

Cat Care 11-20-13

-Dentals status (per Barb S.)

-Wet food usage

-Medicator shifts and suggested schedules

-Committee composition for next year

- Great idea – vets need a number to call where they will reach someone; let's get a TracPhone or some other type of cheap phone for Dr. Brooke and others to call
- We need better communication with Dr. Brooke – why is this not being done?
- Melissa W. – new intern from Brown Mackie College graduating from vet tech program in December
- Ringworm – almost over, though Paris, Roy, Azurbajan? – those cats we can touch we need to determine a culture – is it really ringworm?
- Dentals – are being addressed
- Desi – doing quite poorly, not sure on specific diagnosis, could prednisone help his condition? Further diagnosis is the recommendation from vet – we may have waited too long; tooth is lost and he is currently in poor condition; consensus is that we have to do something, but Dr. Brooke is hesitant. We say go ahead and try a procedure to close and clean the wound – bloodwork is decent but his chronic diarrhea might be an issue
- Oscar going in for bloodwork and dental on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Momma Friskie – can't touch, very difficult to catch
- Bjork and Lefty - waiting to go in
- Wet food usage – using about 12 cans per shift – 23-24 cans per day; variable as far as whether cats are overeating or aren't eating all of what's given; decision already was made in Cat Care to use less food, but now we are straying from that
- Fortiflora – we need to use it every day if we want it to work and help cats that could use it; certain cats such all cats in Boppers, Desi, Twinkie, Miley, and Pi
- Feeding time – should it be moved to a later time after cleaning? Could be issues with frightened cats, etc;
- While the board has preferred to have a full-time shift like Jackie had established – we only have about 40 hours per week we can afford to pay medicators per week; if this is too much for one person then that is the need for two shifts per day – 8-12, 4-7 (or something along those lines; morning medicator does a lot of the “harder” stuff, evening medicator does a lot of the weights, re-evaluations, cat checks, etc
- Security – some concerns about break-ins in the area; would like a security camera inside, maybe more lighting – will recommend to board
- Missing vaccines – we need Dr. Brooke to come out to do the vaccines ASAP; she just needs one-week notice, it will cost more than it has cost before because of the number of cats that need it to be done; have been asking for this for a while, we must get this done; Pat will be asked to call to make this appointment
- Cleaners – need to stop layering extra linens and using big beach towels that are too absorbent for the washer; shaking out linens should be done outside all the time
- Committee composition – Staci will not chair any further; for next year, Jen would like to be willing to co-chair with someone – Paulette?; Roberta and Judy will stay on as

members; Judy D, Paulette, and Marti have not declared yet but we hope that they would stay on

- Roberta and the Zoetis program – Roberta will go back to Dr. Brooke to see if she is willing to sign the Revolution agreement again or see if we can get it for wholesale cost
- Runs – should be closed for the winter months at night? Should probably be closed up through the whole winter till spring