

Senior Project Proposal

Title: Haven Animal Sanctuary

Student: Tahlia

Advisor: Geri

Objective:

By exploring various elements of animal shelters, I plan to design a hypothetical no-kill animal shelter. I will not only sketch maps and drawings of the grounds and buildings as well as design and outline the major jobs necessary, but I will also create summer and educational programs that will enrich and benefit the community. Through this project I will gain a better understanding of the complexity, functionality, and necessity of no-kill animal shelters.

Why I have chosen this for significant study:

There are many reasons that I chose this project. I am against unnecessarily euthanizing of animals and I am against animal abuse. This project would enable me to both hypothetically and actually facilitate the education of people about domesticated companion animals. This project successfully mixes my love of animals and my interests in activism and community services. Lastly, this project thoroughly mixes my interests and improves my skills in business management, architecture, animal welfare, and interior design.

Committee members:

- Holly, Tahlia's mother and TTouch Practitioner-in-training
- Geri, Tahlia's advisor and art specialist
- Jo, Avalon advisor and biology specialist
- Amanda, Avalon junior advisee
- Arata, Avalon Senior assistant
- Stacy, Local TellingtonTouch Practitioner

What experts and resources I will use:

- Geri, art advisor at Avalon school and public artist
- Jo, science advisor at Avalon school
- Stacy, local TellingtonTouch Practitioner
- Lori, Caring for Cats (no-kill cat shelter for cats located in Minneapolis) volunteer
- Arata, unofficial dog expert and trainer
- ASPCA
- Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota
- Best Friends Animal Society, the nation's largest no-kill animal shelter
- Animal Ark, a local no-kill shelter
- Pet Crossing, a local animal hospital

- Books:
 - JAVA: The True Story of a Shelter Dog Who Rescued a Woman.
 - Stacy Lewis
 - New perspectives on our lives with companion animals
 - Aaron Honori Katcher, Alan M. Beck, editors
 - Philadelphia : University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983
 - The human-animal bond : an annotated bibliography
 - by Karen Miller Allen
 - Metuchen, N.J. : Scarecrow Press, 1985
 - Pets without homes
 - by Caroline Arnold ; photographs by Richard Hewett
 - New York : Clarion Books, c1983
 - Lost and found : dogs, cats, and everyday heroes at a country animal shelter
 - by Elizabeth Hess
 - New York : Harcourt Brace, 1998
 - Therapeutic value of the human-animal bond
 - Traci K. Thompson
 - 2005
- Articles
- Websites:
 - Pets Alive No-Kill Animal Shelter – New York. Pets Alive. April 18, 2006 <<http://www.petsalive.com/>>.
 - Animal Ark No-Kill Shelter. Animal Ark. April 18, 2006 <<http://www.animalarkshelter.org/>>.
 - Best Friends Animal Society Home Page. 2005. Best Friends Animal Society. April 18, 2006 <<http://www.bestfriends.com>>.
 - Noah's Ark Animal Foundation, Fairfield, Iowa. Noah's Ark Animal Foundation. April 18, 2006 <<http://www.noahsark.org/>>
 - Twin Cities No-Kill Coalition. Animal Ark. April 18, 2006 <<http://www.animalarkshelter.org/NoKill.html>>.
 - Linda Tellington Jones – TTEAM and Ttouch Training (Tellington Touch pet, dog, cat and horse training, care, and health). 2006. Linda Tellington-Jones. April 18, 2006 <<http://ttouch.com/>>.
 - Lewis, Stacy. Dancing Porcupine barking biting clawing chewing jumping pulling. 2006. Dancing Porcupine. April 18, 2006 <<http://www.dancingporcupine.com>>

What questions I will answer:

- What weather and emergency factors need to be taken into consideration to ensure the health and safety of the animals?
- What staff positions are necessary to the shelter's success?
- What are the best layouts and architectural styles for each type of animal grounds for maximum functionality?
- What types of programs can be set up for educational experiences?

- Is it more cost-effective and healthier to buy food for the animals or to make it? What ingredients are crucial? What ingredients should be avoided? What types (recipes or brands) are best?
- What training is necessary for staff and volunteers?
- What are the basics that each type of animal requires?
- With 80 acres, how should the land be used for the maximum functionality at the lowest cost?
- What extras (cars, housing, etc.) will be needed?
- What is necessary for a successful wildlife rehab center?
- What are the best layouts within each building?
- What types of funding are available to begin a project like this?

