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## **In 2060 How Will Animal Shelters be Different than They Are Today?**

Some of us may never see what animal shelters will be like in the year 2060, but some of us will. By 2060, things will definitely have changed for the good and the bad. But hopefully, more change for the good. I hope people will take better care of their pets, because right now there are too many animals brought to shelters due to abuse. Abuse is serious, and I hope it will be stopped by the year 2060.

I think animal shelters will have customized animal care options, such as pet training and spaying or neutering. The pets could also be put on a special diet. The shelters might also have automatic feeders that prepare the animals meal by a certain time. And when it is ready, the workers will take it to the appropriate pet.

It is also possible the shelters in the year 2060 might have cleaning stations with water spraying from the top and soap spraying from the sides. When the worker is done washing the pets, there will be a dryer at the end. The kennels will have doggy doors built in so the pets can use the bathroom when needed, and get exercise. This play and potty area will be in a separate room with grass floors.

However, I don't think anything in animal shelters will be done by robots in 2060, because animals love and need people just like we need them. You cannot take human interaction away from an animal or it will get depressed. They keep you company and love you, even if you are not their owner. People who truly care for pets will create unbreakable bonds with the animal.

I hope in 2060, animal shelters are equipped with the capabilities I've mentioned, so the shelter workers will have more time to focus on the welfare of each animal.