Volunteer Now Packet

The Arizona Humane Society wants to offer our sincerest thanks for being an animal advocate in the community! At AHS, we believe that every pet deserves a good life. By taking on an at-home service project, you are assisting us in our mission to save the most vulnerable animals and enrich the lives of pets and people.

This packet consists of various ideas to inspire you to get involved. Every craft in this packet can be made and donated to meet community service hour requirements. The packet also contains options for doing a drive in your community or school.

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When you've completed your service packet activities, please drop off the items at any of our locations listed below. WE CAN'T SIGN OFF ON COURT ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE!

Papago Park Campus
5501 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily at Adoptions excluding holidays (no need to make an appointment)

South Mountain Campus
1521 W. Dobbins Road Phoenix, AZ 85041
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily at Adoptions excluding holidays (no need to make an appointment)

Sunnyslope Campus
9226 N. 13th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85021
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily at Adoptions excluding holidays (no need to make an appointment)

Need Volunteer Hour Sign-off or Confirmation? Please complete the following steps:

1. TAKE PHOTO OF ALL ITEMS MADE.
2. Go to **azhumane.org/servicehours** or scan the available QR code when you drop off your items.
3. Submit service hours request form.

A member of our team will email you a confirmation within 24 hours.

Bagged Litter For Foster Kittens

Supplies

- 40 pound bag of Tidy Cat **NON-CLUMPING** clay litter (to ensure the safety of our shelter kittens, we will not accept any other type of litter)
- A cup or scoop
- 1-GALLON Zip-lock bags
- Expo marker

Instructions

1. Scoop Tidy Cat **NON-CLUMPING** clay litter into each 1-GALLON Zip-lock bag.
2. Fill each Zip-lock bag ¾ of the way full and zip closed. (Filling the bag with too much litter will cause the bag to rip open).
3. Label each Zip-lock bag **"Non-Clumping Cat Litter".**

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 15 Bags of Litter

Fleece Cat Toys

Supplies

- Sharp scissors
- 3x3 inch piece of cardboard (template)
- Anti-pill fleece fabric

Instructions

1. Cut 4 fleece squares using your 3x3 inch cardboard template.
2. Cut ½ inch strips along one side of the square, stopping half way through the square. Repeat this step on the opposite side of the square.
3. Continue this for each of the four squares.
4. Cut a long strip of fleece that is about 5 inches long and a ½ an inch wide.
5. Stack all four of the square fleece pieces on top of each other and align the frayed ends.
6. Lay the long fleece strip along the middle, uncut portion of the square.
7. Use the long fleece strip to tie a double knot around all four square pieces, binding them together.

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 15 Fleece Cat Toys

Slow Feeder

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 1 Feeder

Sizes

- Small Dog: 1”x9”
- Medium Dog: 2”x12”
- Large Dog: 2”x18”

Supplies

- PVC pipe
  - *For small dog feeders you will need pipe 1” in diameter.*
  - *For medium or large dog feeders you will need 2” in diameter.*
- PVC caps - appropriate size to match the pipe you selected
  - *End for loading feed = PVC DWV Spigot x FIPT Cleanout Adaptor with Plug*
  - *End that is sealed closed = Any type*
- *PVC cement* ***(as needed)***
- Drill
- 1/2-inch drill bit
- Sandpaper
- Rat-tail file (or you could wrap sandpaper around a screwdriver)
- Saw (manual or electric)
- Sharpie

Instructions

1. Mark your PVC pipe, using the sharpie, to length of desired slow feeder.
2. Mark your PVC pipe, using the sharpie, where you will be drilling the feeding holes.
   - *Drill between 5-10 holes depending on size of feeder.*
3. Drill holes
   - *TIP: drill pilot holes in the PVC using a small standard bit then use 1/2-inch paddle bit to drill large holes.*
4. Cut PVC into marked lengths.
5. Sand and deburr the PVC pipe.
   - *Use sandpaper to remove the jagged bits around each hole.*
   - *Use a rat-tail file to smooth inside of hole.*
6. After cutting and sanding, wash PVC lengths and caps in the dishwasher or in hot, soapy water by hand.
7. Allow all pieces to dry completely.
8. Use the PVC caps to seal the ends of each feeder.
   - *If the caps don’t fit tightly, use PVC cement on one end of the pipe, leaving the other end unglued for filling and cleaning.*
   - *If caps don’t fight tightly, use PVC cement.*

