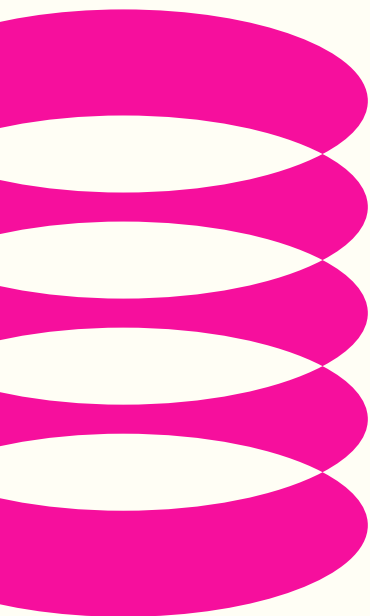




XYZ: SENIOR WELFARE ASSESSMENT

RESULTS

.75	Potential senior welfare; total (static +wPfl)
.81	Canine static assessment score
.48	Feline static assesment score
.23	Potential for improvement (Pfl) score (C+F)

SUMMARY

Overall potential senior welfare at this shelter is high at .75 when its capacity for improvement is considered (weighted Pfl).

The overall static welfare score, or the current welfare status, is moderately high at .64.

Canine senior welfare is already high at .81 and had a very low PFI score of .10 meaning there is some room for improvement, but not much.

Feline senior welfare is lower at .48, but still impressive (moderate), with a moderately low PFI score of .33, meaning there is some room for improvement.

SUGGESTIONS

BENEFICIAL CHANGES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED AS EASY OR FEASIBLE TO INCORPORATE AT YOUR SHELTER

CANINE

- Add scent or texture markers to major landmarks and pathways to provide guidance/reference points to vision-impaired dogs. For example, a scent marker at the start of any changes in incline at exits.
- Attach a flashlight or laser to hearing-impaired dogs' kennel door to use to get their attention without causing startle.
- Provide special signage on senior kennels to remind staff/visitors of senior status and any special needs.
- Consider conducting euthanasia on the floor rather than on the exam table to reduce stress.

FELINE

- Provide a cat tree with reduced-distance platforms for mobility or vision-impaired cats so they can still participate in species-specific behaviors.
- Provide stay-in-place bowls for mobility or vision-impaired cats. Consider a bowl holder that is also at shoulder height to reduce strain on the body and arthritic pain.
- Provide mobility aids (such as drag bags, wheelchairs, etc.) to cats as needed.

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Thank you for participating in our study!
We hope this assesment summary proves useful to you in caring for your seniors.

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SUGGESTIONS (CONTINUED)

FELINE

- Provide a water fountain with audible bubbling to cats with vision impairment to help them find their water as well as to serve as a reminder to encourage them to drink (in place of the usual visual reminder).
- Add scent or texture markers to major landmarks and pathways to provide guidance/reference points to vision-impaired cats. For example, texture tape leading to their water station.
- Provide wearable aids as needed, such as a bandana stating vision status, a halo collar, etc.
- Make it standard policy not to trim vision-impaired cats' nails too short—they are more likely to walk off ledges and fall and need to be able to catch themselves.
- Attach a flashlight or laser to hearing-impaired cats' cage/room door to use to get their attention without causing startle.
- Provide special signage for seniors to remind staff/visitors of senior status and any special needs.
- Take supplementary hydration measures as seniors become dehydrated more easily. Options include wet food, wet food slurries, frozen treats, Purina Hydra Care etc.
- Provide white noise and/or classical music—seniors may experience extra stress in shelters.

