

Proposals for Implementing No-Kill.

There are two aspects I see of No Kill:

1. Short term. Measures need to be taken so that there are no killings for space during high influx periods, around the 4th of July, to a lesser extent around New Years, etc. Temporary measures can be taken to deal with this:

1) Temporary foster program at all shelters; 2) Use all available kennels -- there are kennels that aren't used for various reasons. At West Valley, there were unused kennels that do not have running water bowls, were used for storage, have to be cleaned, etc. These kennels can be readied by employees and volunteers, and can be used for a month or two to handle the temporary influx. 3) Double up large dogs in kennels. This has to be done with care; dogs should be tested before this is done, so there are no fights. Dogs should be taken out to the play yard together and given some time before they are put into a kennel together. 4) Better communications among shelters for transfers of dogs and cats between shelters to ease overcrowding. Each shelter should send out an email to all the other shelters, every other day, stating how many vacant kennels they have or if they are overcrowded. 5) There should be a New Hope coordinator at each shelter, to get more Red List and Blue List dogs and cats rescued. 6) Dogs and cats with behavior issues have to be evaluated and worked with before they can be killed. Set specific standards for when a dog or cat can be killed for behavior. 7) Set specific, higher standards for euthanasia for sick and injured dogs. The New Hope coordinator should work to get these dogs rescued or to get a rescue to pay for medical that the shelter cannot provide. 8) Implement incentives for employees to reach No Kill at each shelter. This could be a monetary bonus or awards.

2. Long term. There have to be less dogs and cats coming into the shelters, and more people to adopt them. Spay/neuter has to be strictly enforced, advertised, and promoted. Puppy mills and unlicensed breeders have to be shut down. Adoption from shelters has to be advertised and promoted and there has to be better customer service at the shelters.

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