

Youth Service Projects

The Cedar Valley Humane Society wants to thank you for being an animal advocate in the community! At CVHS we are dedicated to building healthy relationships between people and animals, and eliminating cruelty, abuse, and over population of animals. By taking on an at-home service project, you are assisting us in that mission.

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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TP Roll

Ring Ball Toy

Supplies

- 🐾 Empty cardboard TP roll
- 🐾 Scissors
- 🐾 Cat treats (optional, but highly recommended!)

Instructions

1. Mark four, ¼-inch (or finger width marks on the side of the cardboard roll.
2. Use the scissors to cut each ring.
3. Insert the first ring into the second ring, then continue with the third and fourth, until you have formed a ball.

Sunshine Toy

Supplies

- 🐾 Empty cardboard TP roll
- 🐾 Scissors

Instructions

1. Cut the ends of each end of the roll, creating tabs.
2. Fold tabs back, creating a “sunshine” look.



Straw Toy

Supplies

- 🐾 Empty cardboard TP Roll
- 🐾 Straws
- 🐾 A pen

Instructions

1. Use the pen to make 8 holes throughout the TP roll.
2. Place straws through holes, going from one side of the roll to the other.

Estimated Completion Time

1 hour – 20 TP Rolls



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Kong Stuffers

Use

Kong Stuffers are used for our dog friends as kennel enrichment item. Once the dogs finish their kongs, they are donated to our behavior team for kennel enrichment.

Supplies

- 🐾 Various sizes of dog kongs
- 🐾 A variety of snacks and goodies.
- 🐾 Popsicle sticks

Instructions

1. Mix up ingredients in a large bowl
2. At the thick end of each Kong, use the popsicle stick to stuff mixture of food inside.
3. Once filled. Freeze overnight. Deliver to shelter after frozen overnight

Kong Recipes

Banana Yogurt: Plain yogurt and mashed bananas (you can also add a little peanut butter)

PB and Cheerios: Combine cheerios and peanut butter

Chunky Monkey: Combine peanut butter, a banana, and a handful of dry dog food

Chicken Dinner: combine a can of low-sodium chicken and plain white rice (cooked)

Apples and Bananas: mash half a banana and mix in applesauce



Estimated Completion Time

1 hour – 12 Kong stuffers



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Interactive Treat Toy

Supplies

- 🐾 a 12-inch length of 1 ¼ - inch PVC pipe
- 🐾 2 – 1 ¼ -inch PVC caps
- 🐾 a drill
- 🐾 a ½ - ¾ inch drill bit
- 🐾 sandpaper

Instructions

1. drill 6 to 10 holes into the PVC pipe with drill bit, they can be spaced out wherever you would like and can do on either side of pipe
2. using sandpaper, sand rough edges of holes made by drill bit
3. clean inside and out of PVC pipe until all dust from drilling is gone
4. place caps on each end of PVC pipe



Estimated Completion Time

1 hour – 6 Interactive Treat Toys



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Hidey Boxes (a.k.a. “Kitty Forts”)

Arriving at the shelter can be a stressful time for cats. This project provides a safe and comforting retreat for cats while they acclimate to their new environment and await their new families!

- ❦ Select a box approximately 12"x12"x12" (you'll find these in the mailing section of most big box stores, some will even provide them for free)
- ❦ Using a box cutter (make sure you ask for a grown up's help with this), cut out a large hole in one side of the box
- ❦ If you wish, decorate the box with a special message or pictures (make sure to use only non-toxic markers or colored pencils)
- ❦ Please avoid using: glue, paper, string or yarn



Estimated Completion Time

1 hour – 6 Hidey Boxes “Kitty Forts”



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Braided Cat Toys

These toys provide a fun distraction for our cats. When attached to the kennel front door, they are also a great way for visitors to engage with our cats and provide some interactive fun. They're easily made from scrap fleece that can sometimes be obtained from your local fabric shop for discounted rates or even free!

- 🐾 Select 3 pieces of fleece (approximately 1" wide and 18"-24" in length)
- 🐾 Gather the pieces and tie a knot at the top
- 🐾 Braid the fleece until you have approximately 2" left
- 🐾 knot the end of the pieces



Estimated Completion Time

1 hour – 6 Interactive Treat Toys



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Fundraiser Ideas

- 🐾 Bake Sale – Everybody loves a sweet treat and it's even better when the proceeds go towards a great cause. Ask friends, family, and even local businesses to donate baked goods.
- 🐾 Car Wash – Organize a car wash. Ask a local business to donate their parking lot, access to water, and hoses. Post ads all over town and spread the word to corporations in the area to ask for donations to purchase car washing supplies.
- 🐾 Yard Sale – Gather the things you want to sell and ask your friends and family to donate their items as well! Post flyers around the community a couple days before the event to attract interest buyers.
- 🐾 Lemonade Stand – Create an eye-catching sign to attract more buyers, collect cups, lemonade, and ice and you are ready to go!

Donation Drive

Whether purchasing goods or donating items, you are making a difference in the life of a homeless animal. Every time you make a donation you are helping provide food, shelter and medical care for out pets and making hope and second chances possible! An item drive is a great way to involve the community you are in.

Wish List

Cat Supplies

Cat Treats
Cat Litter (non-scoopable)
Dry Cat or Kitten Food
Canned Cat Food (preferably Pate)
Cat toys
PetSafe SlimCat Toy

Dog Supplies

Dry Dog food
Pill Pockets
Martingale Collars (all sizes)
Leashes (all sizes)
Dog Treats
Dog Toys
Kongs
Hot dogs
Peanut Butter
Easy Cheese

Cleaning Supplies

HE Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Contractor Garbage Bags
Antiseptic Wipes
Paper Towels

Medical Equipment & Supplies

Baby Wipes
Revolution or Frontline Flea Treatment
Feliway Spray
Little Noses Decongestant Drops
Warming disc

Office Supplies

Printer Paper (8-1/2 x 11)
White-Out
Postage Stamps
Scotch Tape
AAA Batteries
Ziploc Bags (sandwich and gallon)



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On-Site Kid Activities

Cat Tales Cedar Valley Humane Society invites children of all ages to come read to the cats at the shelter. Cat Tales provides a fun way for children to practice their reading skills in a non-judgmental environment while providing socialization and human interaction for shelter animals.

Children are more than welcome to bring a favorite book of their own or choose a book from the shelter's collection.

No registration is required. CVHS is open Monday – Friday 12:00pm-7:00pm and Saturday 12:00pm-5:00pm.

Questions? Please email: info@cvhumane.org or call us at 319-362-6288

A parent or guardian is expected to be present with a reader for the entirety of each reading session.

Tours Cedar Valley Humane Society welcomes tours to our shelter for grade school kids and older. Tours last about 30-minutes, allowing you to learn more about our shelter and visit the adoptable cat rooms and dog kennels.

Tours are scheduled Monday through Friday 12 PM-5:30 PM and Saturdays 12 PM – 3 PM

To schedule a tour, please email Ken.allers@cvhumane.org or give us a call at (319) 362-6288



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