

## ADOPTION / SHELTERING

Shelter science continues to evolve. Providing quieter, larger and more secluded areas for the animals in our care is of the utmost importance. The recommended kennel size for dogs was adjusted with the implementation of ACT 90 from the Wisconsin legislature three years ago. Larger cat accommodations and fewer cats per square foot are strategies recommended by the UC-Davis Shelter Medicine Program to reduce illnesses. In addition, HAWS has seen growth in the need for our Safe Keep program, which provides emergency, temporary kenneling for the pets of families and people in distress.

### ***Specific improvements for Adoption and Sheltering include:***

- A dedicated Safe Keep room to house animals for emergency boarding. This area will be quieter and separated from our populations to create a less stressful stay and prevent illness transmission.
- Two large kennel spaces for giant breed dogs for ACT 90 compliance.
- A dedicated area for dogs that are transferred from other facilities, to separate them for a time from our dogs to prevent disease transference.
- An additional check-in desk for animal intakes.
- An additional adoption area for cats, helping to reduce overcrowding and stress.
- A larger isolation ward for those cats undergoing medical treatment.
- Surrendered cats will be separated from our incoming stray cats in two (2) distinct wards, minimizing illness transmission.

