

HELPING OTHER ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Animals in our community need food, water, shelter, and care. A way we can do this is by starting a Pet Adoption Fair. It can be held at Veteran's Park in Arlington, because of the big open fields, on a Saturday afternoon in the summer.

There will be dogs, cats, ferrets and birds of all breeds and sizes available to adopt. The Adoption Fair needs to have a place where the animals can run or play. For example, the ferrets might enjoy a place where they are able to run through different colored tubes or jump over small ferret-sized hurdles. The cats can have fluffy feathers on a pole for them to paw at or small mice toys to catch. Birds (mostly parakeets) can be in a large walk-in cage that gives them the opportunity to fly to someone who is holding bird food on a stick and land on it to eat the food. A lot of dogs love chasing balls or running with someone. A possibility is to have a ball dispenser that you put a quarter in to get a tennis ball to play fetch with a dog. The dogs can also have a time when they do different tricks. For instance, they might be able to jump through hoops, jump over hurdles, or catch Frisbees. There should also be an area where people can spend some time with an animal to see if they really enjoy it enough to adopt it.

All of these various activities for the animals need to be in different areas so the dogs don't scare the cats; the cats don't eat the birds; and the birds and ferrets don't annoy each other. There would be signs to show where each of the animals are located.

Many of the animals have come from different places and each of them has a different story. For example, I watched a TV program about animal rescues where they found a ferret that was sick and the owners didn't treat him right. The animal rescue team treated and cleaned him up and was able to adopt him to a loving family. I hope that this Adoption Fair can help ferrets like this one to find a new home. Some animals are mistreated, others don't have enough food or water, and some are even hit by cars. By adopting these animals in our community we are able to save their lives. This Adoption Fair gives these animals a permanent home to live in.

Not only does this fair help animals in our community, but it gives them a chance to relive their lives if they were abused or mistreated. These animals are kind creatures and they don't mean to hurt anyone, so why should people abuse them? Maybe through this Fair the animals will be able to trust humans again. I feel by having this Adoption Fair we will not only be helping the animals of this community, but they will help all of us as well.