



Blessings to all!

I sincerely hope this notice finds everyone safely at home and healthy! I wanted to update everyone on the status of animal shelters right now, since I'm getting quite few emails. I did a survey of a small sample of our shelters and the response was pretty much the same from everyone. Here's the scoop:

- Shelters still really **need and want blankets**, since they continue to care for pets, and Kitten Season has started!!!
- Many shelters are no longer housing their pets at Petsmart/Petco locations, and are moving them to **foster-homes**. Many told me that this increases their need for blankets.
- Adoptions are still happening, though at a **slower rate**. The shelters may be closed, but they are allowing one-on-one appointments for potential adopters.

With this in mind, please consider these guidelines for the next couple of months:

- **Volunteers outside of the Chicagoland area** can donate their blankets locally, if they feel comfortable. I think smaller quantities would be appreciated, rather than a huge amount at once. Please either ship your blankets or simply **leave a bag near the front door of the shelter** (whether they are open or not), and let me know. The shelters will have workers there at some point during the day, and will take the blankets inside.
- **Local volunteers** are encouraged to find a shelter near them and donate their blankets locally (again, in smaller quantities), and let me know. They can be **left outside the front door of the shelter**. I will be working hard to sign up as many new, local shelters as I can over the next few weeks, so please keep checking the website list. I ask this, because I still have lots of blankets here that I need to ship out by the end of the month. However, if you're not able to get them to a shelter, please still continue to drop them off at my home. It's going to take more than a virus to stop CFC, so they will get sent to shelters and pets!
- **If you're more comfortable just making blankets**, and **stocking them up** until this blows over (and it will), that's great too. As always, I want CFC to be a blessing, not a burden, for every volunteer.
- **Please join our Facebook Group** "The Comfort for Critters Team". We're sharing photographs of our blankets, our pets and quite a few laughs....all with the appropriate social distancing!
- And finally, please know that everyone is in my **prayers for a healthy 2020**. I'm convinced we will come through this stronger than ever!



Thank you for being the most important part of the CFC team!

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