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I think that animal shelters in 2060 will have more advanced technology than we do currently, but will still have the important physical connections with humans. Most of the caring of the animals will be done by machines. These machines will first do both physical and emotional check ups on any animal that arrives to the shelter. Directly after, the animal would be spayed or neutered by being given a pill. After, a frequency collar would be placed on the animal. The collar would constantly produce a calming frequency. The frequency would help calm the animal down and make them more adept to listening and following directions. Along with producing a calming sound, it would also have a GPS so that you could track the animal if it ran away.

Each employee would work with at least 6 animals. These trainers would help with the human connections as well as get them prepared for adoption. Other people of different races, genders, and ages would be brought in as well to socialized. The animals will also be brought out of the shelter on a walk once a week. The animals would be allowed to roam freely around it's floor and socialize with other animals as well.

The facility itself would be larger than our current sixes, but would not take up as much floor space. Instead of having on 1 or 2 floors, each individual species would have their own floor. For example, cats would have the 3rd floor and dogs would have the 5th. The roof would be covered in grass this would serve as exercise space. Probably the most striking feature on the animal shelter would be the giant screen that covers the whole side of the exterior wall. This screen would display all the animals that had been found, and where. That way owners could recognize their pets if they had been lost.

Pedestrians could help the shelter by finding stray animals with the help of kit that would include an emergency phone number to contact the shelter, a first aid kit, and a remote version of the frequency collar. After the animal had calmed down, they person who found them could bring them to the shelter for a more in-depth checkup.

The shelter would also follow up with the families of all the animals that have been adopted once every 6 months. One of the trainers would personally meet the owners. If the trainer thought that the family was properly taking care of the animal or animals, they would give the family \$10. This money would come from the government trying to help decrease the number of stray animals to help secure the safety of people as well as their pates. Instead of euthanizing unadoptable pets, the shelter would keep them in a special division of the building for higher level training.