

Talking Points – Monday, September 27th Board/Public Meeting

For anyone who hasn't heard, our new location is ... 305 Hwy YZ, Dodgeville WI
13,000 square feet main building, plus large separate storage building.

Lease with option to purchase. We are looking at this location as our long-term plan/home!

Our current lease ends December 31st, 2010.

Reasons to Move / Benefits

- Double our current space.
 - This does not mean we will double our capacity! We need more space to house the current number of animals in a healthier environment. Currently, we house cats everywhere in the building – literally! The cats are crowded into hallways, the laundry room and the reception area.
 - Financially, we can only support our current levels
- Fewer health problems with the animals.
 - Kennels too close together today
 - No proper quarantine area
 - Stress-reducing animal housing
 - Better disease control
- Have been limited in ability to set up current facility as a shelter. More options and flexibility in new location
 - No wood paneling and other interior materials that are hard to clean and retain smells. Again, current facility presents lots of challenges to the animals' health
- Can designate space for vet exams and minor surgeries
- Increased access – larger parking lot, handicapped access
- Space for more one-on-one work with animals, socialization and training
- Storage building could include indoor exercise yard and bad weather dog kennels (for use while cleaning indoor kennels)
- Room for more educational offerings, volunteer and community programs
- Did we mention more space?!

LOTS of potential... LOTS of work/renovation.

Phased approach:

- Phase 1 – get us in the building (before end of December!). \$250,000
- Phase 2 – set up for future (additional animal spaces, more staff and community areas, etc). \$500,000 grand total

Sean Bujold from 4 Legs Architecture donating his architectural services. Experienced architect focused on animal clinics, hospitals, and shelters. Help us design an efficient, cost effective space within our budget.

We are looking at this as our long-term location/home. Much less expensive than building new (building alone would be \$1M or more, plus cost of land).

Conditional Use Requirements:

- No outdoor kennels on north (front) or east sides of building
- Dogs walked / in supervised play yards from 8am – 6pm on weekdays and 8am – 5pm on weekends. When dogs are being walked they are supervised by volunteer or staff member.
- On weekends, dogs will not be in outside kennels or supervised play yards between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2pm. Exception: dogs may be outside with potential adopters and supervising staff during this time.
- 15 single holding kennels allowed, to be placed on north and east sides of storage shed. Existing fenced areas on south side of the building may also be utilized.
- Only two play yards. One shall be placed between the main building and storage shed. The second shall be placed by the parking lot near the rear of the building and only be used when staff or volunteers are supervising.
- All play yards and outdoor areas shall be kept mowed and trimmed. HUGE thank you to Chuck and Terri Davis for this!!

Draft Interior Design

(review diagram from Sean – Carrie will print)

Schedule

(print Renovation and Move schedule)

What We Need Now:

\$\$\$ - need to order indoor dog kennels, set up plumbing, etc

- One time or monthly commitment

Projects:

1. Cut off metal in existing outdoor fenced area
 - a. COMPLETE! - thank you Chuck Davis!
2. Make front entrance inviting
 - a. In process – Master Gardeners project
3. Trim large pine trees in front of building
4. Fence larger dog run area
 - a. Review fencing supplies that we already have
 - b. Update board with additional materials needed, questions, or issues
 - c. Install the fencing

5. Clean out storage shed and set up
6. Plan and setup outside kennels
 - a. Research options for “flooring” in space between storage building and main building
 - b. Present recommendation to board, obtain supplies needed
 - c. Install kennels
 - d. Fence area
7. Fundraising
 - a. Ideas
 - b. Contact potential donors – phone or email
 - c. Work with businesses that may want to hold events

Skills

Your skills and time – we will be doing as much of the work ourselves as we can!

Please sign up on sheets provided: any skills you have, ways you would be willing to help, and the best way to reach you (phone or email).

- Electrical (October/November)
- Plumbing (October/November)
- Contractor/Carpenter (October/November/December)
- Lots more opportunities will be coming soon!