

# Citizens for Animal Protection

## Group & Individual Projects

### Unfold Newspapers (4 in. of unfolded stacked newspaper=1 hr)

Staff put these in clean kennels for animals in the shelter & those being transported to the vet, etc.

- Separate newspaper into 3 sections:
  - Double sheets (those you open as if reading both sides)-Open & place double sheets on top of each other into pile.
  - Single sheets-Place single sheets on top of each other into pile.
  - Shiny advertisements-Discard, they can't be used in the kennels.
  - Fold the 2 piles in half to make them easier to carry when dropping off.

### No-Sew Beds (1 bed=1 hr)

Beds are placed in kennels for cats & small dogs.

- Instructions for flatbed:
  - Gather 2 pieces of fleece cotton & cut 27"x30".
  - Cut out 3"x3" squares off each corner.
  - Cut slits 1" apart & 3" deep into each side.
  - Tie 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:
  - Good scissors make cutting easier!
  - Use masking tape to give yourself a "cut to" line so all slits are an even length, or mark cutting lines with a water-soluble fabric pen.
  - Tie each slit more than once to make a knot so sides don't come apart when washed.



### Catnip Toys (1 lg Ziploc/grocery bag=1 hr)

- *Version 1-Catnip Ball*
  - Cut out a 6" circle of material.
  - Put 1 tablespoon of catnip with 1-2 cotton balls 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 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 reinforces 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)!

### Kitty Forts

Forts provide kitties with safe & secure perching spots, or retreats, & are also used for rubbing & scratching-2 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 box with cloth or construction paper using non-toxic glue.
- Decorate your fort with stamps, stickers, etc.
- Attach a twirler cat toy for extra fun (do not use yarn or string)!

### Dog Toys

Our shelter dogs love to toss & play fetch with these fleece rope toys!

Materials:

- Fleece fabric (18"x24")-new fleece fabric or repurposed blankets can be used.

Instructions (be sure braids are nice & tight!):

- Cut fabric into 6 strips measuring approximately 3"x24".
- Knot all 6 strips together at one end & braid together using 2 strips per section.
- Once braid has almost reached the ends of the fabric, knot strips together again.

*Variation-Add a tennis ball*

- Cut holes in opposite ends of tennis ball.
- Thread 3 strips of fabric through tennis ball & knot each set of tails close to tennis ball to prevent it from slipping along your braid.
- Braid each tail out 6" to 12".
- Continue knotting braid till finished.

### Bandanas (1 lg Ziploc/grocery bag=1 hr)

Wearing bandanas are a great way for shelter animals to get noticed by potential adopters!

Materials:

- