



KIDS CAN HELP!

Projects & Activities for Young People



MAKE GIFT BAGS FOR CAT ADOPTERS

Send adopted cats home with a fun surprise! Gather fuzzy mice, plastic balls, and *Temptations* or *Churu* lickable treat tubes and put them in a bag of your choice. Feel free to put a message on the bag too! [Here's](#) an example!



HOLD A SUPPLY DRIVE

Collecting items from our wish-list is a GREAT way to support the Shelter! Whether it's a new cat toy or a dog leash, donations help the shelter immensely. You can choose items off our Shelter wish list, our Foster and Volunteer program wish list, and there's even one for our Pet Pantry! Visit our [donations](#) page for more information.



MAKE FLEECE BLANKETS

Our dogs and cats love to have soft blankets for cuddling! You can make blankets without sewing by cutting two pieces of fleece, cutting fringe all the way around and tying the fringe pieces together. We especially need ones that are approximately 18" x 30" in. (but no smaller). Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to make the blankets.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We often post fun stories and photos of adoptable pets, happenings around the Shelter, and events and announcements! Sharing or liking our posts, tagging a friend, or retweeting takes hardly any time, yet could play a part in helping make a match for a Shelter pet waiting for a family and gives our pets a larger audience and greater reach!



GIFT A GIFT CARD

There is a good chance that you will have a few gift cards stuck in drawers that you have not used; they may be useful to the Shelter! Gift cards to well-known retail stores will always be welcome because they help defray the cost of purchasing items we need.



HELP ADVERTISE ADOPTABLE ANIMALS

Make a flyer for an adoptable shelter pet! It can be one that caught your attention or one that's been at the shelter for a while. Bring the flyers to local businesses in your area and ask permission to post them.



HAVE A BAKE SALE OR LEMONADE STAND

Have fun with friends making delicious baked goods and donate the profits from your sale to the shelter. You might ask a local business if you can set up outside on a busy weekend day to sell your goods. Make a big sign letting everyone know your proceeds will be donated to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.



Humane Hero Certificates

We offer a signed Humane Hero certificate to commemorate the efforts of individuals and groups who conduct a supply or monetary collection for the shelter as well as those who hand-make items off our suggested list. Ask the front desk for a Humane Hero Certificate when dropping off donations.



Regrettably, the shelter CANNOT accept homemade animal treats.



Please email animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov with other proposed activities or if you have any questions.

Want to Get **SERIOUS About **FUNDRAISING**?**
Allow us to introduce you to our Friends!

Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is the nonprofit 501(c)(3) fundraising partner organization of the Shelter.

Friends provides the funding for emergency and other life-saving medical treatment, dental procedures, parasite prevention, equipment and supplies, pet enrichment items, and so much more!

By donating to *Friends*, you are helping the animals at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. If you have a great fundraising idea, please contact Friends directly.

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