Home Made Dog Biscuits

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 50 Dog Biscuits

Supplies

- 4 cups flour
- ½ cup vegetable oil. (Can use more or less)
- 2 cups sharp shredded cheese
- 2 whole eggs, beaten
- 1 ¼ cup beef or chicken broth (Can use more or less)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Combine all ingredients so you have a nice mound of dough.
3. Divide into 2 sections, place 1 section at a time, on floured cutting board, and roll out to desired thickness. Use cute cookie cutters to make the treats.
4. Bake for 12 minutes.

Cat Braid Toys

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 20 Cat Braid Toys

Supplies

- Scissors
- Anti-pill fleece fabric

Instructions

1. Cut three, ½ inch wide and 8 inch long strips out of fleece.
2. Tie the end of these strips together in a knot.
3. Tightly braid the three strips together.
4. Tie the other end of the strips together in a knot.

No-Sew Fleece Kitty Cozies

Supplies

- Sharp scissors
- 3x3 inch piece of cardboard (template)
- Two pieces of anti-pill fleece fabric, 2x2 feet

Instructions

1. Begin by aligning the corners of the two pieces of fleece as much as possible (trim any excess).
2. Next, place your 3x3-inch cardboard template at one of the corners and cut out the corner of the fabric. Repeat this on the remaining three corners.
3. Then cut strips, about one inch apart in the fabric and 3 inches long, beginning at one corner along the side of the blanket until you reach the next corner. Continue this step on the remaining three sides. (Do not cut the strips longer than your cardboard template cut out.)
4. Go back to the first strip and tie a double knot using the two pieces of fabric by placing the top strip over the bottom strip to make the first knot. Finish the knot by using the bottom strip on the top to make the knot. This is important when using two different colors of fabric to ensure the bottom color ends up visible against the alternate color.
5. Continue these steps until all the strips are double knotted.

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 3 Fleece Kitty Cozies

Cat Felt Flower Toy

Supplies

- Felt Fabric (see here)
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Cut one 4in x 4in square of felt and two ½ inch x 2 in rectangle of felt.
2. Fold the Square of felt into fourths and cut into an oval shape (avoid cutting the folded inner part) and cut the smaller rectangles into small bowties.
3. Cut tabs on each petal in a windmill formation and cut a small slit in the center of the flower. Cut a small slit in the center of each of the bowties.
4. Take the tab and insert into the center slit of the flower. Repeat the process for each petal.
5. Your flower should look similar to the image shown. After all tabs are inserted, flip your flower over and proceed to Step 6.
6. Take 2 of the inserted tabs and pull them through one of the bowties.
7. Take the second bowtie and insert 2 of the flower tabs creating a cross formation.
8. Take the 2 un-inserted flower tabs and knot each one twice with an inserted flower tab.
9. Cut away excess material.
10. Your felt flower is complete!

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 5 Flowers

Wine Cork Kitty Toys

Supplies

Wine corks

Crafting Pipe Cleaners

Power drill with $^1/_8$ inch drill bit

Instructions

1. Set up your work station on a surface that you can drill on (i.e. work bench, pavement, dirt, grass).
2. Lay a wine cork horizontally on its side and hold the circular sides of the cork with your thumb and index finger.
3. Drill a small hole through the middle of the cork.
4. Thread a pipe cleaner through the hole.
5. Twist each end of the pipe cleaner around your finger to curl the ends.

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 20 Wine Cork Toys

Decorating Medication Bags for Foster Heroes

Supplies

- White Paper Bags (see here)
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils

We often send medication home with pets who need temporary care through our Foster program.

