

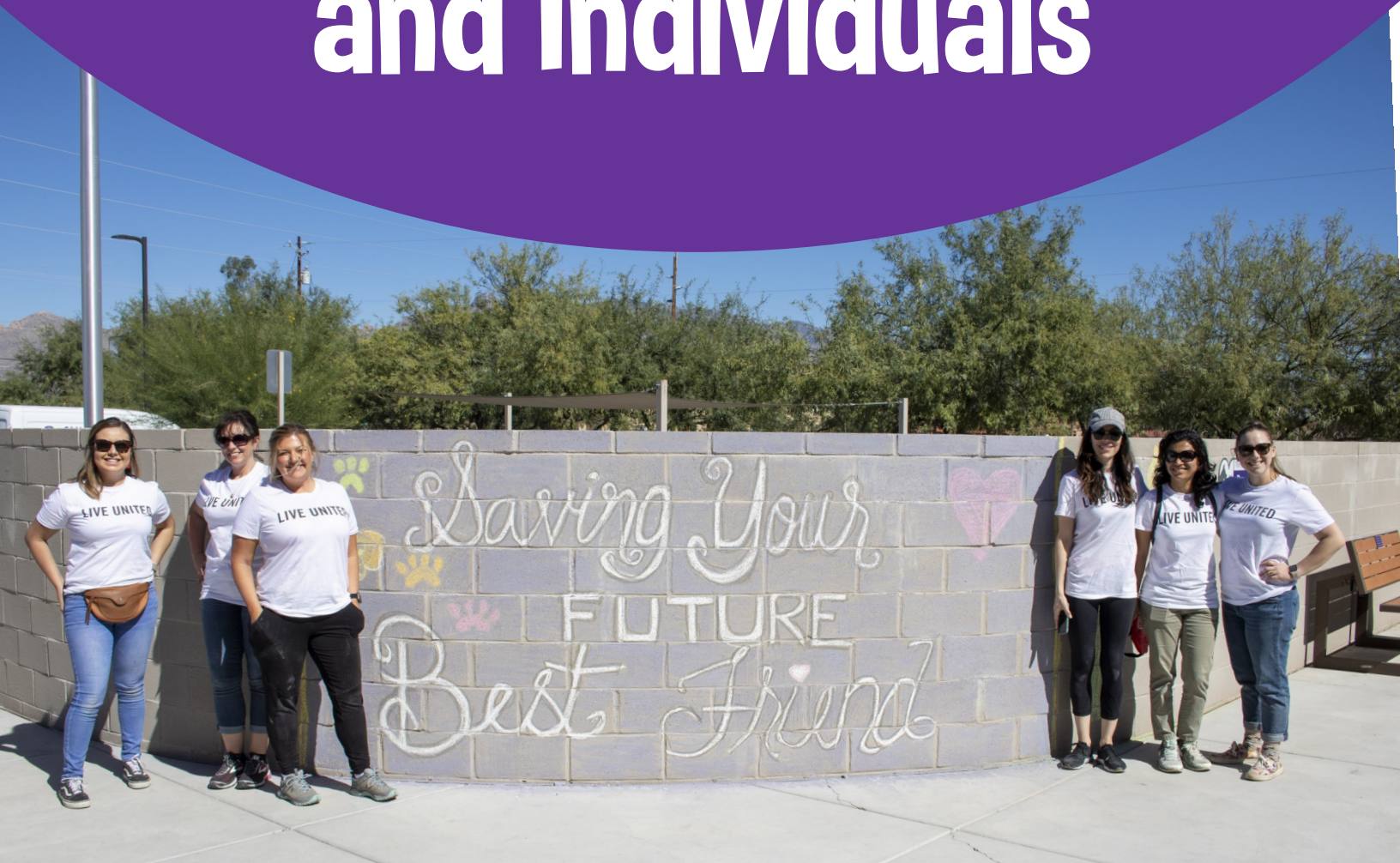


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# Service Project Ideas For School Groups and Individuals



# Classroom or School Wide Service Projects Ideas



It is important for all of us to realize that the poor living conditions of animals can only be changed through personal responsibility and action. Many schools, scout troops, religious organizations and others hold various benefits for the pets in the Humane Society of Southern Arizona's (HSSA) care. We invite you to create your own benefit to help HSSA's pets at your own pace. Here are some simple suggestions for group and individual community service projects:

