

Dear SPCA-HC friends, colleagues, and members of the public:

The COVID and post-COVID era introduced both challenges and opportunities for improvement of our organization. In planning for the future and correcting any observable departures from our mission statement, the board has sought formal and informal expert consultants in the form of veterinarians, shelter experts, and animal behaviorists, trainers, and groomers. We appreciate and are grateful for every dollar that is donated to the shelter. To honor your commitment, we are working diligently to fulfill our mission statement.

To that end, the SPCA Board of Directors (BOD), in partnership with our Interim Director Mr. Eric Allvin, is excited to share with you our shelter revitalization effort. Here are the associated goals and milestones planned to address the operational categories we believe are the foundation of achieving our Mission. Highlights of our plan include:

- An emphasis on expanding the canine program effort to include greater intake of dogs, canine socialization, enrichment, and efficient rehoming activities
- ongoing and improved feline spay/neuter/rehoming activities
- exploration and execution of best practices for feral cat welfare
- expansion of low-cost veterinary services such as rabies vaccination clinics
- restructuring and retraining of staffing
- cleaning, brightening, and optimization of facilities including modernized fire and security systems, computer systems, and increased hours
- greater outreach to volunteers, donors, public
- building greater relationships with other animal shelters/sanctuaries, veterinarians, other non-profits with complementary or overlapping missions
- optimize use of the shelter space to increase our animal capacity and services we offer
- partnering with area vets to increase care of in-house animals and community member animals

To reach these objectives we believe a period of one or two months of minimal intake will be necessary to achieve these objectives. We plan to ramp back up to maximum intake for both cats and dogs once the facility changes and staff retraining is completed. During this time, we will keep you updated on our progress and any opportunities for you to be involved or volunteer on our website or Facebook page.

We hope to be as transparent about these improvements as possible and encourage you to contact our interim director Mr. Eric Allvin with any questions. Mr. Allvin can be reached at:

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