

At-Home Pet Project Packet

Thank you so much for helping the animals at the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS). This packet was created to provide ideas for short term volunteers/students looking for ways to earn service hours from home. Please note: These projects cannot be completed in exchange for hours pertaining to court-ordered or court-mandated community service.

The projects in this packet are used each day in our shelter, and provide much needed comfort and interaction for the animals. Your project contribution directly supports the 6,000+ dogs, cats, and horses KHS cares for each year!

What is Enrichment?

Enrichment refers to the mental and physical stimulation that increases the behavioral wellness of shelter animals. These types of activities alleviate boredom of our animals while they await their forever homes.

Drop-Off Information:

Students that complete any At-Home Pet Projects may drop off their work at the East Campus Adoption Center located at 1000 Lyndon Lane, Louisville, KY, 40222, during operation hours. We are open Monday through Friday 11am to 6pm during the week and 11am to 5pm on the weekends. There are drop off bins placed outside our door that you can put your donations in. It is contactless. Once you do that, please email the Volunteer Engagement Manager. They will verify your drop off and can email/mail an Hours Verification Form. If needed, you may use their email for a MobileServe verification.

Volunteer Engagement Manager – Eugina Scoggins – escoggins@kyhumane.org

Please do not use any of the following items which may present a danger to the animals:

- DO NOT LEAVE PINS IN HAND-MADE BLANKETS!!
- Toxic glue or materials
- Glitter
- Items that may become loose, posing a choking hazard to an animal, including bells, trinkets, beads, etc.
- String that may fray or be swallowed

At-Home Pet Projects are not limited to the projects in this packet. Similar versions of home-made toys or blankets can be made (Pinterest and Google have a wealth of ideas!) instead of the versions selected in this packet. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Volunteer Engagement Manager.



Sock Fish Catnip Toy (24 Sock Fish = 2 hrs.)



Supplies: socks, scissors, non-toxic markers, cat nip

Instructions:

- Roll an 8 ½ by 11 inch piece of paper into a cone for a funnel; secure with tape.
- Insert funnel into sock, and fill halfway with catnip.
- Knot sock just above filling.
- Using a non-toxic marker, give it some fun eyes and a mouth

Catnip Fish Toy (24 Fish Toys = 6 hrs.)



Supplies: pencil, fabric, pins, pinking shears, cotton batting or wool scraps, piece of paper, catnip, needle and thread, upholstery needle and this sturdy twine for hanging

Instructions:

- Draw and cut out fish shape. A ¼ inch seam allowance needs to be added to the fish shape. Trace the fish shape onto two layers of fabric. Cut out shapes.
- Pin right sides together. Sew seam, and leave 1 ½ inch opening for filling.
- Trim seams with pinking shears.
- Turn right side out and press the seams flat.
- Stuff with cotton batting or wool scraps until firm. Shape a piece of paper into a funnel, and use it to add 1-2 tablespoons of dried catnip or to fill the whole toy with catnip.
- Hand stitch the opening closed.

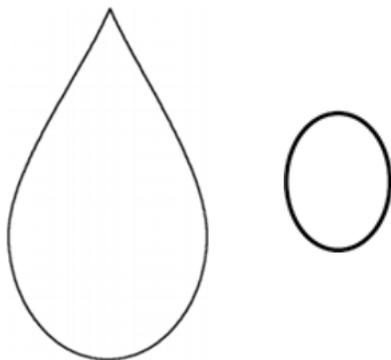


Catnip Mouse (24 Catnip Mice = 6 hrs.)

Supplies: catnip mouse template, felt, stuffing, rope, catnip, scissors, hot glue gun and hot glue sticks, extra felt (optional for ears)

Instructions:

- Cut out tear drop and oval below to use as your pattern.



- Trace patterns on felt and cut out- three tear drop and two ovals.
- Glue the top edges of the side pieces to each other. Glue the bottom piece of felt to the bottom of the side pieces. Be sure to leave an opening in the back to insert stuffing.
- For your stuffing, use cotton batting and catnip. Cut a piece of rope for the mouse's tail and stuff the back of the mouse. Seal with glue, and glue on ears. To add eyes, use a marker.

No Sew Fleece Blanket (48inx60in Blanket = 4 hrs. and 21inx15in Blanket = 2 hrs.)

Supplies: two pieces of fleece - 48inches x 60inches for an adult dog blanket or 21inches x 15inches for an adult cat blanket, scissors

Instructions:

- Lay the two pieces of fleece wrong sides together.
- Use your scissors to cut 3 inches into your fleece, one inch apart, on all four sides of the blanket



- Tie all cut strips with the strips directly below. Tie using a double knot and pull tight so they don't untie in the wash. **MAKE SURE TO REMOVE ANY PINS USED TO KEEP BLANKET HALVES IN PLACE**



Fleece Braided Tug Toys (10 Toys = 2hrs.)

