



To Be Human Is to Be Humane

**Shelter Vision of
The Fulton County Humane Society**

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The Fulton County Humane Society Shelter – Our Vision

We may be the last county in Ohio to have an animal shelter – but we want ours to be the best! Offering cage-less animal care coupled with an adoption program and a variety of community services, we will set the bar of how to care for pets. Although we will use cages when necessary – a typical day at our shelter will be that of “a dog’s life”.

Not only will FCHS be the best place to adopt a pet, but the best place to learn about, engage with, and celebrate animals. With our room-like habitats for animals awaiting adoption, our shelter offers a healthy, friendly and comfortable environment for both people and pets that we believe will change the way people interact with animals. We want ours to be an animal shelter where people want to visit - not dread.

Most shelters remind us of animal prisons or warehouses. We can take the healthiest, happiest, well-adjusted dog and put him in a cage for 10 days, and the results is a dog that’s neurotic, desperate for bonding and difficult to adopt. Our Doggy Play Rooms will greatly reduce animal stress and behavioral issues created by traditional shelter designs, producing more adoptable animals.

Key features of our shelter will include an affordable Spay/Neuter area, a Community Dog Park and Training Center, Pet Grooming, Educational programs for children, teens and families, a Commons for community events, and more.

The FCHS Shelter will be able to accommodate approximately 90 animals at a time, which still may not be enough given the annually estimated 2400 dogs and cats are abused, neglected and homeless in our county. Should there be an overflow of unwanted pets, we will promote foster homes as a viable option.

Going from one extreme of no shelter - to the other of a cutting edge facility, the FCHS Shelter will put Fulton County on the map for how to care for animals.



The Fulton County Humane Society Shelter – Narrative Tour

Over all shelter dimensions = 54' X 72'

You will enter into the Front of Shelter which will include: a 22'x14' Lobby with a Greeting Counter and 4 large display cages for showcasing featured pets. To the right will be five Kitty Rooms and two Adoption Rooms. Each room will have a glass door which will allow potential adopters to view the pets in their natural state. Kitty Rooms will have ample food, water, litter boxes, toys, and items for cats to climb on. The adoption room is a place for potential adopters to play with and get acquainted with their future pet.

If you look to your left while entering from the front door - you will see a Kitchen with a Conference table, a Grooming Room, a Rest Room and utility room.

