

Cat Care Committee
7-16-2013

- New shelving from IKEA - \$90 each – was bought by Joan and Judy and put into Playpen. Cats love it! Could we ask for \$90 donations from people on Facebook to buy more of them? 2 per room would be ideal
- Room moms – response to cleaning concerns; each of you could possibly taking a cleaning shift; ask what you can do?
- Suggestion – only put one layer of linens in to avoid problematic “layers” with stuff stuck in between
- Room Moms need to remember that the forum is the Cat Care meetings – if they have strong issues they need to attend the meetings to make sure their concerns are addressed through the chain of command
- Sifters should not be shaken – some cleaners are using them incorrectly; Jeanne and Jackie will remove those sifters to prevent this from happening in the future
- Nook – large diarrhea problem – possible it is Roy?
- Jackie needs a net to catch cats that are running around and need to be caught for caging – she will pick out what she wants and we will order it
- Finance Committee says that it is possible to add an hour for cleaners – offer to each cleaner if you want an extra hour take on additional jobs from certain rooms with different expectations
- Could custom cabinetry be investigated? We can look into possibilities as long as it is very well sealed and not porous at all

- Corky: no infection found in his urinalysis; there are crystals in his urine however and the vet recommends no dry or maybe C/D dry, but what about other cats in the room? Jackie will try to mix C/D food into the Disco food bowl, but we also have to monitor the crystal situation until eventually C/D food is the only thing they are getting; same with wet food. Daisy May is also a concern – she has allergies and is on Prednisone 1 tab per day
- Is there a way we can get a foster for him Daisy or Corky or both? Can Daisy be moved to a hall cage? Jackie will put Daisy in a hall cage and see how that goes

- Cages – need to be wiped down more often and put away when we don’t need them; some cleaners also need to be watch more closely – mop buckets and scoops need to be emptied out and changed every room, not every two rooms; can pass diseases between rooms much more easily without paying attention to details like disinfecting water and mops
- Linens need to be shaken more carefully too – we need to unfold the linens
- Can depend on who is there and which cleaners are working
- Notices need to posted or reposted – those signs are there to remind employees of proper procedures; if people know what the procedures are then they can’t complain when they are caught – they need to be reminded to read the manual and make them read it and sign it. If they are caught doing something they aren’t supposed to do or not following procedure they can be written up – three strikes and you’re out. Attach it to the paycheck – they must read and sign before their next paycheck – be allowed to be on the clock when they read it

- Room moms in evening – can come in and notice problems, they need to approach Joan and tell her in a timely and appropriate fashion (approach her directly - no mass emails – same process as addressing Jackie about medical issues); by the evening there can certainly be messes that happen over that 12 hour procedure
- Older cats – should have bloodwork done when they go in for a procedure if we have a concern; should we order bloodwork for them more frequently when we have a concern? At Westchester the bloodwork is an extra \$35 – Bordatella vaccine is also included at Westchester is \$51 not \$45
- Donation Jar money can be earmarked internally and has been
- Last month's McAfee bill: \$2127.16 = almost all fosters, not that many shelter cats included
- Vale Park – taking away our credit because of perceived “lack of use” of their services; concern about how they are treating us – dodging our phone calls and not wanting to cooperate; Paulette is primary contact and has been trying to call; Judy's idea is to ask them to match us dollar for dollar
- From Natalie per how much was spent last year on vet services:

I remembered Jen had given us the following breakdown of vets from last year and had talked to board 1/28/13 about considering using other vets as options to spread some of the money around and maybe we'd get some better pricing from vets to work with us. To follow is what she gave us Judy:

Ark of Dunes \$3,488 9%

McAfee \$11,433 28%

North Central \$3,321 8%

Southlane \$8,953 - special FIV cats 22%

Vale \$12,686 31% (not sure diff to \$14K per QB last year unless more bills came in later)

Westchester \$767 2%

- Total \$40,648
- Prescription meds and ethics – we have to be careful about the people we rely on; Juhlin provides the “standing order” for us to order from Butler; Judy Dean will question Dr. Brooke tomorrow and we are just concerned that she will open up a “can of worms” – how to negotiate that?
- Fleas – really need to take the cat tress and stuff out to get the infestation out of the infestation; Jackie and Joan will start removing stuff and we will look into cheap plastic

furniture to replace it – strip all carpeted materials out of rooms and treat cats – almost needs to be done together

- Lysine – we should add to food again
- Lime sulfur dip will be used with ringworm cats to get rid of it faster
- Revolution – being replaced with Confortis? or Trifexis (dog med for fleas and heartworm)? Vets are recommending
- Most economical solution that is supposed to be effective – Frontline spray
- Found at Heartland Veterinary:
<http://www.heartlandvetsupply.com/showproduct.aspx?ProductID=2472&SEName=frontline-spray> 500ml bottles 6/\$294
- For yard: Adam’s Yard Spray – found at PetEdge:
<http://www.petedge.com/catalog/product.jsp?productId=47078&categoryId=220&parentCategoryId=0&productVariantId=127272&qty=4&itemGUID=ea3a9009c0a86e65019ae493c14e0be0&shipTo=Me-46385&shipToZip=46385> \$14.89 * 4 = \$58+\$18shipping
- Also found at Petco for \$15.29 = will save about \$15 by not buying online

- **Cleaning “party”** needs to be organized quickly – get volunteers out to help – Sunday the 28th – ask cleaners to leave a little early; different people get different shifts and jobs to keep the crowding down; we can bring food, etc.
- Everyone can come in and help clean on a day to get it thoroughly cleaned and treat the cats at the same time
- Bring: gloves, scrubbrushes, bleach, mops
- Jobs: Flea treat outside (happens before Saturday); flea treat cats, scrubbing cages furniture litterboxes, disinfecting each room, moving cats to get them out of the way, laundry
- How many people? 10-14+ room moms, board, cat care members – put the call out to via email
- Cleaners – should they keep the litterboxes in the same rooms? Tried before but did not work very well
- Progression of cleaning – Disco and Nursery then work inward; North side first which is worse, then south side
- 3 shifts of 3 hours each, start at 9am; shelter will be closed for “renovation or deep cleaning”; put out an email to all room moms, board, cat care, adoption counselors – explain the three shifts 9-12, 1-3, 3-6; cleaners will pull boxes, dump litter, wash pans, get debris out, start taking cages down