11.17.19 Meeting Minutes

* Members of the month December
  + Foster: Allison
  + Volunter: John
  + January: Cyndi/Shawn, Leah/Michele
* Annie
  + Initially- Transit or Eden for Prozac
  + Second Line- Orchard Park for behavioral
* NCPP
  + Top donors name 6 puppies (2 each litter), anything they want, will send photos
* Puppy Litter
  + Emails- 12/1 and 12/8
  + Rosie’s – meet and greet 12/14
  + Greta – meet and greet 12/22
  + Pumpkin – meet and greet 12/29
* Puppy vaccines (born in NCCR care)
  + 1st at 6 weeks, adopt out at 8 weeks, adopters will be required to attend a vaccine clinic for the 2nd vaccine between 3-4 weeks.
* Puppy Mill
  + A couple dogs at a time
  + Member’s wishlist
    - Breed
    - Age
    - Gender
    - Member willing to take the dog while also having a foster?
    - Member will need to be able to take the dog at any time without prior approval
    - Member needs to understand there is very limited information, the dog may need time to decompress which could take months
    - Major health issues will be disclosed ahead of time if it is a mill dog (not backyard breeder)
* Minimum age of foster/adopter
  + Previous: Foster -18, Adopter- 23
  + New: 21 years old for both
* Dhpp vaccines
  + <16 weeks- minimum of 2 vaccines with the 2nd being at least 5 days prior to transport
  + >16 weeks- minimum of 1 vaccine at least 5 days prior to transport
* New vets
  + Countryside- Lockport (s/n and office visits)
  + Millersport- Lockport/Getzville (office visits primarily, backup s/n)
  + Rochester- Looking into setting up spay/neuter options
* Foster-to-Adopt
  + Agreement will be edited to say - Please assume no dogs are spayed/neutered prior to arrival. Adopters understands that the current vet offices for spay/neuter are located in Buffalo and they will be responsible for transportation of the dog to the visit. The adopter is also expected to drive to the rescue’s office location in Williamsville to finalize the adoption if they choose to do so.
* 2020 Events
  + Puppy Happy Hour- January 3rd Black Button distillery
    - Battle of the Booze- 3 teams
  + PetSmart adoption event- January 18th
  + Furtastic- Febraury 8th
  + Meat Raffle- March
  + Fatty Beer Co- April
  + Pups & Pop-ups & the Pointe – June 20th
  + Poker Run- July 18th
* December Transport
  + Alabama- December 7th, Patty and Jen or Beth?
* Transport changes
  + Foster/Adopters will come in and get supplies and place in their car
  + Once all have arrived debrief/instructions will be done by a board member
  + Foster/Adopters will then be asked to wait in their cars until their dog’s name is sent in the transport chat and foster/adopter will come in or pull their car around back as instructed
  + Collars/Harness will be fitted properly prior to departure
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* Spay/Neuter exceptions
  + Reasoning behind considering exceptions: Spaying/neutering dogs is extremely important to us. We want to do everything we can to help combat overpopulation and decrease the amount of dogs euthanized as a result. The primary way to do this is to spay/neuter dogs. However, we do understand that some people change their views with time and become more educated. We would much rather give someone the chance of adopting an already spayed/neutered dog through our rescue than going through a breeder. This does not mean we will be making exceptions regularly or for dogs that are otherwise young, healthy, and able to be fixed.
  + If reviewing an application and there is an unfixed animal (cats or dogs) in the house, please reach out to the adopter and ask about the reason. Then contact someone from leadership to review.
  + If there is an elderly unfixed animal or unfixed due to medical reasons (per the vet) we may consider making exceptions. This will be reviewed and determined by the leadership team and depend on if the vetting is otherwise pristine (up to date on vaccinations, no gaps in visits/treatments, and reasoning for no spay/neuter).
  + If leadership decided it is ok to proceed with a home visit, the volunteer will complete the home visit and then let the adopter know that a board member will be calling to discuss the adoption process.
  + If an exception is made and approved to adopt, adoption will be contingent on them adopting a dog that is already spayed/neutered prior to arrival in their home.
* Vetting for small animals
  + Ferrets are required to have rabies vaccines per NYS
  + All other small animals do not have required vaccines/vetting
* Giving Tuesday
  + Goal: Transport Van (cargo van)
  + Price? Rear temp control
  + Influence on community- amount of animals rescued, list rescue/shelter partners in south, states reached: NY, AL, TX, OH, FL, WV, SC, KY, GA, at least 5 local WNY rescues take turns providing volunteers to drive to the ½ point of the TX transport in a rented van (van will help their rescue’s as well),
  + Average 35 dogs per trip (anywhere from 20-50), trips taken every 3-4 weeks, amount of miles traveled for the transports, cost (van, supplies, gas, hotel)