- **HAVE A FOOD AND MATERIALS DRIVE:** Shelters constantly run short on supplies. You can help HSSA by raising donations of necessary pet care items. Find these on the next page.
- **HOLD A BAKE SALE:** Create tasty goodies for people and pets (dog biscuit recipes are available from HSSA) and sell them to raise money for the pets in the shelter.
- **PENNIES FOR PUPS AND COINS FOR CATS:** This fun game is played by pitting different classes, offices or teams against each other. The goal is to collect funds to help pay for medical services for homeless pets. The team who raises the most money can be rewarded with a pizza party or a dress down day.
- **HAVE A LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN:** Research a local animal issue you feel strongly about and send letters about it to your elected officials. Always be respectful and research your topic carefully. Afterward, create a display showing your letters and the responses you received!
- **ORGANIZE A YARD SALE:** Who doesn't have at least one closet filled with stuff that they'd gladly donate for a good cause? Send home a notice to parents and neighbors to empty out those closets, garages and storage rooms for a weekend thrift sale. Donate the money to help HSSA or donate items to HSSA Thrift Store. Learn more at [www.HSSAZ.org/Shop](http://www.HSSAZ.org/Shop)
- **HOLIDAY EVENTS:** The holiday season is always a great time to encourage others help unfortunate animals. This year, organize a holiday supply drive or create bone holiday ornaments which you can sell to raise funds for homeless and abused animals.
- **CREATE A SCHOOL GARDEN:** Instead of growing fruits and vegetables, plant native flowers that attract hummingbirds or butterflies. This will make your school a prettier place and provide a new home for animals.





# Supply Wish List

## Donating supplies helps, too!

Pet supplies and other items can make a direct difference in the lives of homeless pets! Listed below are common items to help make their temporary stay at HSSA more comfortable. Sometimes we can take used items, and sometimes they need to be new. Some items will be supplied to needy families in our community who are struggling to provide for their pets, some items may be used for our foster pets and some items will be used for pets at our Main Campus. All these items can be dropped off at HSSA Main Campus located at 635 West Roger Road.

### Pet Food

- Canned dog, cat, puppy or kitten food (pate style preferred)
- Dry dog, cat, puppy and kitten food
- Dog biscuits (no colored dyes)
- Cat treats
- KMR kitten milk replacer
- Esbilac puppy milk replacer
- Small animal food for pocket pets)
- Pocket pet treats

### Toys and Enrichment

- Cat and dog toys
- KONG dog toys
- Peanut butter
- Pocket pet toys or hide houses
- Toilet paper or paper towel tubes

### Dog Training Items

- Agility equipment
- Natural Balance dog food rolls
- Hot dogs
- Leashes (small, medium and large)
- Collars (small, medium and large)
- Martingale collars
- Sporn harnesses
- Treat training pouches
- Dog Training Treats (soft)
- Pet shampoo and conditioner
- Brushes
- Baby wipes

### Miscellaneous Pet Supplies

- Towels
- Fleece by the yard
- Newspaper
- Pocket pet bedding (not pine)
- Crates and pet carriers for all size pets
- Cat litter
- Puppy pads
- Neonate bottles
- Miracle nipples
- Baby bottles
- Heating discs
- Timothy hay
- Chicken scratch
- Layer crumble
- Poultry food and water dispenser

### Education Items for Children

- Children's books
- Craft or art supplies
- Scissors (adult size)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Book bins
- White new tube socks
- Paint rollers
- Foam mats
- First aid supplies
- Veterinary supplies including surgical masks, gloves, gowns, shoe covers
- Stethoscopes
- Educational animal models/dioramas
- Silk flowers
- Balloons of different sizes

### Office Supplies

- Sharpie markers
- Dry erase markers
- Batteries (AA or AAA)
- Lint rollers
- Pens
- Sticky notes
- 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
- Return address labels
- Cardstock
- Laminating supplies
- Gift Certificates (Target, Walmart, Costco, Home Depot, Lowes, Grocery Stores, Petsmart, Petco, Amazon)

### Miscellaneous Supplies

- Hand sanitizer
- Paper towels
- Climbing rope for leashes
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Windex
- Brooms and dustpans
- Non-latex exam gloves (S, M, L, XL)
- Small spray bottles
- Kiddie pools





# Why is toy enrichment important?

The shelter environment can cause pets to become nervous and unsure. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona's (HSSA) Enrichment Programs provide social interaction, mental stimulation, and exercise. These programs help pets to be more comfortable, keep their minds busy and showcase their personalities. It is important to provide pets with enrichment in addition to their everyday necessities like food, water, and snuggles!

In this booklet, you will find many do it yourself ideas on how you can give back and help provide enrichment to the homeless pets at HSSA. HSSA provides all pets with enrichment including activities, socialization, toys and treats through programs like dog walking, dog play group, pet massages, cat and pocket pet socialization. Pets look forward to their daily enrichment and are able to decompress. When pets are able to decompress we can see their unique personalities emerge. Getting to know each individual pet helps them to be matched with the perfect forever family and decrease their overall time in the shelter.

Toys are fun but who doesn't love a good treat? HSSA shelter pets love treats! Treats are often used while training pets valuable skills that will make them more desirable to adopters! Treats are also used to help a pet build trust when meeting new people. And of course, they are also used for mid-day treats because every pet deserves to feel special.