Supplies: Fleece, fabric Scissors, yardstick

Instructions:

- Using yard stick cut three to six strips of fleece.
- Gather strips of fleece and tie large knot at one end.
- Separate fleece strips into three sections then braid.
- Leave enough fleece at the other end to tie knot.

Note: Fleece braids can vary in width and length. Longer ones (3-4 feet) are really nice as they can be attached to the puppy kennels and pups can pull on them.



PVC Treat Stick (5 treat sticks = 5 hrs.)

Supplies: 1 foot of 2inch PVC pipe or 8inches of 1 1/2inch PVC pipe, 2 FIPT fittings (to match the PVC pipe size), 2 ABS DMW MIPT Cleanout plugs, 5/8inch drill bit, drill, file/sandpaper, glue (optional)

Instructions:

- Drill 5-6 holes in PVC pipe using 5/8 drill bit



- Attach FIPT fittings onto the ends of PVC pipe. Glue if necessary.
- Remove all burrs by smoothing out with sandpaper.
- Screw the cleanout plugs into the FIPT fillings (to prevent treats from falling out of sides)

For more information, please visit: <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-PVC-Pipe-Dog-Enrichment-Toys/>



Tissue Box Puzzle Toy (5 toys = 2 hrs.)

Supplies: empty tissue box, non toxic glue, 14 toilet paper rolls per toy, plastic wrap

Instructions:

- Cut the top rectangle off the tissue box
- Glue toilet paper rolls inside the tissue box until the box is full.
- Wrap top of box in plastic wrap for transportation (note: this will be removed before cats play with puzzle toy)



Pom Pom Toy for Cats (10 toys = 1 hr.)

Supplies: yarn, scissors

Instructions:

- Hold an end of yarn in the palm of your hand. Wrap the string around and around your fingers, looping it at least 50 times.



- Slide the looped yarn off your fingers and tie around the center with a separate small length of yarn.
- Work scissors through the looped sides of the yarn and cut, creating the pom-pom. Trim around the pom pom as needed to make it more neat.



Paper Roll Puzzle Toys for Cats

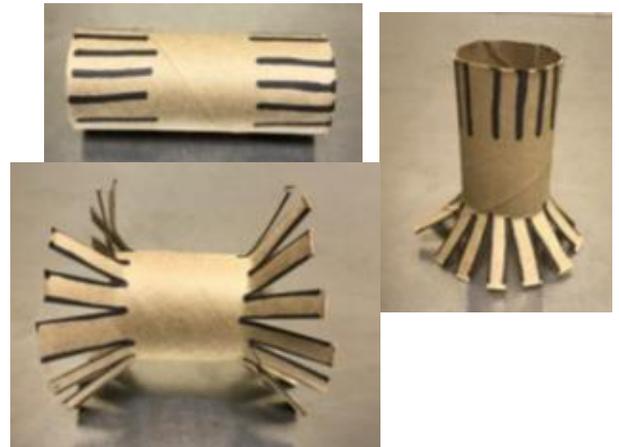
(20 toys = 2 hrs.)

Option One

Supplies: toilet paper roll, scissors

Instructions:

- Cut around the edge of the roll about halfway to the middle section. Make cuts every 4cm.
- Fold back trimmed sections to create a fun and interactive texture.



Option Two

Supplies: toilet paper roll or paper towel roll, scissors

Instructions:

- Cut roll into rings
- Overlap the rings to make a ball.



Wish List Donations Drive (10 items = 1 hr.)

Many of our supporters choose to help our pets by donating much needed items for our shelter or by asking friends and family to donate in lieu of birthday, wedding, Christmas, or Hannukah gifts. You can also help by hosting a Wish List Donations Drive with your school, church, or with your family and friends. Below are some examples of what can be collected through a donation drive.

Please visit <http://www.kyhumane.org/wishlist> for the complete and up-to-date Wish List.

Creature Comforts:

- Towels, pet beds, comforters
- Bandanas, dog bows
- Toilet paper rolls ONE ROLL DOES NOT EQUAL ONE ITEM, 25 rolls = 1 hr.

Cats:

- Cat toys
- Cat food (dry and canned)
- Cat litter (clay, unscented)
- Cat scratching posts

Dogs

- Dog toys
- New Dog crates (large plastic and wire)
- Dog food (canned only)

Cleaning Supplies

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Box of Disposable gloves
- Unopened Roll of Paper towels

Other

- Plastic bags (from trips to Kroger, Target, etc). ONE BAG DOES NOT EQUAL ONE ITEM
- Box of Zip-close sandwich bags

