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Animal Shelters in 2060

Animal shelters today are great, but by 2060, I believe there will be many improvements that will help the animals as well as the community.

First of all, many shelters do not have enough supplies to take care of the animals such as lack of food, not enough toys or money. But I hopefully found an idea that will help. The Shelter Fair, much like a normal fair, will have rides, games, and delicious food. One way this can help the shelter is that there will be a small fee to enter and along with 70% of the profits made by the games and food stalls will be donated to the shelter. Along with a small challenge, the people are allowed to enter. There would be a challenge to where you can sign up and then donate food and toys and at the end of the fair, the people that donate the most will win prizes. Hopefully thanks to the Shelter Fair, the donations will help the shelter in need so they can take care of the many animals they have.

Next, Another problem is bad health care. Many of the animals are passing because of being unhealthy either by getting illnesses caused by the germs and filth inside the shelter or by injury. But maybe with this, the shelters can become cleaner and have less illnesses spreading around. The Pet Buddie is a helpful and adorable robot that can clean cages, take care of the animals and can scan for sickness, injuries, and what is causing germs to spread. Also, it can treat an animal either sick or injured, not just tell you what's wrong. Maybe with the Pet Buddie, we can help less animals die thanks to being sick or injured.

Finally, overcrowding is probably one of the most well known reasons for animals being killed at shelters so with this, maybe we can stop that or at least have it done a little less. The Shelter Finder will help you if you ever find a dog in need of shelter. You can pull up this helpful app that shows you the shelters closest to you and how much room they have left. You can call the shelter of your choosing and shortly after an AI car will be there to pick up the dog and bring it to the shelter. So possibly with the help of the shelter finder, we could save a lot of animals from being exterminated.

As you can see, the ideas I presented will help with lack of resources, bad healthcare, and overcrowding. I know that these are not all the problems that face animal shelters, but hopefully it can help even just a little.