HSSA's shelter pets are special and deserve the love and care of a home and a family. Until that lucky day, HSSA is committed to giving them the best quality care but we couldn't do it without YOU! Thank you for taking the time to contribute to HSSA's Enrichment Programs through service group activities. For more information on how you can make a difference for homeless pets visit [www.HSSAZ.org](http://www.HSSAZ.org)

HSSA's Education Department provides additional programs for children throughout the year including, workshops, camps, movie nights, reading to shelter pets and more! To learn more about our upcoming children's programs visit [www.HSSAZ.org/Kids](http://www.HSSAZ.org/Kids)



#### Additional Resources:

Donations– [www.HSSAZ.org/Donate](http://www.HSSAZ.org/Donate) or 520-327-6088

Volunteer– [www.HSSAZ.org/Volunteer](http://www.HSSAZ.org/Volunteer) or 520-327-6088, ext. 134

Foster– [www.HSSAZ.org/Foster](http://www.HSSAZ.org/Foster) or 520-327-6088, ext. 148





# Avoiding Potential Dangers

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Please **DO NOT** use any of the following items which may present a danger to the animals:

- Expired food products
- Toxic glue or materials
- Glitter
- Items that may become loose, which an animal may swallow, including bells, trinkets, beads, etc.
- String that may fray or be swallowed.



# HSSA Main Campus Tours



## HSSA Main Campus Tours

Upon service project completion you may contact HSSA's Education Department to schedule a tour. Tours are first come first served and must be scheduled at least a month in advance. We cannot guarantee tour availability. Tours are for groups of 5 people or more. Tours can be scheduled Monday through Saturday between 11:00am—4:00pm. To schedule a tour contact HSSA's Education Department at 520-327-6088, ext. 125 or at [education@hssaz.org](mailto:education@hssaz.org)





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# Projects for Shelter Dogs





# Best Dog Treats



## Supplies

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup rolled oats, regular or quick
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley or 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup peanut butter, crunchy or plain
- 1/2 cup cold water, used sparingly to make a cohesive dough

## Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 300°F. Lightly grease a couple of baking sheets or line them with parchment paper.
2. Mix together the flour, oats, parsley, dried milk, and salt.
3. Add the eggs and peanut butter, stirring to combine; the mixture will be crumbly.
4. Add water as needed to bring the dough together.
5. To make biscuits using a cookie cutter, roll the dough about 1/4" thick, and cut with a 3 1/2 inch cutter. Gather and re-roll the scraps, and continue to cut biscuits until you've used all the dough.
6. To make dog cookies, drop the dough in walnut sized balls onto the prepared baking sheets. Flatten them to about 1/4".
7. Bake the biscuits for about 40 to 60 minutes, baking the smaller cookies for a smaller amount of time. Half way through your baking time, rotate the baking sheet to ensure the treats are bake thoroughly.
8. Remove the biscuits from the oven, and cool right on the pans.

*\*Source: King Arthur Baking/ Elaine Aukstikalnis*



# No Bake Peanut Butter Treats



## Supplies

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups old fashioned oats

## Instructions

1. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat pumpkin puree, peanut butter and milk on medium-high until well combined, about 1-2 minutes.
2. Gradually add 2 1/2 cups old fashioned oats at low speed, beating just until incorporated.
3. Using a small cookie scoop, roll the mixture into 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inch balls, forming about 20.
4. Dredge balls in remaining 1/2 cup old fashioned oats, pressing to coat.
5. Cover and place in the refrigerator until firm, about 1 hour.
6. Write date made on container and refrigerate until delivered to HSSA. Good for up to 1 week.



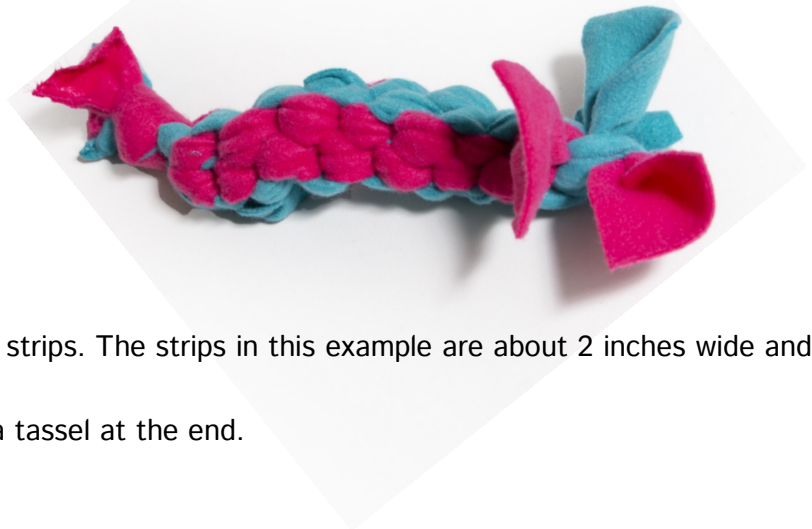
# Square Braid Toy



Store bought dog toys are wonderful but can get expensive, especially if we have dogs with an excess of energy. The size of this toy can be adjusted based on the width and length of the strips, and you can also chose to create a traditional three strand braid after knotting the strips instead of this four strand braid.

