is a little distended and Dr. wants him back for a check soon; new procedures for renal treatment – cats lose muscle mass as they older because they don't absorb protein as well anymore; research says to increase rather than decrease protein, but use a simpler and more digestible protein; Carol is ordering a new food to try it and see how Toddles does on it; speech can be found online from the leading vet on geriatric treatment
- Fortiflora program – Roberta and Jackie has gotten us fortiflora supplements as part of a grant through Dr. McAfee – 1 to 6 cases coming
- Jackie is leaving June 23rd; we will go back to split shifts with Jeanne, Sharon, and Beth Ann working primarily until we get a new person coming in; asking for vet tech or assistants preferred
- Shifts – could they be staggered?
- Sharon and Jeanne will do 8-12 and 3-7 shifts until the new person is hired, but this may be an opportunity to explore different shifts
- Best Friends application – we need that thing completed, Connie is sitting on it; explain why we need this so that we can participate in their programs (she also needs to provide reports for Petsmart grant also) – they will also send out local emails about cats needing special treatment or help – best friends app will also be sent to Roberta and she may have that info
- Room Moms – we need a job description from room moms – what is it that you feel that you do in the shelter or for the shelter?
- Bonnie will be euthanized tomorrow - Diana and Judy will take her to Brooke mcafee
- Bonnie is the oldest cat - we should tribute her somehow
- Sandy Robelia will continue to take cats in that has passed to be ready for mass burial - Marti and Paulette will do the mass burial
- Gray - will go into disco when he's done with ringworm
- Rat poison in the gift shop? Who did this?

- Could we put a little map in the newsletter? Favorable response to the garden article in current newsletter but some people don't know where we are
- Tuesday nights - food should be out for cats till 8-9 before spay/neuter
- Can room moms pick up Tuesday and Wednesday night to help with this?
- Dorothy will be asked to do a schedule for room moms to come in - brandy was coming in but going back to school

- Do the room moms all need keys to shelter? Which ones do not have keys
- Training for room moms and volunteers - Diana and Judy
- Dr Brooke meeting with Judy - some concerns, we can't just use some items like eye meds once and throw them away; while dr Brooke gave us best practice we have to adjust to the situation we have; we will probably have to not follow some of these recommendations only because we cannot afford to
- We can't act and behave like these are people or our pets
- We have to make the decisions that we make on the fly
- Unsocialized cats - Angela offered to come in and help our shy cats
- Vets might still help them - we should not typify them as feral because they are not
- Can be tranquilized at some vets to be treated
- Could we use our space better by putting some of our friendly cats into that room? Some concern about onyx but it is possible to move him into a cage on the weekend, also Chester?
- Is there hope for some of these cats? Maybe if we work with them more and socialize them
- Adoption counselors should go into the room with the adopters if they go into scruffy but they should be going to all the rooms with all adopters
- Maybe we could ask for an appeal for people