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Animal Essay

In the future, I think that animal shelters will be changed somewhat, but still have the personal touch that they have now.

Shelters will have more advanced technology than we currently have, but employees/workers will still spend quality time with the animals there. The machines will do most of the work for the checkup, like physical and emotional work on all of the animals that are brought to the shelter. These machines will spay or neuter the critter with a pill. After that, the animal will be given a nice collar with high-tech GPS technology that tracks their location if the animal ever gets out. This collar will also have soft cushion, so the creature is never bothered by it. Each animal that got adopted would go to their new home with a remote that would be able to track their location if they ever got out.

Volunteers from the shelter will work with at least 4 to 6 animals. The trainers will be training the animals to be able to connect with humans. Other people, any age, would come see and play with the critter, so the animal could interact with them. The volunteers will walk the animals once a day (maybe twice). These animals will be able to roam freely, interact with other critters and socialize with them.

Pedestrians could help the shelter by finding stray animals with the help of a kit that will have first aid, extra collars and an emergency phone to contact the shelter. The person would calm down the animal and then take it to the shelter to get a more in-depth checkup.

The shelter would also follow up with the families who have adopted an animal. This follow up will be once a month, so the shelter can make sure the animal is in perfect condition with the proper exercise. The trainer who trained their critter would personally meet the family to tell them what all their animal has learned. This trainer would also come once a month to teach the critter some more tricks.

The animal shelter will never get full of animals because the shelter will have different floors for each species. The main floor will be the area where you schedule your appointments for checkups. You can also talk to the trainers about what animal you are looking for. Each floor will be for a certain species, like dogs would be on floor 3 and cats would be on floor 6. The roof will be a 'chilling place'. The 'chilling place' will have a nice big pool for any animal that can swim. There will be a kitchen where food is kept and made for the 'chilling place'. This kitchen will serve all kinds of treats for each species.