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Animal Shelters in 2060

Animal shelters today are great, but by 2060 I believe there will be many improvements that will help the animals as well as the community.

First of all, I think the shelters would be bigger with more volunteers so no animals would be euthanized, and we wouldn't have to turn away animals that need love, care, and affection. There would be a lot of land where the animals could play. There would be just dogs or just cats in one section, but in the middle of the shelter there would be a place where all the different types of animals can play together so they could get used to each other in case the homes are going to already have other animals. We could go around to churches, schools, and neighborhoods to ask for volunteers who are willing to give up some of their time and come to the shelter to help with the animals.

I also think that in 2060, there would be more advanced technology that we could put to use in the shelter. The animals could walk through a machine that grooms and cleans them. It could be attached to the door they use to go inside after they play outside, so they are nice and fresh after they were all sweaty and dirty from being outside. There would be a special room that you could enter online, and play with all the different animals in order to find your perfect pet. There would be a ton of toys to play with the animals including laser lights, jingling toys, chew toys, sound effects, and more! You would get access to all of the toys online and play with them as if you were actually there!

I feel that in 2060, owners will spend very little time with their pets because of phones and other advanced technology, so every time a pet gets adopted, we will give the owner a free bracelet called *petremind* that will buzz every two hours and give a reminder that you should go play with your pet. The *petremind* would be very advanced technology that would most likely be very expensive, so receiving it free at the shelter would be a great incentive for people to adopt pets! Hopefully people will be less addicted to technology in 2060, but just in case they aren't, the *petremind* will be a great tool!

We will have one main trainer per 3 animals, but other volunteers of different gender, age, height, etc. will come to spend time and play with the pet to get him/her used to people. This will help the animals get used to all kinds of different people because you never know who will adopt them.

I hope that in 2060 they will make some of these changes to make animal shelters a better place!