## Supplies

- Fleece, fabric, or an old t-shirt
- Scissors



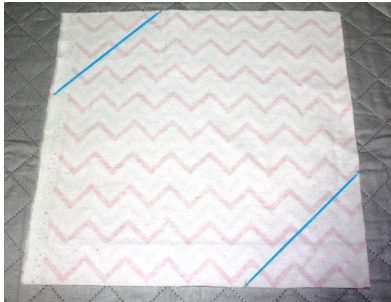
## Instructions

1. Cut your chosen fabric in to 4 equal sized strips. The strips in this example are about 2 inches wide and 36 inches long.
2. Loop and knot one end securely, leaving a tassel at the end.
3. Spread the strips in a + shape.
4. Fold the top strip toward the bottom.
5. Fold the bottom strip toward the top.
6. Fold the right strip towards the left, passing over and under the already folded up and down strips.
7. Fold the left strip towards the right, passing over and then under the already folded "up and down strip.
8. Pull the strips tight to secure.
9. Repeat steps 4-8 until you are nearing the end of your strips.
10. Knot the loose ends of the braid while leaving a tassel at the end.





# No Sew Bandana



## Supplies

- Fabric square– at least 11 inches by 11 inches
- Scissors
- Iron
- Hemming tape
- Ruler or grid cutting mat
- *Optional:* Fabric markers

*\*You can also sew the bandana instead of using hemming tape using the same guidelines.*

## Instructions

1. Cut your fabric in to a square based on the anticipated size of the finished project. 11"x11" makes a bandana for medium-large dogs.
2. Line up the square of fabric right side up on the grid of your cutting mat.
3. Starting from the corner, mark four inches across and mark inches down.
4. Draw a line between those two points. Do that for two opposite ends of the square.
5. Fold your fabric along the line and using your iron and hemming tape, secure both triangles to the base fabric by the edges. You will end up with a flat triangle on both sides of the square. Your square should look as pictured.
6. If you are planning to write an encouraging message like "Adopt me", "Best Friend," etc., pick a side to be the front of the bandana and draw your decoration before the next step.
7. Fold your fabric in half so the pointed ends meet. Sew the pointed end shut using a 1/2 inch seam allowance.
8. Flip your collar inside out and sew a line about 2.5 inches down from the top to create a tunnel to feed your collar through.



# Octopus Toy



*\*Braid can also be done with 3 pieces as shown in green.*

## Supplies

- 18 inch by 18 inch piece of fleece
- Tennis ball
- Scissors

## Instructions

1. Lay the piece of fleece flat and cut a rectangle about 6 inches by 4 inches from each corner.
2. Cut 6 inch strips that are about 1 inch wide all the way around as shown.
3. Place the tennis ball into the center of the fleece and gathered it up tightly. Then tie a scrap piece of fleece around it as tight as you can in a knot.
4. 6 strips for the braids create thicker strips for chewing. As you section the strips for braids, you might need to cut them higher up to the ball.
5. Once completely braided, tie a knot at the end.
6. Do this until you run out of strips.



