

Paw Paradise Website

1. Introduction

- This will be a site where pet lovers and providers of pet services can exchange items and/or services for free. It will be a site that allows pet owners, pet shelters and rescues, and pet boarding facilities the ability to barter pet items and pet services.
- Let's say a pet shelter has a need for dog food or dog beds/blankets. They would post that need, or "Want", on this site then consumers will see that post and respond to the post to provide the needed items. If someone has a dog crate or a cat carrier they no longer need. They post their item, as an "Offer", on this site so that someone who needs that item can find it and respond to their post.

2. Expected List of Features

- There will be an "About" page, a "Contact" page, and a "FAQ" page to answer the most commonly asked questions about how the site works.
- Visitors to the site can select the "Post" button to provide the details of their item or service, a picture of the item, a general description of where they are located, and how to contact them.

- Posted items/services will appear in the list of items, in two places. First, all items/services will appear in the list of “All items” (not category specific); secondly items will appear in the list specific to their kind of post, either “Want” or “Offer”.
- There will be tabbed lists of items, 3 tabs. One tab for “All items” (items and services) where all posts will appear no matter their category; a second tab for “Want” items, where only the items or services that people want, or need, will appear; and a third tab for only items, or services, being “Offer”ed. These are items, or services, that people already have and are offering to others for free.
- Within each tab there will be an accordion styled list. A header line will be displayed for each post, or listing. When the listing is clicked that listing will open (or expand), pushing the listings below it down. When another listing is clicked the previously opened listing will close and the newly clicked listing will open (or expand), pushing the listings below it down.

3. Market Survey

- Freecycle does a very similar thing where users can exchange items for free. It has a FAQ page. It also uses tabs to show separate lists for each category. It has its listings under each tab

and when a listing is clicked it opens a large frame on top and hides all other listings.

- Nextdoor does a similar thing but uses cards to display items for sale or free. When an item/card is clicked it opens on top and displays “similar items” below the currently selected item.

4. References

- Nextdoor: https://nextdoor.com/for_sale_and_free/?init_source=more_menu
- Freecycle: <https://groups.freecycle.org/group/RaleighNC/posts/all>