

# Review of Shawsville Elementary

- \* Tour of building on 6/20/2012
- \* Items to consider with this location
  - \* Existing building conditions and necessary renovations
  - \* Impact on volunteer organization
  - \* Impact on adoption / owner reclaim rates
  - \* Impact on operational costs
  - \* Possible co-location with Mountain View Humane

# Existing building conditions and necessary renovations

- \* Very few floor drains
  - \* Floor drains only found in kitchen
  - \* Need to install all new plumbing for kennels
  - \* Floor would have to be slightly sloped in kennels to drain properly
- \* HVAC is not adequate for animal shelter
  - \* Need to have separate HVAC systems for different areas in shelter (isolation – cats & dogs, general population, clinic, offices)

# Impact on Adoptions & Reclaims

- \* Giles County

- \* 2011

- \* Adoptions / reclaims – Dogs = 20%; Cats = 2%

- \* Transfer to rescue group – Dogs = 63%; Cats = 39%

- \* 2010

- \* Adoptions / reclaims – Dogs = 18%; Cats = 4%

- \* Transfer to rescue group – Dogs = 53%; Cats = 24%

# Impact on Adoptions & Reclaims

- \* Montgomery County
  - \* 2011
    - \* Adoptions / reclaims – Dogs = 56%
    - \* Transfer to rescue group – Dogs = 26%
  - \* 2010
    - \* Adoptions / reclaims – Dogs = 65%
    - \* Transfer to rescue group – Dogs = 22%

# Impact on Volunteer Organization

- \* 90% of our volunteers come from the population centers in Montgomery County
  - \* Virginia Tech students are the largest
    - \* Shelter is 5 miles from Blacksburg
    - \* New distance would be 18.5 miles to school
  - \* Animal Welfare Foster Program
    - \* Volunteers of vet students who foster dogs
    - \* Transfer dogs from our shelter to AWFPP regularly
  - \* Much needed collaboration and co-location with Mountain View Humane Spay/Neuter clinic

# Summary

- \* Poor location for shelter
  - \* Increased cost for ACO travel
  - \* Response time to certain locations increases
  - \* Negatively impacts coordination with rescue groups
  - \* Increases travel time for volunteers