



## **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.**

**1000 Lyndon Lane, Louisville, KY 40222**

*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, please 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 – 48 inches x 60 inches (adult dog blanket) or 21 inches x 15 inches (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.

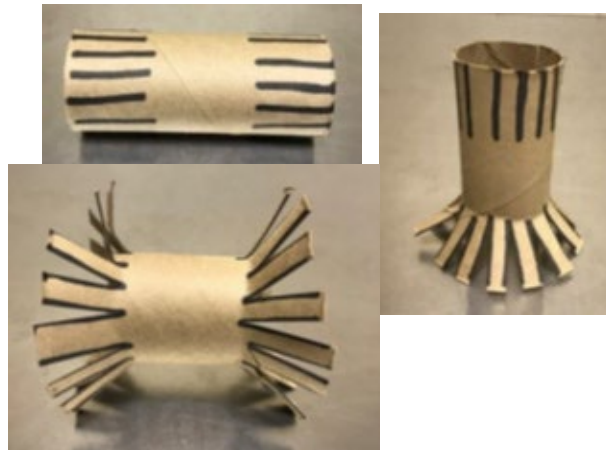


## Paper Roll Puzzle Toys for Cats (20 toys = 2 hrs.)

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

Each item will indicate 1 hour unless specified in ( ) next to it.

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 (*no fitted sheets*)
- Toilet paper rolls (**25 rolls for 1 hour**)
- Paper towel rolls (**15 rolls for 1 hour**)

### Cats/kitten:

- Cat toys (**10 toys for 2 hours**)
- Cat tunnels (**1 tunnel for 1 hour**)
- Cat food (*dry and canned*) (**2 things of standard size food for 1 hour**)
- Wet kitten food
- Cat litter (*clay, unscented*) (**1 standard size of litter for 1 hour**)
- Cat carriers (*hard plastic so it can be washed in between uses*) (**1 cat carrier for 1 hour**)

### Dogs/puppies:

- Dog toys (*new or gently used*) (**10 toys for 2 hours**)
- Slip leads (**2 leads for 1 hour**)
- Dog treats (*RAWHIDE free please*) (**2 bags/individual treats for 1 hour**)
- New dog crates (*plastic and wire*) (**1 crate for 1 hour**)
- Dog food (*unopened bags please*) (**2 things of standard size food for 1 hour**)
- Vienna Sausages (**3 cans for 1 hour**)
- Puppy food (*canned and dry*) (**2 things of standard size food for 1 hour**)
- Peanut Butter (*creamy*) (**4 things of PB for 1 hour**)
- Ice cream cones (*no sprinkles or special coated cones*) (**2 boxes for 1 hour**)

### Cleaning Supplies:

- Bleach (**1 standard size jug for 1 hour**)
- Laundry detergent (*no fragrance*) (**1 standard size bottle for 1 hour**)
- Box of Disposable gloves (**5 boxes for 1 hour**)
- Unopened Roll of Paper towels (**2 rolls equals 1 hour**)
- Dish soap (**3 bottles equals 1 hour**)
- Spatulas

### Other:

- Plastic bags (from trips to Kroger, Target, etc).  
(**ONE BAG DOES NOT EQUAL 1 HOUR—15 bags would equal 1 hour.**)
- Box of Zip-close sandwich bags (**all sizes**)
- Empty and unused spray bottles (**3 bottles for 1 hour**)
- Empty and clean medicine bottles (**please remove any personal label from bottle surface**)
- Newspapers
- Food and water bowls (**5 bowls for 1 hour**)
- Litter boxes (cleaned out with **no lids**) (**1 litter box for 1 hour**)
- Wild bird seed (*for our bird feeders outside our cat colonies!*) (**1 bag of standard size seed for 1 hour**)
- Muffin tins, cardboard egg cartons, lick mats