

How Kids Can Help!

Craft Projects

Cat Cuddle Blanket: Take a piece of blanket fleece and fold it in half then cut it into a 30" x 30" piece. Cut into fabric every inch along edge three inches deep. First tie at the four corners then tie every two cut edges together with a small knot. The end size should be approximately 18 in. square. This makes an excellent kitten/cat bed or a perfect blanket to cuddle a kitten/cat.

Dog Cuddle Blanket: Use the same instructions as above, just get a larger piece of fleece - 1 yard or so.

Cat Toy: Take a toddler or child's sock, or a small square of blanket fleece, stuff it with poly-fill, then sprinkle a small amount of cat-nip inside the sock. Tie the end of the sock or fleece tightly in a knot with some yarn. The cats will love these!

Cat Condos: Select a cardboard box with these approximate dimensions: 12" x 12" x 12". (*Note: "Big Box" stores often provide free boxes.*) Cut out a large opening for the front side (ask an adult for assistance). Cover the box with construction paper, butcher block paper or mailing paper. Use only non-toxic school glue. Decorate your cat condo with ink stamps or non-toxic markers. Please do not use string or yarn!

No-Bake Dog Treats:

High Protein Peanut Butter-Honey Balls (Needs Refrigerated)

Ingredients Needed:

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup honey
- 1 cup powdered milk
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup wheat germ

Combine the first four ingredients and mix well. Form into balls then roll in wheat germ (1 teaspoon for toy breeds, 2 teaspoons for medium breeds and 1 tablespoon for large dogs). Refrigerate or freeze until ready to use.

Chew Toys for Rabbits & Guinea Pigs: Stuff empty toilet paper/paper towel tubes with Timothy hay (available at pet stores).

“I Care” Pet Baskets: Collect all or some of the following items and put them in a basket or decorated box:

<u>Dogs/Puppies</u>	<u>Cats/Kittens</u>	<u>Rabbits</u>	<u>Guinea Pigs/Hamsters</u>
Food bowl	Food bowl	Cage	Cage
Water bowl	Water bowl	Rabbit Food	Bedding
Bag of treats	Litter	Timothy Hay	Food
Squeak toy(s)	Litter box	Rabbit	Timothy Hay
Tennis balls	Food Bowl	treats Food	Water bottle and holder
Leash/collar	Scratching post	Nail clippers	
Chew toy(s)	Nail clippers	Litter box	
Nail clippers	Cat Food	Bedding	

Fundraisers and Supply Drives for the Animals

Organize a food or blanket/towel drive. Ask your principal or teacher if you could host a food or blanket drive at school. Put flyers up before the drive to let people know the dates that you will be collecting dog and cat food (canned food is most needed at the shelter) or blankets and towels.

Start “Coins for Critters” at your school or in your classroom. Ask your principal or teacher first. Decorate canisters that will hold the coins. Make this into a contest to see which classroom can bring in the most money. Monday – bring in pennies, Tuesday – bring in nickels, Wednesday – bring in dimes, Thursday – bring in quarters and Friday – bring in any spare change. The class with the most money could possibly win some kind of treat (ask your principal).

Have a bake sale. Ask your school or church to help sponsor a bake sale. Ask friends, family and members of your group to donate baked treats for humans and/or your four-legged friends! (see dog treat recipe above)

Organize a pet toy drive. Ask your principal/teacher if you can host a pet toy drive at your school. Collect all kinds of pet toys for dogs/puppies, cats/kittens, hamsters, rabbits, ferrets and birds.

Organize a supply drive. (See our “Wish List” for needed items.) Ask your school or church to help sponsor a supply drive.

Have a lemonade stand.

Host a car wash.

Be creative!!!

On Behalf of the Animals, Thank You for Your Support!

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