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IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: For the safety of our staff, volunteers, supporters, and animals, the Toledo Humane Society has made the difficult decision to suspend all non-urgent operations starting Sunday, 3/22/2020 until we can safely reopen to the public. This includes in-shelter adoptions temporarily.

We are happy to share that thanks to our wonderful community, we have completed 53 adoptions and sent 68 animals to foster care this week! THS wants to send a BIG thank you to everyone who opened their hearts and homes to foster or adopt during this difficult time.

We currently have 40 animals remaining in the building. 17 of the animals are currently available, and we are hopeful that we can continue matching animals with foster families in the coming days. Other animals remaining are Working Cats waiting for barn placement, animals on Cruelty Hold, and those receiving medical treatment. The THS staff and limited volunteers will continue to care for the remaining animals in the building with lots of walks, enrichment, and of course snuggles! We will continue to work toward preparing the remaining animals for adoption.

At this time, we are still accepting foster applications from families that can commit to housing animals for 4-8 weeks. We urgently need families without other pets willing to foster large adult dogs in the 40-70 pound range. We are also still seeking families willing to foster fearful/shy adult cats and cats receiving medication that can be confined separately from resident pets. If you may be willing to foster any of these remaining pets, please download a foster application at www.toledohumane.org/become-a-pet-foster-parent/ and return your completed application to foster@toledhumane.org.

Available Working Cats seeking outdoor placement as barn or shop cats are still being placed at this time. These are cats that are typically feral or unsocialized with people, but are used to living outdoors and can assist families with outdoor rodent control. Although they will be outdoor cats, these cats will be placed with caregivers with a barn, garage, or other outbuilding that are willing to provide shelter and daily food/water for their Working Cats. For more information or to request Working Cats, please visit our website at <https://www.toledohumane.org/barn-cat-program/>.

As we shared earlier in the week, all non-essential intakes will be postponed. Injured, ill, and extremely urgent intakes will be scheduled by appointment. To schedule an emergency intake, please email kcook@toledohumane.org. THS Cruelty Officers are



still investigating cruelty reports as well. If you see an animal in need of help, please file a report online at <https://www.toledohumane.org/stop-animal-cruelty/>

Physical and monetary Donations are GREATLY appreciated during this trying time, however, we ask that any physical donations be left outside the building in front of the main doors since the building will be closed to the public. Amazon donation deliveries are welcome too! To make a monetary donation please visit: <https://www.toledohumane.org/donation/>

At this time, our biggest needs include sturdy 4-6' dog leashes, medium/large/XL collapsible wire dog crates, and medium/large cat travel carriers.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the future and we know the animals do too! For now we must do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect our community. Stay safe everyone and thank you for understanding!

Sincerely,

Toledo Area Humane Society