

### STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

For students who need a short-term project to fulfill service hour requirements for school, church, scouts, etc., we suggest the projects below. Students should always check first to see if the project will be accepted by the organization requiring service hours. Students must keep track of the hours that are spent on the project. Students can bring item/donations/projects to Rescue Village during regular adoption hours. At that time, the student will receive a letter that verifies the work was done.



**\*Animal Care Volunteers must go through a regimented training process, and make a long-term commitment; therefore, we cannot accommodate students wishing to work in the shelter for student service projects.\***

#### COMFY CRITTER BEDDING DRIVE

Let people know we need all kinds of bedding for our animals-sheets, towels, blankets, comforters, pillow cases, small soft rugs, shredded paper (long strip, not confetti style). Dogs really appreciate an old blanket!

You can also make cute blankets for cats:

1. Cut off rough edge of fabric
2. Size should be no smaller than 19" x 19" and no larger than 32" x 32"
3. Corner squares should be 3" x 4-1/2"
4. Strip width should be about 3/4"
5. Strip length should be 3" to 4-1/2"
6. Double knot all strips.

Or you can donate colorful fleece by the yard.

#### MORE IDEAS YOU CAN DO:

- Create a presentation around the importance of spaying and neutering pets, or why puppy mills are cruel to animals, or why adopting is better than shopping in order to decrease the number of homeless animals in shelters. Present it to your class or your grade in an assembly.
- Create and design a large donation container or fundraising drive to buy items off our [Amazon Wish List](#).
- Create a Facebook invite for all of your friends to come to a specific place, for example, your house for a pizza party, or a park (parent or guardian present) and collect donations.
- Lead a pet food or animal toy drive at a local pet store using our [Shelter Wish List](#). Set up at a pet store (like Petco, PetSmart or Pet People) and hand our wish list out to the customers so they can buy things from the list to donate. Bring all of the donations to Rescue Village. (Be sure to get the store's permission before choosing this option.)
- Write and send an action letter to a legislator of your choosing regarding a topic concerning animal welfare that you are passionate about. Some examples are: Breed Specific Legislation, spay and neuter laws, county laws vs. city laws for what constitutes as animal neglect or abuse.



#### FLYERING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Rescue Village can always use help spreading the word about upcoming events and "Spotlight Posters". Simply stop in the shelter and ask the Welcome Desk for event flyers and a list of locations to hang the flyers in your area. You can also help us by asking businesses that aren't already on our list if you can hang our flyers. The more places we put flyers, the more people will attend! Hours are verified when students return with their completed list of locations.

#### TOYS/TREATS

-Healthy homemade dog biscuits are always appreciated. (Turn in with date made and list of ingredients)

Cats-Catnip socks: Take baby socks & fill them with some batting & catnip & securely tie and/or glue the ends shut. Cats LOVE them! **PLEASE NO**

#### **RIBBONS AND STRINGS!**

Dogs & Cats- Lead a toy drive at your school or neighborhood. Dogs love interactive toys, like treat puzzles, to keep them busy. Our cats have a ton of fun with those fake mice and we **always need laser lights!**

#### PENNIES FOR PETS

You can put out decorated jars or cans & ask for pennies (larger coins are great too!) & perhaps get permission to put one in each of several classrooms. Once you've collected all the coins, you can help us out even more if you convert the coins into bills or gift cards. Some local businesses also have automated coin counters.

#### 'THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING' CARDS

Volunteers are the key to the success of Rescue Village and we want them to know how much we appreciate their weekly service at the shelter! Make a card for the dog-walkers, cat cuddlers, cage cleaners, welcome desk or a card for our fosters. We can never thank them enough and a note from someone in the community is very special.

#### 'THANKS FOR ADOPTING ME' CARDS

Make homemade cards to tell new adopters how happy you are that they chose a shelter pet. Deliver them to the shelter and ask that they be given to the new adopters.

#### ROCK PAINTING/PAPER WEIGHTS

See if you can find some smooth river rocks & rinse them off (even brush them) & set in the sun to dry. Paint each one with animal scenes or write a message like "Spay & Neuter is always cuter" or "Adopt a Shelter Pet." These rocks can hold down flyers & brochures at indoor/outdoor events AND people love to purchase them for their home! You may also glaze the rock with permanent gloss or varnish to protect your design from fading.