

Cat Care Meeting 9-19-13

1. Daisy May status - brought up by room moms as issue
 2. Progress report on hiring of head medicator
 3. Continuation of discussion on cleaning protocol if needed
 4. Status of ringworm (Boppers)
 5. Room Mom Responsibilities
 6. Hills Program
 7. Fortiflora program
 8. Zoetis
 9. McAfee – next visit to shelter?
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- Heavy towels are killing the washer – recommended to use the simple quilted pillow toppers instead at all times – clean smarter not harder
 - Roberta brought Swiffer mops and pads based on Maddie’s Fund guidelines – pick up all spores after they have been dredged up after cleaning
 - Why are all cats in the hallway after adoptions?? We are just asking for more ringworm with this
 - Fluconazole – very expensive oral med for ringworm – possible to get?
 - Boppers – terrible outbreak that is hard to control – can we do more with meds or maybe a vaccination?
 - Newspaper? Could it be used in the cages where ringworm cats are? Do it in layers and take a layer of newspaper off each day. It’s clean and has insulating qualities... but it might not last since some of the cats are very messy in their cages
 - Transports – Dorothy R. and room moms have been helping with transport although we are doing ok with that
 - Dorothy: mouth infection, needs to see vet
 - Daisy: getting better in cage, needs to stay where she is, getting more vocal as people work with her; don’t move Daisy, she needs to stay there because of her food allergy
 - Dry food will have to come out of Disco? Because of Garfield... he is in danger of diabetes with too much food; concern: Beauty and Corky are very happy to have the food, will be problematic without it?
 - Could there be a small part of another room to turn into an isolation room? Separate with temporary walls or something like that?
 - What about mobile units for isolation? Separate heating and cooling in there... but no easy fix. Could a run be walled off somehow?
 - Blood found on floor of Disco – could be a clot or a hemorrhoid?
 - Beauty is not eating on her own – Jeanne has to sit with her and coax her to eat
 - Fortiflora – coming in regularly and being given to cats in Boppers and Nook and some of the other rooms; it seems to be helping digestion in some of the older cats – Rollo, Carolina; some aren’t as happy to eat it (Desi)
 - Fortiflora doesn’t get sent home with adopters but we do send coupons home if we know that a cat is on it
 - Zoetis program – emailed Dr. Brooke to get Revolution, Clavamox, and some other drugs, but Dr. Brooke was hesitant to just get us antibiotics when we don’t have a full

time medicator but hoping that she will be willing to sign the form and send a copy of her license in – we mostly just want the Revolution

- Hills program – they are eating the food, some small amount of vomiting and diarrhea but that is relatively normal; regular adult food prices are very good, and kitten food is an even better bargain; we have \$5 coupons to give to adopters, and most adoption counselors have been trained to tell people about the Hills program as well when they adopt
- Progress on head medicator hiring: 9 people were on phone interviews, a small committee will be reviewing the notes and choosing about 4 people to bring in for
- Some room moms are not listening to Cat Care and it is becoming a frustrating issue – last weekend Waffles got out of the shelter but luckily we caught him; we are concerned about her getting bit or scratched because of her insistence on getting cats out of cages, and there are many concerns; recommended that an official stern warning be issued to those volunteers who are doing this by the board so that we all understand how serious it could be for the cats' health to let cats who normally don't intermingle do so, and to approach cats that might be scared could be a potential threat to personal safety
- Dr. Pam with the music research player: Roberta was talking with this doctor who is doing research on calming cats through music – she sent us a player with classical music to calm the cats but we can't find it
- Dorothy sent room moms "job description":
 - Checking the cats in our rooms for changes in their health or appearance and noting any changes or concerns in the medicator log.
 - Possibly weighing those we can.
 - Helping to socialize the shyer cats and give them the added love they so badly need.
 - Clean our individual rooms by wiping down the plastic furniture and counter or table tops at least weekly, change the water in our rooms whenever we are there.
 - Wash any linens we take from our rooms when cleaning. If washer is broken possibly take it home (if the room has no ringworm in it).
 - Assist the adoption counselors in showing cats, especially ones in our rooms that we know the best.
 - Knowing or finding out correct information to give to potential adopters
 - Adding comments about cats in our rooms to PetPoint
- Biddy – eye infection getting better
- Elsa – might be allergies with her eyes
- Dr. Brooke – will she be able to come back to visit the shelter soon? We will have to invite her and keep a list of who she is supposed to see; we have rabies shots that need to be done also
- Can we send reminder notices to adopters through email when their cats are due for vaccinations or checkups?
- Can all adoption counselors bring extra paper towels for the bathroom when they come for their shift? During the week no one fills the holder and there is only a hand towel in there
- Canned food issue: still cheapest to go to Meijer, Walmart? General is still higher per can through them, sometimes Tractor Supply has it for sale
- Should ICS get a credit card for the food to be paid each week? We should order from General and Phillips as a backup and probably should do both – Pet Supplies Plus is going up in Portage – not the same franchise owner so maybe they will be interested in taking on a good client; Gail Frieden was also supposed to talk to Brandt's and Chesterton Feed and Garden, feed co-op in Westville??

- Roberta will shop for night lights