Citizens for Animal Protection
Group & Individual Projects

Collect & Unfold Newspapers
*4 inches of unfolded newspapers (stacked) equals 1 hour of service. These are placed in newly cleaned kennels by staff for animals in the shelter & those being transported to the vet, etc. Follow these instructions to complete project:

■ Separate the newspaper into three sections:
  ● Double sheets-the ones you can open up as if you were reading both sides. Open & place one double sheet after another on top of each other into an organized pile.
  ● Single sheets-place one single sheet after another on top of each other into an organized pile.
  ● Shiny advertising sheets-these need to be removed & discarded because they cannot be used in the kennels.
  ● Fold the two piles in half to make them easier to carry when you drop them off.

No-Sew Beds
These are used in the kennels for cats & small dogs.

■ Instructions for flatbed:
  ● Gather two pieces of fleece cotton & cut 27"x30".
  ● Cut out 3"x3" squares off of each corner.
  ● Cut slits 1" apart & 3" deep into each side.
  ● Tie the matching slits together to make a nice, flat bed.

■ Making a bed with raised sides:
  ● Tie together some of the slits that are next to each other.
  ● Begin with corners & then tie some in between from the center.

✓ Tips & Tricks:
  ● Use good scissors to make cutting easier.
  ● Use masking tape to give yourself a “cut to” line so all your slits are an even length, or mark your cutting lines with a water-soluble fabric pen.
  ● Tie each slit more than once to make a knot so sides of blanket don’t come apart when washed.

Catnip Toys

■ Version 1-Catnip Ball
  ● Cut out a 4" circle of material.
  ● Put 1 tablespoon of catnip in the middle.
  ● Bundle up & securely tie with a piece of satin ribbon (do not use gift wrap curling ribbon because it can shred & cause the cats to choke if ingested).

■ Version 2-Sock Toy
Materials:
  ● Colorful infant or child’s cotton sock
  ● Cotton balls
  ● Dried catnip
  ● Construction paper
  ● Non-toxic permanent marker

Instructions:
  ● Make a funnel out of construction paper & insert into sock.
  ● Pour enough catnip to fill it halfway (use cotton balls as stuffing to help fill the sock-pack lightly).
  ● If sock is long enough, tie it at the base of your stuffing, then turn inside out & tie knot at other end (this will reinforce the toy by doubling the fabric around the catnip).
  ● You can tie a piece of satin ribbon around the tail or simply tie the sock in a knot.
  ● Use marker to add eyes and a face (optional)!

Twirler Toss Cat Toys
These toys are light-weight and easy for cats to toss, hunt, & even fetch!
Materials:
- An old cotton t-shirt or fleece material

Instructions:
- Cut your material into rectangular strips (approximately 5” long).
- Take two strips & lay them across each other in a cross pattern.
- Take the bottom strip of material & tie the ends in a knot in the middle (over the other piece).
- Take the top strip & knot it.
- Once finished, you should have a toy with a knot in the middle & four ends of fabric sticking out.

Kitty Forts
These forts provide a safe & secure perching spot or retreat for kitties & are also used for rubbing & scratching, two things kitties love to do. Embellish with dangling toys & decorations-be creative!

Materials:
- Cardboard box with dimensions approximately 12”x12”x12”
- Cloth or construction paper
- Non-toxic school glue

Instructions:
- Cut out a large opening in cardboard box (this will create the front side)
- Cover the box with cloth or construction paper using non-toxic glue
- Decorate your fort with stamps, stickers, pictures, etc.
- You can attach a twirler cat toy for extra fun (do not use yarn or string)

Homemade Dog Toys
This is a fleece rope toy that our shelter dogs love to toss & play fetch with!

Materials:
- Fleece fabric (18”x24”)-new fleece fabric or repurposed old blankets can be used

Instructions:
- Cut fabric into six strips measuring approximately 3”x24”.
- Knot all six strips together at one end & braid them together using two strips per section.
- Once the braid has almost reached the ends of the fabric, knot the strips together again.

Variation-Add a tennis ball
- Cut holes in opposite ends of the tennis ball.
- Thread three strips of fabric through the tennis ball & knot each set of tails close to the tennis ball to prevent it from slipping along your braid.
- Braid each tail out 6” to 12”.
- Continue knotting the braid till finished.

“Adopt Me” Bandanas
These triangle shaped bandanas are worn by our shelter animals. Wearing colorful bandanas is a great way for the shelter animals to get noticed by potential adopters!

Materials:
- Brightly colored material-this can be a solid color, fun design or holiday themed.
- Non-toxic markers-optional for drawing/writing (items cannot be sewn on but glue/velcro is ok).

Instructions:
- Cut pieces of fabric into 22”x22” squares.
- Fold in half diagonally & cut along the fold.

Variation:
- Squares can range in size from 22”x22” to 28”x28”-we have lots of dogs that are different sizes!

√ Tip:
- Pinking or surging the edges helps make the bandanas more durable.

Congratulations Cards for New Adoptions
Make inspiring homemade congratulation cards to share with new pet adopters to show how happy we are that they adopted their new family member from CAP!

Materials:
- Copy or construction paper-any color; blank note cards
Instructions:
• Fold copy/construction paper in half to form a card.
• Decorate the front with fun paw prints, cat & dog drawings, stickers, etc.
• Write a heartfelt message inside.

Note:
• If creating various cards, kindly separate them by type of animal.

Wish List Drive
You can help us take care of our furry friends by hosting a CAP Wish List drive (or doing individually) for items such as clay cat litter, puppy dry & canned foods, kitten dry & canned foods, etc. The more items we have donated, the more funds we have to spend on other needs of our animals. Please visit us at www.cap4pets.org for a current list of items needed.

Plan An Event To Benefit CAP
Host a dog wash, car wash, Pennies for Pets drive, lemonade stand, or other creative activity approved by CAP.

Assemble Foster Care Packages
Some of our animals need to go into temporary foster homes if they have a cold, are too young to be adopted, or need long term medical care. You can help our foster animals while they’re getting well by making care packages for them! Be sure to label the packages with your name & email so foster parents can tell you all about their foster animals’ story!

Examples of Foster Care Packages:
• Cat/kitten with a cold: bed or big towel, canned kitten or cat food, toys, comb, & litter scooper.
• Dog/puppy with a cold: bed or big towel, canned puppy or dog food, toys, biscuits, & a comb or brush.
• For a kitten or puppy needing to be bottle fed: add milk replacement to the package.

Create a Photo Shoot Backdrop
You can be creative & help promote pet adoption by making a backdrop for our pet photographers to use. The poster paper, poster board, tablecloth or fabric that you use can be created for a backdrop that will go on a wall or be stood up behind the animal. Recommended sizes are 54”x70”, 60”x84” or 60”x104”. Anchor Boxes carries 4x4 ft pieces of flat cardboard that is perfect for this project. You can also purchase seasonal or holiday themed items such as hats, feather boas, bow ties, etc. at local retailers for the animals to wear for their photo shoot.

Materials:
• Poster paper/board
• Construction paper
• Felt
• Velcro
• Non-toxic markers or paint
• Holiday/seasonal themed washable/wipe off tablecloths or fabrics
• Novelty or seasonal items

Instructions:
• Cut out cute designs & decorate with non-toxic markers or paint
• Decorate with holiday/seasonal tablecloths or fabric

Attached is CAP’s Verification Form for use if seeking service hours for school, groups or organizations (forms must be submitted in advance if using x2Vol). Please note due to the difference in time requirements to complete each individual project, service hours will vary unless specifically noted.

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Thank you for generously giving your time to support CAP, you are helping make a difference in the lives of homeless pets!