Steps to the project:

1. Scrapbook
 - a. Deadline: May 24, 2007

2. Training Materials from Best Friends Animal Society
 - a. Deadline: December 22, 2006

3. Hypothetical “Occupants”
 - a. List of Dogs and Blank Record Sheets
 - i. Deadline: November 10, 2006
 - b. Record Sheets
 - i. RD Deadline: December 10, 2006
 - ii. FD Deadline: January 10, 2006

4. Written Plans
 - a. Food Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: September 15, 2006
 - ii. FD Deadline: September 22, 2006
 - b. Occupations Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: October 13, 2006
 - ii. FD Deadline: October 20, 2006
 - c. Training Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: October 30, 2006
 - ii. FD Deadline: November 6, 2006
 - d. Programs Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: November 15, 2006
 - ii. FD Deadline: November 22, 2006
 - e. Emergencies Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: December 1, 2006
 - ii. FD Deadline: December 11, 2006
 - f. Extras Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: January 5, 2007
 - ii. FD Deadline: January 12, 2007
 - g. Housing Plan

- i. RD Deadline: January 26, 2007
 - ii. FD Deadline: February 5, 2007
 - h. Funding Plan
 - i. RD Deadline: March 16, 2007
 - ii. FD Deadline: March 30, 2007
- 5. Grounds Map
 - a. RD Deadline: January 26, 2007
 - b. FD Deadline: April 30, 2007
- 6. Sector Maps
 - a. RD Deadline: February 23, 2007
 - b. FD Deadline: April 20, 2007
- 7. Building Sketches
 - a. RD Deadline: March 22, 2007
 - b. FD Deadline: April 5, 2007
- 8. Portfolio
 - a. RD Deadline: April 30, 2007
 - b. FD Deadline: May 24, 2007
- 9. Committee Meeting – Portfolio RD
 - a. Deadline: April 30, 2007
- 10. Present
 - a. Deadline: May 21, 2007
- 11. Finalize – Portfolio FD
 - a. Deadline: May 24, 2007

What graduation standards I plan to address:

- Academic Writing, Public Speaking, Issues Analysis, Research Process, Social Science Processes, **Market Research**, Community Interaction

Portfolio Checklist

The portfolio will contain the final drafts of all of the following items as well any drafts of the following products.

- **The senior project proposal;**
- **Training materials from Best Friends;**
- **“Occupants” list:**
 - A completed record sheet for each of 40-50 dogs and their assigned “runs;”
- **Written Plans**
 - **Food Plan:** A written plan of food for people and animals for one month,
 - **Occupations Plan:** A written plan of various jobs and what their responsibilities are as well as their pay and benefits,
 - **Training Plan:** A written plan of the necessary training for volunteers as well as for incoming staff members,
 - **Programs Plan:** A written plan of various educational activities to occur throughout a year,
 - **Emergencies Plan:** A written plan detailing the actions to be taken in the case of various emergencies.
 - **Extras Plan:** A written plan highlighting anything that does not fall into one of the above categories but is considered necessary to the project
 - **Funding Plan:** A written plan noting grants and other funds necessary to this project as well as a rough estimate of expenses (excluding the “Extras” category);
- **Grounds Map**
 - A map of the grounds (80 acres) broken into the sectors as well as directions for reaching the shelter from near-by major metropolitan areas.
- **Sector Maps:** maps of the individual sectors enlarged and in more detail than on the grounds map.
 - **Cats**
 - **Rabbits**
 - **Dogs**
 - **Farm/Livestock**
 - **Clinic**
 - **Miscellaneous Buildings**
- **Building Sketches:** Conceptual sketches of the buildings within the sectors.
 - **Cats**
 - **Rabbits**
 - **Dogs**
 - **Farm/Livestock**
 - **Clinic**
 - **Miscellaneous Buildings**
- **Presentation:**
 - **Speech/Notes**
 - **Evaluations**
- **Scrapbook:** a collection of major research notes, extremely rough sketches, and other various pieces collected throughout this project.