



## *Helping KHS from home!*

Thank you so much for helping the animals at the Kentucky Humane Society. This packet was created to provide ideas for short term volunteers/students looking for ways to earn school-based service hours from home. 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!

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**\*Please feel free to drop off your donations any time during or after business hours at our East Campus location. There is a donation bin outside the doors that is checked multiple times a day to bring donations in. No need to schedule a drop off time, please bring in the donations as you wish.**

**\*To receive credit for said hours, you will need to email the Volunteer Engagement Manager after you have dropped off the items. In that email, you will need to provide pictures of proof of items being dropped off as well as the date and time of drop off. Once you email the Volunteer Engagement Manager, an official letterhead will be emailed back to you about the hours indicated.**

**Please allow up to 5 business days for that letterhead to make its way back to you!**

**[volunteer@kyhumane.org](mailto:volunteer@kyhumane.org)**

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**\*Also: These projects cannot be completed in exchange for hours pertaining to court-ordered or court-mandated community service.**

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### **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.

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

## No Sew Fleece Blanket

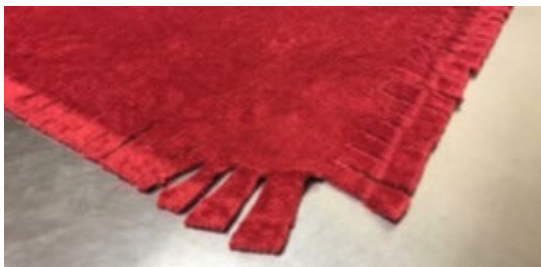
**48inx60in Blanket= 4 hrs**

**21inx15in Blanket = 2 hrs**

Supplies: two pieces of fleece - 48inches x 60inches (adult dog blanket) or 21inches x 15inches (adult cat blanket) and fabric 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 (2-5 feet depending on preference), 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 (3-5 feet) are nice as they can be attached to the puppy kennels, and they pull on them.**



## **Snuffle Mat (1 mat = 2 hrs.)**

Supplies: 1 yd fleece, 1 plastic dish mat, fabric scissors

Instructions:

- Cut the fleece into 1-inch wide strips
- Knot the 6-inch pieces to the dish mat until it's completely covered



## **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.



## **Paper Roll Puzzle Toys for Cats (20 toys = 2 hrs.)**

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.





## **Wish List Donations Drive (10 items = 1 hr. with some items having different credit hours attached)**

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, or holiday 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.

### **Comfortability items:**

- Towels, pet beds, comforters, blankets, sheets/pillowcases (no fitted sheets)
- Bandanas, dog bows
- Toilet paper rolls ONE ROLL DOES NOT EQUAL ONE ITEM, 25 rolls = 1 hr.
- Paper towel rolls ONE ROLL DOES NOT EQUAL ONE ITEM, 15 rolls=1 hr.

### **Cats/kitten:**

- Cat toys
- Cat tunnels
- Cat food (dry and canned)
- Wet kitten food
- Cat litter (clay, unscented)
- Cat carriers (hard plastic so it can be washed in between uses)

### **Dogs/puppies:**

- Dog toys (new or gently used)
- Slip leads
- Dog treats (RAWHIDE free please)
- New Dog crates (plastic and wire)
- Dog food (unopened bags please)
- Vienna Sausages
- Puppy food (canned and dry)
- Peanut Butter

### **Cleaning Supplies:**

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent (no fragrance)
- Box of Disposable gloves
- Unopened Roll of Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Spatulas

### **Other:**

- Plastic bags (from trips to Kroger, Target, etc). **ONE BAG DOES NOT EQUAL ONE ITEM—10 bags would equal one item.**
- Box of Zip-close sandwich bags (all sizes)
- Empty and unused spray bottles
- Empty and clean medicine bottles (please remove any personal label from bottle surface)
- Newspapers
- Food and water bowls
- Litter boxes (cleaned out with no lids)
- Wild bird seed (for our bird feeders outside our cat colonies!)
- Muffin tins, cardboard egg cartons, lick mats