

Arlington's Animal Shelter Essay

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Last summer, my family adopted a dog from the Arlington Animal Shelter. I saw many things that could be improved, so I am glad that the city will be building a new shelter.

If I were to design a new shelter, the building would be large with natural stone on the outside. There would be plenty of parking and even a garden with cool animal sculptures in it. The building would have a lot of windows to allow sunlight in.

I would include many new features inside the shelter. One would be that the animals would be inside with air conditioning and heating. This will help keep the animals and the possible owners comfortable. I would also include a special room to meet the dogs to find out how they behave. The shelter would group the animal breeds by size, so the small dogs would be in the front and the large dogs would be in the back. There would also be a separate area for the vicious dogs. Space for medical procedures would also be included.

The type of equipment that would be needed to house and care for the animals would be cages and cleaning supplies to keep them clean. Also dishes for food and water would be needed. We would need medical equipment to care for the animals and toys to keep the animals happy.

The services that would be provided would be a retail shop for new animal owners to buy supplies and food for their new pet.

The shelter would also have several employees in with the animals to answer questions that visitors may have. Employees would also keep a list of specific dogs that people are looking to adopt. If a dog on the list ends up at the shelter, they would call the person that was looking for that type of dog. Optional dog training would also be offered at the shelter.

The animal shelter has an important role in our community. This service helps keep stray animals off the streets for their protection and ours. People in the area who have lost a pet, could look at the animal shelter to try to find their pet. The shelter is a great place for residents to adopt a new pet for a reasonable price. There are also many different breeds and ages of pets to choose from.

Rudy, the dog we adopted last summer from the shelter, has become a great part of our family. It would be nice for other people to have a chance to have such a lovable pet and this new shelter might help make that a reality!