Instructions

1. Decorate your bag! Use markers, crayons or colored pencils to decorate your bag

   Suggestions of what can be written on the bag
   - "Thank you"
   - "You are paw-some!"
   - "You are purr-fect!"
   - "Thank you for Fostering"
   - "Thank you for being a hero to homeless pets"

   Suggestions of what to draw on bag
   - Paw prints
   - Hearts
   - Stars
   - Dogs or cats
2. You can decorate one or both sides

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 25 Bags

Homemade Dog Biscuits (for Dogs with Special Diets)

Instructions

Ingredients:

- (2) 5 oz. cans of chicken, undrained
- 2 cups rice flour
- 2 eggs

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Place chicken and can juices in a mixing bowl. Shred chicken with a fork or by hand.
3. Add eggs and beat.
4. Fold in rice flour and mix to combine.
5. Place dough on a Silpat or parchment-lined baking sheet (dough is very wet). Spread out dough to 1/4" thickness with a silicone spatula.
6. Use a pizza cutter or knife to make 1" squares.
   It's okay if the pieces touch; this makes them easier to separate later.
7. Bake for 30 minutes.
8. Label treat bags with FOR DOGS ON I/D or W/D DIET.

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour - 80 Treats

Item Drive

Whether purchasing goods or donating items, you are making a difference in the life of a homeless animal. Every time you donate items, shop at one of our thrift stores or make a donation, you are helping to provide food, shelter and medical care for our pets and making hope and second chances possible! An item drive is a great way to involve the community you are in. The following page is a list of current wish-list items.

Shelter Wish List

Cat Supplies

- Toys (no catnip)
- Litter pans
- Canned adult cat and kitten food (pâté style)
- Kitten play tents
- Canned fish (sardines and tuna)

Dog Supplies

- Toys
- Large and X-Large Kongs
- Canned dog and puppy food
- Canned chicken
- Hard and soft treats
- Dog food rolls

General Supplies

- Paper towels
- New or gently-used blankets
- Bath size towels
- Liquid high-efficiency laundry soap
- Dryer sheets

Medical Supplies

- Grooming blades (size 40)

EAMT™ Supplies

- 1- & 5-gallon buckets, preferably ones in which the handle can be removed

Fundraiser Ideas

- **Bake Sale** - One of the most popular ideas for school fundraisers is, of course, having a bake sale. Everybody loves a sweet treat and it's even better when the proceeds go towards helping a great cause. Ask families to bring in a homemade goodie of their choice. You can use Punchbowl to set up your bake sale and take advantage of the great Potluck planning tool. Participants can sign up to bring a certain item and the organizers will easily be able to keep track of the variety and quantity of items that will be available for sale.

- **Car Wash** - Organize a bubbly car wash. Ask a local bank or university to donate their parking lot, access to water, and hoses. Post ads all over town and in your local paper, and spread the word to corporations in the area to ask for donations to buy car washing supplies. The kids will love getting wet and wild!

- **Penny Drive** - Ask the students to bring in spare change from their house, the student who brings in the most change will receive a prize.

- **Art Show** - Hosting an art show is the perfect choice if you are looking for unique PTA fundraising ideas. Invite students as well as local artists to contribute pieces for the show. It's a win-win situation: students get to display their art for parents, while local artists get exhibit space and free publicity. A portion of the sales from the art show can go to the school.

- **50/50 Raffle** - If you don't have the time to plan a separate fundraiser, consider having a 50/50 raffle during scheduled school events such as sports games. A 50/50 raffle simply means selling tickets and then splitting the sales proceeds equally between the winning ticket holder and the organization. For example, if you sell $100 worth of raffle tickets, the lucky number holder would get $50 and the school would keep the other $50. It's a simple way to collect funds with nearly no start-up expense (just the cost of the tickets) and can be repeated as an ongoing event over the school year.

Thank you again for helping our homeless pets.
If you have any questions regarding this packet,
please reach out to us!

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