# Hide and Seek Tubes



## Supplies

- Paper towel or toilet paper rolls
- Dog food or treats

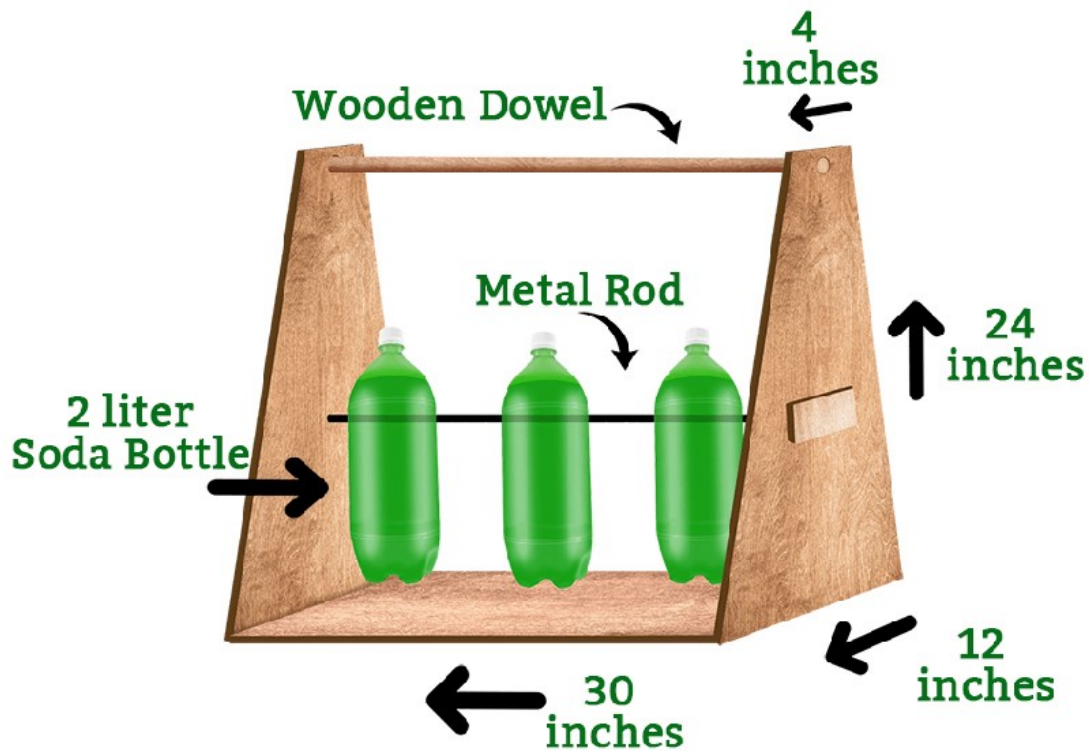
## Instructions

1. *Optional:* Poke holes large enough for the kibble to roll out
2. Fold the ends of one side of the tube and fill with kibble. It's ok if the kibble doesn't fill up the whole tube.
3. Fold other end.





# Bottle Puzzle



## Supplies

- 3 empty and clean 2 liter soda bottles
- 3/4 to 1 inch thick ply wood
- 32 inches long wooden dowel 1 inch in diameter
- 32 inch long metal rod
- Wood glue
- Screws

## Instructions

### To create the sides:

1. Cut a piece of the plywood to 12 inches by 24 inches
2. On one of the 12 inch ends (this will be the top), measure and mark the board at 4 inches and 8 inches. This should give you 3 to 4 inches sections marked on the top of the board.
3. Draw a line from the bottom left corner of the board to the 1st 4 inch mark on the top of the board.
4. Repeat this for the right side of the board by marking a line from the bottom right hand corner to the 2nd mark at the top of the board.
5. Cut these 2 lines so the side looks like a pie wedge with the tip cut off.
6. Repeat this to make the second side for your dog puzzle.



# PVC Puzzle Feeder



## Supplies

- 2 inch PVC pipe cut 12 inches long
- 2 inch PVC cap
- 2 inch threaded cap
- 1/2 inch drill bit
- 1/4 inch drill bit

## Instructions

1. Pilot holes with the 1/4 inch drill bit.
2. Drill them in with the 1/2 inch bit along the outside of your pipe.
3. Fit the cap onto one end.
4. Screw the other end shut with the threaded cap.



# Water Bottle Crinkle Toy



Water bottle crinkle toys are excellent enrichment toys for HSSA dogs. They are fun to chew on AND they make noises that dogs love!

## Supplies

- New tube socks (bright colors welcome!)
- Empty plastic bottles with plastic labels and lids removed
- Decorating material (non-toxic markers preferred)

## Instructions

1. Thoroughly clean and dry bottles.
2. Decorate the outside of the sock if it is not already decorated. Keep in mind that these may go in kennels with our dogs and should be appropriate and presentable to potential adopters.
3. Insert the bottle in to the sock.
4. Tie the end of the sock to close it.





# Snuffle Mat

A snuffle mat activates a dog's brain by making them search for their food and work through excess energy.

## Supplies

- Durable, rubber, perforated outdoor mat
- Fleece, terry cloth, or old t-shirt

## Instructions

1. Using fleece, terry cloth, or old t-shirt, cut into 6 inch strips.
2. Take a strip and wrap around the perforations in the mat with the ends facing all the same way (up).
3. Tie your strip to the mat securely.
4. *Optional:* Alternate holes and colors.





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# Projects for Shelter Cats



# Salmon Treats



## Supplies

- 10 oz canned salmon, undrained
- 1 egg beaten
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- Small fish shaped cookie cutter

## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Pulse 10 oz canned salmon in a food processor until finely chopped.
3. In a stand mixer, combine salmon, egg, whole wheat flour until dough forms.
4. Dough should be tacky but not sticky. If dough is too dry, add up to 1/3 cup water. If dough is too wet or sticky, add a bit more flour.
5. Roll out dough on a floured surface until about 1/4 inch thick.
6. Use cookie cutter to create your treats.
7. Place treats on a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes.
8. Write date made on container and deliver to HSSA. Good for up to 2 weeks.



# No Bake Tuna Treats



## Supplies

- 1/2 cup tuna
- 1/2 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup chopped carrots
- 1/4 cup peas

1 Olive oil (*as needed*)

## Instructions

1. In a bowl, add tuna, oats, carrots, and peas.
2. Mix the ingredients together, adding olive oil as needed to help ingredients stick together.
3. Form in to bite sized treats and place on a baking sheet or air-safe container.
4. Write date made on container and refrigerate until delivered to HSSA. Good for up to 1 week.





# Tissue Box Enrichment Toy



This activity uses old tissue boxes and toilet paper rolls and provides hours of entertainment for HSSA cats. This enrichment toy keeps cats engaged and challenges their minds to figure out how to get the treat.

