Community Service Project Ideas

Even the smallest hands can make a big difference!

OC Animal Care
Promoting Life Promoting Adoption

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Shelter Assistance

If you have children or an organization looking to help the OC Animal Care but they do not meet the requirements, OC Animal Care graciously accepts all donations that are given to benefit our animals. Holding community drives to collect items for the shelter is a great way to help out. Here is a wish list of items the shelter is in need of:

- **Hammock style dog/cat beds –** See http://www.kuranda.com/main/nonprof.asp
- Dog/Cat/Rabbit Treats – Must be sealed packages
- New or Used Towels
- Bedding (no sheets), comforters, spreads, pillow cases
- Empty soda/water bottles (for rabbits during the summer)
- Newspaper
- Reusable toys for dogs, cats and bunnies*
- Slip leads (for dog walkers)
- Food/Water dishes
- Crocks (Water dishes for rabbits)
- Hay baskets
- Kitten/Puppy Nursing Bottles (for foster program)
- Milk Replacement Formula (for foster program)
- Cat furniture for visiting area (tables, chairs, cat condos etc.)
- "Shelving" for cat kennels
- Reptile heating pads
- Treat Bags a.k.a. "Bait Bags" (to assist in dog training)
- Ribbons and Decorations to dress up cages (Seasonal themes)
- Grooming supplies – shampoo/brushes/combs/nail trimmers/files

For further donation information, contact the Volunteer Program Coordinator at (714) 935-6194 or the Public Education Officer at (714) 935-6301.

*Please not stuffed toys, our furry friends tend to destroy them easily and eat the stuffing/buttons etc. Also, toys need to be bigger than tennis balls to avoid being sent down our drains.

**Please no rawhide treats.

Homemade Treats and Toys for Dogs

Homemade Dog Cookies:

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cubes beef bouillon cube
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Lightly grease one cookie sheet. Dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water and allow to cool. Combine the flour, dry milk, egg, oil, beef broth and brown sugar. Mix well and knead dough for 1 minute. On a floured surface roll out dough to about 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out bones and place on cookie sheet. Bake for 30 minutes and allow to cool.

* If you are completing this project with a large group, the cookies could be made in advance and the group could decorate with cheese wiz, peanut butter, doggie toothpaste, and dog carob chip treats

Doggie Bag:

Supplies:
Homemade dog biscuits, ribbon, paper lunch bag, and decorations

Directions:
Decorate a paper lunch bag and fill with homemade dog biscuits to be given to the families who adopt a shelter dog!

Doggie Bandana:

Supplies:
1 yard of cotton polyester blend fabric and pinking shears

Directions:

1. Fold fabric so that the width is 23 inches
2. With the fold along the bottom edge, grasp the lower right corner of the fabric and fold at the diagonal to the bottom of the right corner so that it is even with the upper left edge. Now there should be a triangular piece of fabric with some extra fabric on the left side.
3. Using pinking shears, cut along the edges, including the base of the newly formed triangle. This will result in 4 large bandanas and some extra fabric.
4. For small bandanas, connect the two edges of the previously made bandanas. This will result in a smaller triangle. Cut the edges with pinking shears. There will now be 8 small bandanas.
5. Note: Pinking shears are used to delay the inevitable fraying that occurs on the edges of fabric. For longer lasting bandanas, fold, press and stitch the edges to prevent fraying.

Homemade Treats and Toys for Cats

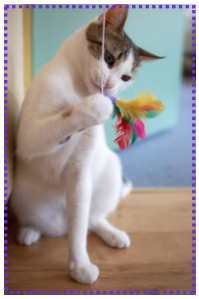
Catnip Toy:

Supplies:

Infant of child's cotton sock, cotton balls, catnip, non-toxic permanent magic market, a needle, thread and/or ribbon.

1.Stuff the toe of the sock with catnip and then stuff with cotton balls to the ribbing of the sock.
2. Tuck the ribbing into the sock top.
3. Sew the top closed or tie a ribbon on the outside of the of sock.
4. Decorate with magic markers so no kitty can resist them.

Pounce Patrol:



Supplies:
1 yard of heavy flexible stainless wire (can be found at a hardware store), wooden dowel, marking tape, feathers and two to three inch long ribbon, cloth or twine.

Directions:
1. Securely wrap on end of the wire around the dowel. Then cover the wire with masking tape. This will become the toy's handle.
2. Tie the ribbon or twine onto the other end of the wire.
3. Attach 2-3 feathers to the end of the ribbon or twine and make sure they are secure
4. Slowly twirl the handle between your fingers. Sort of looks alive, doesn't it? Because it mimics the motion of a cat's prey, a kitty will pounce and stalk and sail through the air to "capture" it.

Kitty Blanket:

Supplies:
1 yard of fleece fabric and fabric scissors

Directions:

1. Using fabric scissors, cut the fabric into to equal 10" by 14" pieces, making two rectangular pieces.
2. Along the outside of the rectangular pieces, cut 2" in at 1" apart. This will create tabs along the edges of your rectangular pieces.
3. Lay the rectangular pieces on top of one another so that the taps line up. Take one tab from the top piece and one tab from the bottom piece and tie them together. Do this with each tab until your rectangles are completely attached. This makes the purrfect blanket for the shelter kitties waiting to find a home!

Homemade Treats and Toys for Rabbits

Hay Tubes:

Supplies:
Empty toilet paper rolls
Fresh Hay

Directions:
Fill toilet paper rolls with fresh hay for a treat for rabbits that's fun to eat! Other small animals will enjoy this treat too!

Fruit Kabobs:

Supplies:
Wooden pine dowels (1/4 inch thick and untreated)
Fresh Fruit and Veggies (apples, grapes, broccoli, carrots, radishes, and zucchini)

Directions:
Cut fruit and vegetables into smaller pieces that could be consumed by rabbits. Then slide pieces onto the dowel and give to your happy hopper!

Veggie Bundle:

Supplies:
Fresh veggies such as: baby carrots, spinach, lettuce, and parsley

Directions:
Thoroughly wash all veggies. Then wrap leafy green vegetables around the carrot stub and tie the bundle together with a parsley stub. This is the best present a bunny could ever have!

Thank you for making a difference for the animals at OC Animal Care!

For more information contact the Public Education Officer at (714) 935-6301