For my practice mock-up’s I decided to offer some re-design options for the Lexington Humane Society. I chose this Lexington Humane Society site because whenever I messed around on it for the Semantics and Accessibility discussion board, I found it to be the most inaccessible and poorly laid-out. That is why I have two re-design mock-up’s that might prove a to be a little bit more accessible and understandable.

For the first design, it is one that I personally like the most, the second follows more closely to their current layout, tweaking some things that might add more accessibility. This first design, I tried to think about how poorly the site was laid out, in terms of being accessible to people who cannot use a mouse and wanted to try and resolve that. I laid it out so it would follow a more concise and visual path down the screen, starting from left to right, working its way down the page. I tried to remove some tabs and content that I thought was repetitive or condensed it down so that you didn’t have to guess what some of the options were. I also thought it would be better to have a side bar that talked about the events that was toward the top of the page, instead of at the bottom, because I believe that is important information for people to see. Next, I also added in a slide show box that showed the adoptable animals on the home page with a small description about the animal. I felt like the slide show was the most important thing to have on the site because the humane society’s purpose is to try and find homes for all of the animals there, so it should be something that is shown on the home page. Then, at the bottom, I included the address, contact information, and social media sections, so that, in case anybody just wanted to see the information, they can see it at a glance.

For the text, I made the header and footer serif and the content of the back sans-serif, just because I believe the content of the page needs to be as easy to read as possible, and, to me at least, sans-serif is the simplest. I also changed the color scheme a little bit, they had too many bright colors, such as orange and green, and I know green is a hard color to see for those that are color blind, so I just stuck with blue and white, to keep the contrast as simple as possible. Basically, all I did for the re-design was tried to make the site a little simpler and make the content easier to follow.

The second mock-up is similar to the first one, except I kept some of the information in the same place from the original site, in-case they have a reason for wanting to leave it that way. I also kept the color scheme for people who might like a little bit more color to their site, even though those colors might not be the best for people with vision impairments. However, I did want to make the changes that were similar to the first one, where information was condensed into more concise areas. Whenever I was looking at the original site, there is just too much information being repeated and unnecessary, that I felt like it could benefit from having some of that information combined or moved elsewhere. I also kept the sans-serif and serif because I believe it is important for content to be as easy to read as possible.

While I made both mock-ups’ to be better than the original, the first mock-up is still my favorite, just because I believe it makes the information easier to comprehend and follow. These mock-ups are just suggestions though and only account for some problems areas I saw with the original site, there are still other areas that, I’m sure, could use some improvement as well. Hopefully these mock-up’s address some of the problems seen with the original site and provide potential alternatives for how the Lexington Humane Society site could be laid-out.