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Works Cited

Animal Welfare Institute, <https://awionline.org/>

This website is very useful because it tells me a lot of information I may need about animal welfare in general. This will be insanely helpful when finishing my presentation and final essay on this project. I believe that this could help when trying to describe what exactly animal welfare is, and how we can help more feral pets in need of forever homes.

“Become a Foster Parent.” *Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society*, 25 Aug. 2021,

<https://phillypaws.org/foster/>

This is the foster care program that I am using to foster the kittens I have right now. I plan on interviewing the people who manage the shelter, and why they chose to do what they do. This is definitely something that will be shown off in my project because of how much they help animals in need and show off what they're doing. Being a civilian, there is so much that you can do for this system, without even fostering.

“FOSTER CARE.” *HUMANE PENNSYLVANIA*, 3 Feb. 2022,

<https://humanepa.org/foster-care/#:~:text=Foster%20families%20provide%20a%20life,%20difficult%20to%20adjust%20to,%20etc.>

This is a great resource for my project because it tells me more about why people should foster and how it affects the animals that are being rehabilitated. Because there are so many more cats than there are people that want to foster, having just a few people in each part of the city being able to foster animals, helps give more space to shelters so that fewer animals are euthanized.

“Foster Care Program.” *ACCT Philly*,

<http://www.acctphilly.org/programs/foster/#:~:text=Why%20Foster?,%20or%20too%20young%20for%20adoption.>

This program was used by me and my family when we decided to foster our current pets. We had decided to foster pets to give them homes for the time being until they could get forever homes. Something we didn't realize was that we were going to fall in love with our fosters and decide to adopt them ourselves. Now, fostering with a different organization, it is easier to give up our fosters to loving families so that we can have other people feel how we feel with our furry friends.

Hostetler, Mark, et al. “How Effective and Humane Is Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) for Feral Cats?” <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/UW468>

This is an article from the University of Florida. This talks about the princess of Trap Neuter Release, and how it can be better for some feral cats because they do not feel comfortable around people. Having this be a good option to reduce to amount of cats and dogs on our streets without having to euthanize them, makes our city much more environmentally friendly. There are certain downfalls to why it is not the best option. Whether that be a lack of food or shelter, there are still many reasons why it is so much better than euthanization.

Huntingford, Dr. Jan. “7 Reasons Fostering a Rescue Pet Is Good For Mental Health-Yours & Theirs.” *Pet Wellbeing Blog*, <https://blog.petwellbeing.com/7-reasons-fostering-a-rescue-is-good-for-mental-health-yours-and-theirs>

This is something that I had found very interesting. This article shows why fostering can be beneficial to your mental health. Having to deal with the process of letting go, over and over again, while it may hurt, it will be better for you in the long run. Being able to become attached to an animal and make them feel comfortable with people is a great experience that many people do not realize is such a great idea.

Pittman, Arianna. “Why Fostering Dogs and Cats Is So Important and How You Can Get Involved!” *One Green Planet*, One Green Planet, 20 Sept. 2021, <https://www.onegreenplanet.org/animalsandnature/foster-homes-prepare-dogs-and-cats-for-adoption/#:~:text=Fostering%20is%20important%20because%20it,fears,%20or%20recover%20from%20trauma.>

This is exactly what I want to base my project on! I want to show people why it is important to foster and how they can get involved. With all of the possible places, people can foster from it's something to help out our outdoor community insanely. Being able to say you helped save one cat or dog from euthanasia impacts the greater animal welfare community greatly. You can help, and this is how!

“Seven Reasons Why Fostering Animals Saves Lives.” *ASPCA*, www.aspc.org/blog/seven-reasons-why-fostering-animals-saves-lives.

This article is also important for my project. It is a quick overview of why fostering is good for you and the animals you're helping. These seven reasons are just the tip of the iceberg when you decide to foster. Helping animals is something that I have been passionate about for so long. It has impacted me so much, and I would love for it to affect the lives of others the way it has affected me.