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Animal Shelters in the Year 2060

Many of today's pet owners find themselves unable or unwilling to take care of their pets, leading to overcrowding in animal shelters. The overcrowding of shelters has made it necessary for them to have waitlists. Research shows that these waiting lists often lead to cruel treatment or untimely deaths of these unwanted pets at the hands of their owners. It is my hope that by the year 2060, with the help of animal lovers, shelters will have more volunteers, enough funding to have free safe drop off for the animals, as well as more facilities.

In order for pets to get better care, more volunteers at the animal shelter would be necessary. With more volunteers, pets could be trained and cared for better than most pets are today. In today's shelters, there is not enough help to provide the care that each pet needs in order to be healthy and well taken care of until placement in a new home. It would be good to see shelter's work with churches and schools who are looking for volunteer positions for their members and students.

Today's shelters often have long wait lists for taking in unwanted or uncared for animals. These wait lists, many times, lead to a healthy pet's untimely death by the hands of their owners. With more funding, the shelters could increase the space needed to provide a warm, safe environment for these helpless animals. During their time in the shelter, with more funding, the shelters could make sure that all pets are up to date with their vaccines as well as spay or neuter the pets to cut back on the over population of unwanted animals.

Another solution that I would like to see put into action would be to create “Sister Shelters” in retirement and nursing home facilities. The animals once treated and looked over to make sure they’re healthy could be moved to these facilities. In nursing homes, the pets could be used to entertain or provide comfort for the residents. In retirement homes, the shelters could be run by residents who are willing and able to provide care for the pets and work towards getting these pets adopted. It would be a win-win for all involved, giving pets and residents a purpose.

It is my hopes that by the year 2060, Animal Shelters will take these ideas into consideration when caring for the wonderful animals roaming the earth. If they find themselves with more volunteers, better funding, and more facilities the unwanted pets will find themselves in a safe environment and in the homes of a loving family much sooner. Pets, just like humans, have hearts and personalities. Love and respect should be given to animals just as it to humans.