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## **Dog Gone New**

**The new Arlington Animal Shelter will be a very large facility. It will have lots** of space for the animals to run around and a welcome center. When you enter the welcome center it will look like a doghouse. The entrance will have bright colors all around to make you feel cheery and welcome. It will have pictures of famous Hollywood animals hanging on the walls. The tables in the center will have bowls of doggie and kitty treats on them. Everyone will feel welcome at the new center.

This new facility will have lots of nice features. The pets that are living in the shelter will have their own cage with a bed and food bowls. They will be fed three times a day with a snack between meals. When the weather is nice they can go out and play on their own playground. A bubble pool for bathing the animals will be in each wing. The welcome center will have a nursery to view the new babies. A veterinarian will be at the facility to take care of the sick animals.

The shelter will need different types of equipment to care for and house the animals. They will need lots of air-conditioned and heated cages, pooper-scoopers, bathing and grooming tools, hospital equipment for animals, disposal equipment, toothbrushes, trucks for rescuing the lost animals, muzzles and safety and fire alarms.

Our new shelter will provide many services. First and most important is the adoption center. People can come and adopt animals of their choosing. They can get to know their future pet in the playroom. The second service is the pet education center with hands on activities. Kids can learn to take care of their pet and learn what to do when they see stray animals. Their new pet can go to animal obedience training classes. They will learn to obey their owners. The third service is the Pet Rescue Squad. This squad will rescue the stray animals or the ones that have bad owners.

Our animal shelter affects our community. They save the animals in danger and keep them safe at the shelter. The shelter provides birth control, finds homes for the lost animals, and keeps our community safe from sick animals. Arlington needs the animal services to keep the animals and the people safe.