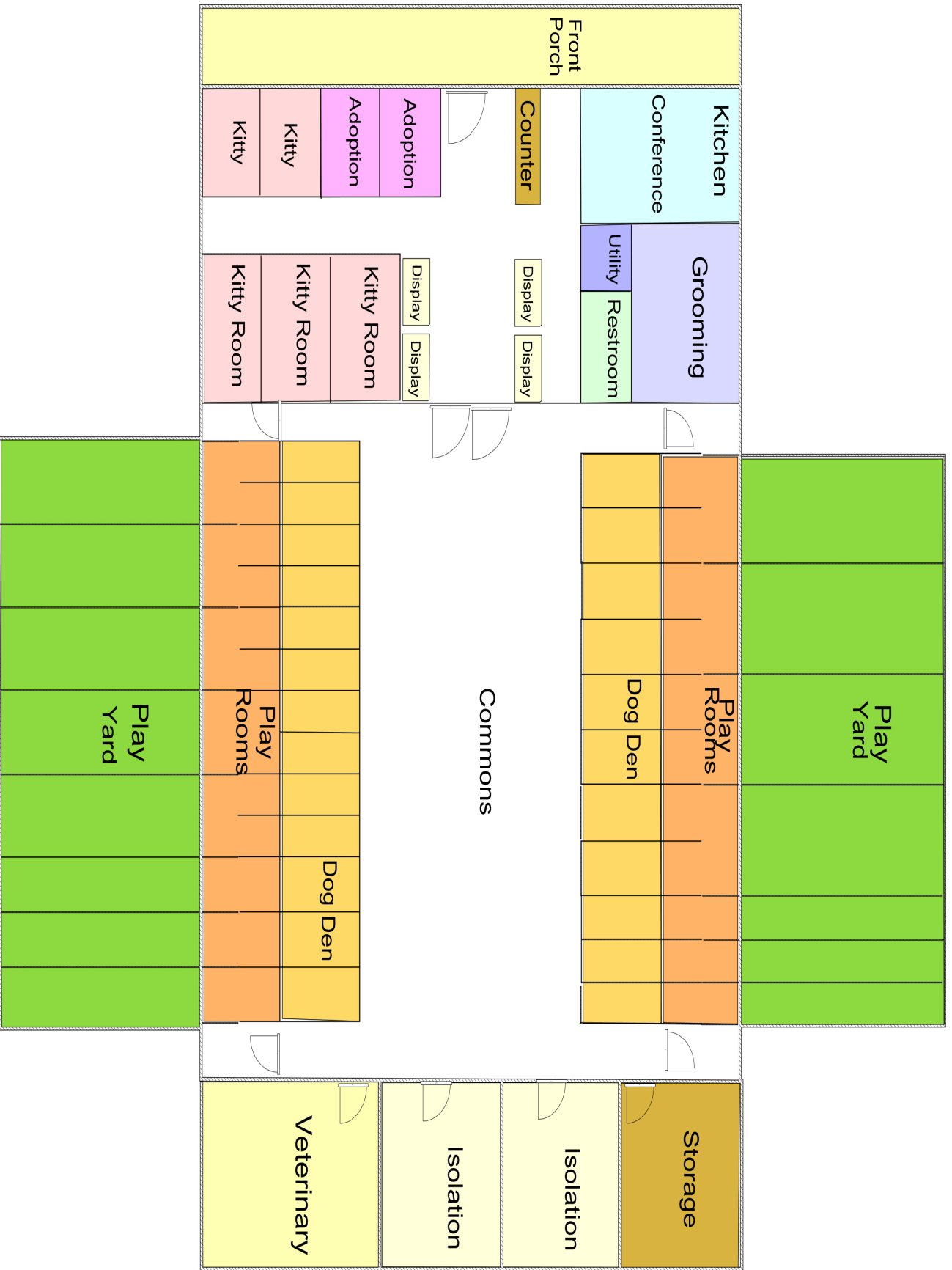
As you head toward the back of the shelter, you will enter into a 22'x49' Commons area which may be used for dog trainings, fundraisers, large meetings, community events etc. To either side of the Commons are rows of Large (4'X8') dog kennels (24 kennels in total), or as we like to refer to them "Dog Dens". Dog dens have a guillotine door that open into 8'X8" play areas (combining 2 dens).

The reason these are dog dens and not kennels is because the dogs will only sleep & eat in these areas which will be set up with the dog's comfort in mind. Each will contain a dog bed, ample food & water and toys. On the back side of each den is a sliding guillotine door that will be raised with a pulley to open into a Doggie Play Room. After the dog has had breakfast and has entered his/her play room, the pulley will close off the room from the den. This will allow more quiet for the commons and keep the dogs from entering into another's den. The den is the only area where the dog will eat, which is the motivation to re-enter at the end of the day. The play rooms include ample water & toys for play. Here they will socialize with another agreeable dog and have the opportunity to go outside into a play yard.

Each play area has a doggie door (that dogs can use at will) entering into a fenced in yard. Here again, dogs can play outside and just be dogs. There will be lots of toys and items to entertain and keep the dogs happy and well-adjusted.

Finally, along the back of the shelter are four rooms including a Veterinary Room used for examinations and surgeries, and two Isolation Rooms used for animals who are not feeling well, in recovery from surgery or nursing, and to separate and observe new arrivals. Each isolation room will have four large 3x6 cages separated by cabinets so animals will not come into contact with each other.

The surrounding property will include *Community Dog Park* which will invite people to come, socialize and hang out with their pets, while promoting the FCHS. The park will include benches, paths, and dog playing equipment. We want our park to be attractive and inviting.





FCHS will have its own Dog Park - A place for people and dogs to interact.



Cat's view from inside the Kitty Play Room



Dog's view from inside the Doggie Play





- Each Private Dog Den has a doggie door that enters into a Play Room.
- Each Play Room has a doggie door that opens into a Play Yard.