## Supplies

- Empty tissue box
- Toilet paper rolls
- Zip tie
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors

## Instructions

1. Remove top of tissue box and cut two holes in middle of back panel
2. Weave zip tie through the holes and glue down making it possible to secure box to a chair or other object. This will prevent the box from flipping over and dumping out the treats.
3. Glue toilet paper tubes to each other and then to inside of tissue box so that nothing moves around



# Cat Wand



HSSA offers cat socialization that focuses on normalizing human interaction, as well as, providing enrichment. Cat wands are the perfect toy for our volunteers to develop trust in our cats so they are prepared for their forever homes.

## Supplies

- Wooden Dowel
- Fabric scraps – ribbons, clean shoe laces, yarn, etc.
- Scissors
- Duct Tape
- Fabric glue
- *Optional:* Baker's Twine

## Instructions

1. To make your wand look “irresistible”, begin by wrapping the plain wooden dowel with Baker's Twine. When you finish wrapping the dowel 10-12 inches, leave an excess amount of so that you can tie your fabric scraps to the end.
2. Use a small amount of fabric glue to secure the twine to the dowel, so that it doesn't unravel

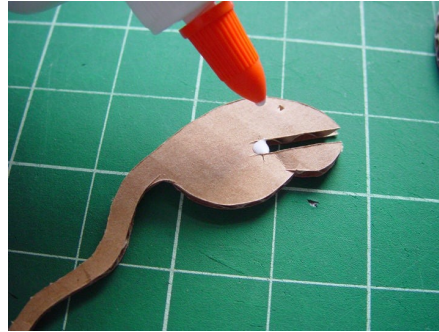
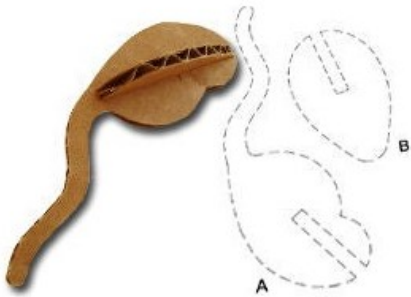
**OR**

Drill a small hole in one end of the wooden dowel and thread a long piece of the Baker's Twine through the hole. Tie the twine in a knot to secure it to the wooden dowel.

3. Take all of your fabric scraps and tie them to the end of the Baker's Twine.



# Cardboard Mouse



Curiously attracted to cardboard either by its texture, smell and/or sound as it glides across the floor, cats find this toy fascinating! Its light-weight construction is great for tossing in the air and batting around.

## Supplies

- Cardboard
- Print or hand drawn template
- Scissors
- Cutting mat or another sheet of cardboard to cut on
- Non-toxic glue

## Instructions

1. Print and trace or hand draw templates on cardboard.
2. Cut out pieces A and B on cutting mat or another sheet of cardboard.
3. Place a dot of glue inside cutout A as shown.
4. Insert piece B into piece A so that they form an X.
5. Allow to dry.
6. *Optional:* try using other shapes.



# Catnip No Sew Toy



## Supplies

- 2- 12 inch by 12 inch pieces of fleece
- Catnip
- Scissors

## Instructions

1. Put the two pieces of fleece together.
2. Fold into quarters.
3. Cut out the corner with a ruler measure in 4 inches from each direction.
4. Cut out the 4 inch square.
5. Use a ruler to measure 4 inches in so you can cut the fringe.
6. Cut the fringe in 1/2 inch wide and 4 inches long on both sides. Cutting through both layers of fabric at the same time.





# Cat Scratch Carpet Pad

Some of our adoptable cats spend most of their time in their kennel. These cats still need enrichment opportunities and this easy cat scratch pad gives them exactly that!

## Supplies

- 12 inch by 6 inch carpet tile (bright colors are welcome!)
- Scissors
- Utility knife
- Shower hook

## Instructions

1. Cut carpet to 12 inches by 6 inches.
2. Use the utility knife to cut a hole in the carpet.
3. Attach the shower hook to the hole.



# Cat Ping-Pong Ball



Here at HSSA, some of our cats feel more comfortable in their kennels than they would in the open cat area. These cats still need stimulation to make their stay with us beneficial.

## Supplies

- Ping pong ball
- Pipe cleaner
- Strip of fabric
- Utility knife

## Instructions

1. Use the utility knife to make a cut on opposite sides of the ping pong ball.
2. Wrap the fabric around one end of the pipe cleaner.
3. Insert the pipe cleaner through one hole and out the other.
4. Tie a knot in the fabric on either side of the ping pong ball.
5. Tie the long end of the fabric to one of the bars on the kennel door.



# Fleece Knots



## Supplies

- Fleece
- Scissors or rotary cutter
- *Optional:* pinking shears

## Instructions

1. Cut the fleece into 1 inch wide and 8 inch long strips.
2. Take two or three strips, and tie them into a single knot.
3. Trim the edges so the fleece is even on both sides.
4. *Optional:* Trim the edges with pinking shears to give them a unique look.

# Fleece Fringe Rings



## Supplies

1. Fleece
2. Scissors
3. Hair band or metal key chain ring

## Instructions

1. Cut fleece into 1/2 inch wide and 4 inches long strips.
2. Tie the strips all the way around the hair band.
3. Repeat until strips fully cover the hairband, about 15 to 16 strips.



