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A Day in the Life . . .

The story on the following page is a day in the life of the staff at the Jeff Davis County Humane Society.

The intrigue lies in the housing concept that evolved while operating in our current temporary facility - an old house that was converted to function as the shelter.

The concept is simple, almost so simple that we find it hard for people to grasp.

In the pages following this story, we will introduce you to a new way to operate a shelter that is not only practical but will enhance the animals' lives, the staff's job satisfaction, the adopters' experience and, quite possibly, start a new age in the world of animal sheltering.

It's Time to Throw Out the Old . . .



The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Our great nation has struggled with pet overpopulation for generations. Vast improvements have been made in the humane care of sheltered pets since the great pioneering rescue organizations in the late 1800s. *However*, with 8 million pets being euthanized every year in America, I want to look you in the eye and say,

***“I breath it, I know it, for 20 years
I've lived it; the system does not work!”***

We have a better system - a system that is proven to work. It is a concept that has so many intricate, interwoven, inherent and far reaching advantages, they could not possibly be outlined in this short document. But it will truly bring about a new world for abandoned pets.

If you care about animals, read these pages and at the end you will find that we will not ask you to adopt an animal, we will not ask for your heart, we ask, simply, for you to **give** from the heart. A simple check and you will help change the world.

. . . And Bring in the New

Gone will be the days when sheltered animals are kept separately from the humans caring for them.

In this new age, we, the Jeff Davis County Humane Society, the epitome of those who care about and care for homeless pets, will lead by example. We will educate the public on how to properly care for **their** pets by the way we care for **our** pets.

Our Sweet Suite Concept

by Laura Langham

The morning is socked in. It is cold, sleeting and dreary. There is that winter hush outside. I have a window right next to my desk and I feel “tucked in” as I watch the sleet turn into snow. What an absolutely perfect morning for quietly working while curled up with a steaming hot cup of cocoa!

I’ve finished my morning chores, I settle into my office with my cocoa and I dive into the day’s work. As I’m getting ready for morning rounds, warm fuzzies wash over me. It’s nasty outside, toasty warm in the office and I’m surrounded by animals, stray animals, no less. As I’m basking in the warmth, I’m wishing there was some possible way to relay to people how truly incredible our facility is; but, no, I realize, it’s not the facility, it’s the concept - how we choose to treat our animals.

As I’m typing away on my keyboard Lenny, a little poodle mix is under my desk playing with a stuffed toy.

Polly, an adorable Pit Bull x Chihuahua, is bopping around, probably looking for trouble. She sees a new toy behind my chair and scoops it up to see if she can entice Buddy to play with her.

Jessie, a sweet miniature Lab?, watches from her tethered corner (she’s in “houstraining” right now) biding her time until she can go play with Jake. Cleo, a cute, ever so tiny little gray cat is just checking stuff out while Tatiana, a sleek, slender black cat is lounging on top of a file box watching me as I work. Meanwhile, each time

Buddy wanders into my office, I grab a treat from my drawer and work on teaching him “sit.” I’m never quite sure if Buddy is super smart or super...uh, anyway. What a way to shelter animals! It just doesn’t get any better than this!

But as soon as the warm fuzzies blanket me, cold hard reality rips it away. I’m wrenched out of my comfortable musings with the cold, hard fact that Rosie, Lady, Cindy, Dottie, Shadow, Emmie and Bender are all down at the runs. Sure, they have shelter from the elements. Sure, they have heat lamps and nice bedding. But what they don’t have is the human companionship or the warmth and love that, at that moment, we all have in the warm, cozy office; what I know all our animals will have once our new Adoption Center is built.

Wiping the tears from my eyes, as Terry and Carrie tromp in out of the cold, I greet them with a somber “Good morning” and we begin our day with morning rounds. The first thing I say is,

“We have got to get this building finished!”



Tatiana



Buddy



Lenny



Polly



Jessie



Cleo



Jake