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Improvements in Animal Shelters by 2060

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

One of the biggest problems with animal shelters is the lack of public awareness. Furthermore, lack of awareness can lead to the extermination of the animals because of overcrowding. This is why I created an app called Shelter Detector. This app will be able to tell you where the closest shelter is and which ones have the most animals in the shelter, so animals don't have to die because of the lack of people adopting pets. Also, this app will ask you questions, so it can find the most suitable pet for you, so you're not stuck with something you're just going to leave on the streets or give to another shelter. In addition, this tells you which animal has been there the longest because it can only stay there 5-7 days before passing. Finally, this helps animals not perish, and be able to get a home.

As you probably know because of Covid-19, many places don't have enough staff because of vaccine requirements, etc. This is why a lot of shelters are losing staff, causing there to be too many animals, which leads to them being exiled. Well now you don't have to worry about having less employees! Introducing the Cleaner 2.0! This is a robot that can work as a staff member, plus it can adapt to any job, and can clean the facility, cages, toys, and pets! It will make the pet look and smell more presentable and cute, making more people interested in buying one, so the place won't get overcrowded. When it cleans the entire building, it gets rid of diseases so less pets will pass away. This will help shelters have more employees and fewer animals flatline.

Have you ever wondered how many animals that get adopted go back to shelters? Well, 70 million pets go back to shelters per year, and about 1,600,000 million are killed! This is why I have created a device called the Pet Teller. This machine will tell you the name, birthday, favorite food and drink, etc. of the animal! This will help you get to know the animal so you don't choose one that you will end up leaving on the side of the road, like the Shelter Detector app. Because of this, less pets will be put on the side of the road and in another shelter.

As you can tell, the shortage of employees, animals being thrown on the side of the road, and lack of public awareness are all big problems. This is why I created apps and gadgets like Shelter Detector, Cleaner 2.0, and Pet Teller. I believe that in 2060 animal shelters will have improved and possibly use these apps and gizmos to help with these issues, like Theodore Roosevelt said, "Believe you can and you're halfway there."