# Fleece Pom Poms



## Supplies

- Fleece
- Scissors
- Non-toxic glue
- String or twine

## Instructions

1. Place your strip of fleece horizontally on the table.
2. In one hand hold the end of the strip and with the top edge folded over to meet the bottom edge.
3. Begin cutting fringe along the length of the strip, cutting just up to the fold, but not too much such that you accidentally cut all the way through. Cut fringe that is roughly 1/2 to 3/8 inch wide.
4. Cut fringe along entire length of fleece strip.
5. Roll the resulting piece of fringed fleece in a tight roll, making sure that the fringe does not get twisted or folded within the roll.
6. Using a string or twine, tie a tight knot in the middle to bind the roll together as tightly as possible.
7. Fluff up your ball by rolling it between your palms. Trim as needed.



# Cat Puzzle



## Supplies

- Disposable food container (9 1/2 cup capacity or bigger)
- Utility knife
- Sharp scissors
- Black marker
- Rubbing alcohol
- Lighter
- Small round topped item like a shot glass
- Small rubber adhesive casters or hot glue
- Small cat toys (at least one with a bell - for stimulating sounds)

## Instructions

1. Secure the rubber casters (or add a dot of hot glue to each corner) to the bottom of the container to minimize slipping on surfaces.
2. Use a small, round topped item and a permanent marker to draw circles on the container lid.
3. Using a cutting board and an Exact-O knife, cut an X in each circle.
4. Using scissors for accuracy, use the openings to cut out the circles.
4. Use the rubbing alcohol to remove the left over black marker.
5. Burn the jagged edges of the opening to smooth them out.
6. Gather toys to put inside the container. These toys can be basic cat toys or things like crumpled up paper that cats enjoy playing with. You should also include a toy with a bell for auditory stimulation.



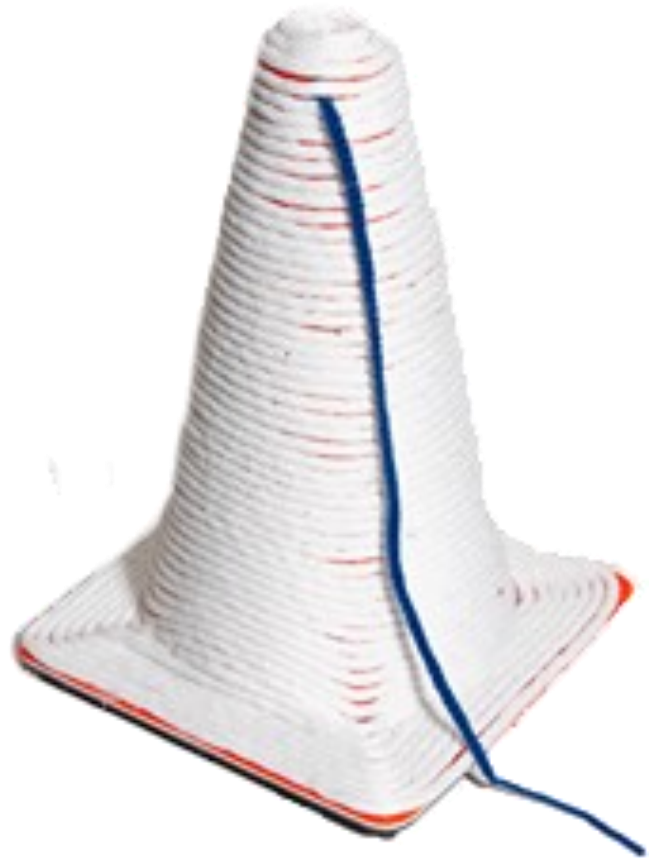
# Traffic Cone Scratching Post

## Supplies

- Traffic cone
- Rope or sisal cord
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Yarn
- *Optional:* Large pom poms

## Instructions

1. Starting at the bottom edge of the square base, apply a thin line of hot glue and press rope into glue.
2. Continue to alternate between glue and rope as you work your way around, following the square shape of the base. As you get to the base of the cone, start working your way from wrapping it in a square shape into a circular shape.
3. Wrap tightly and push down the rope as you go to avoid gaps.
4. *Optional:* Once you get near the top, get your pom-poms and poke the strings down through the hole in the top of the cone. Apply a dab of glue at the top and press the pom-pom strings into it. Apply more glue and wrap your rope over the pom-pom strings, encasing them within the rope.
5. Switch back to full lines of glue near the top of the cone, gluing the rope to itself as you cover the hole in the top.





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# Projects for Shelter Pocket Pets





# Gnaw Gnaw Biscuits

## Supplies

- 1 cup kibble
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 3/4 cup finely shredded carrot
- 3/4 cup old fashioned oats or 3/4 cup oat flour
- 1 cup small pieces of Timothy hay
- Water (*as needed*)

## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 250° and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In large mixing bowl, combine kibble, applesauce and carrots.
3. Stir in old fashioned oats and Timothy hay. Mixture should be moist enough to hold together when squeezed in your hand. If dry, add 1 tablespoon of water.
4. Spread mixture onto prepared baking sheet and pat until about 1/2—3/4 inch.
5. Bake for 15 minutes.
6. Remove from oven and use a pizza wheel or knife to cut into squares (don't separate at this point).
7. Bake for another 30 minutes.
8. Remove from oven and cut on the same scored lines. Separate them on the baking sheet. Bake another 30 minutes.
9. Using a small spatula, turn squares over. Bake for 45-60 minutes.
10. When they seem completely dried, turn off the oven and let them cool in the warm oven.
11. Write date made on container and refrigerate until delivered to HSSA. Good for up to 2 weeks.



# Critter Burritos



## Supplies

- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube, clean of adhesive
- Scissors
- Hay
- *Optional:* string or twine

## Instructions

1. Using scissors cut notches of varying thickness on each end of the tube.
  - If you're using a toilet paper roll, your notches should be about 1/2 – 1" long.
  - If you're using a paper towel roll, you can make them longer.
2. Bend the flaps to different degrees to create varied edges.
3. Fill the roll with hay.



# Rat Piñata



## Supplies

- String or twine
- Facial tissue (1 piece per piñata)
- Dry rat treats
- *Recommended: cheerios, unsalted sunflower seeds, almond slices or dried bananas*
- *Optional: tape*

## Instructions

1. Lay tissue flat on a flat surface.
2. Place a small assortment of rat treats on the tissue.
3. Bundle the tissue in to a sack.
4. Use string (or twine) to tie the sack. Leave plenty of string at one end to hang the piñata.
5. Tie or tape up the piñata leaving about 6 inches from the surface.





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# Projects for Multiple Shelter Pets





# No Sew Dog or Cat Beds

No-sew cat and dog beds are easy to make and always in demand at HSSA! Many pets entering shelters each year are sick or injured. In order to make each pet stay more comfortable, HSSA provides bedding to cats and dogs recovering from illness, injury or surgery. We can wash them repeatedly and the stuffing doesn't come out. For more rambunctious pets that like to tear apart their beds, there is no danger from eating the stuffing.

## Supplies

- Fleece (*Mention it's for HSSA at Joanne Fabric to receive a 20% discount on fleece.*)
  - Cat beds can be made from one yard cut in half (18 inches wide)
  - Dog beds can be made from two yards cut in half (36 inches wide)
- Scissors
- Ruler



## Instructions

1. Fold the fleece in half creating two equal size pieces.
2. Cut the fleece along the folded edge. Once cut, both pieces should be the exact same size.
3. Place the two sheets of fleece material on top of one another lining the edges up evenly.
4. Beginning at the bottom left hand corner, start cutting 3 inch strips about 1 1/2 inches apart through both sheets of material until you reach the bottom right hand corner.
5. Cut and remove three strips from each of the bottom corners.
6. Rotate the fleece material and continue cutting 3 inch long strips along the rest of the side, cutting out the corners as you go.
7. Start at the bottom right hand corner and grab the top and bottom piece of a cut strip and very gently, tie a double knot. This part takes some care, as fleece is very elasticity and can be stretched out of shape easily. If the knots are tied too loosely, it will leave gaping holes and if the knots are tied too tightly, they will bunch.
8. Knot the strips on all four sides, taking care not to leave any gaps.



# Cat and Pocket Pet Condos



Pet condo boxes make HSSA shelter cats and pocket pets feel secure and comfortable in their temporary home. They provide a safe place for them to relax while still being able to see potential adopters. The bright colors and designs of the condos draw adopters attention and increase the chance of them finding their forever home.

## Supplies

- Cardboard box approximately 9 inches wide by 12 inches tall.  
*\*The average wine box size is ideal. These can be gathered by Trader Joe's or Total Wine.*
- Paint Brushes of various sizes
- Acrylic paint in various colors
- Scissors

## Instructions

1. Make sure the box is sturdy and if not, tape box completely shut on top.
2. Centered on the front of the box, draw an arch that is about 7 inches wide and 8 inches tall.
3. Cut out the arch and all four flaps from the bottom of the cardboard box.
4. If desired paint box white so that when you paint your designs they are clear and vivid.
5. Decorate with colored paint to make appealing for cats, pocket pets and potential adopters! Remember, simple is still beautiful so if you are not artistically inclined you are still capable of creating an eye-catching pet condo.



# Toilet Paper Roll Twirly



This is one of the most basic hanging toys you can make small pets as it only requires a card board tube, string, and scissors. Children can even make this easy toy. This toy is appropriate for any small pet that can safely consume small amounts of cardboard.

## Supplies

- Toilet paper or paper towel tube, clean of adhesive
- Scissors
- String or twine
- Pen or pencil

## Instructions

1. Using a pen or pencil draw a spiral design on the outside of the tube. There should be about 1- 2 inches of space between the lines.
2. Cut along the line until you've cut through the entire tube.
3. Punch a hole in one end of the tube and tie the string through it.





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**Thank you from HSSA's Shelter Pets!**

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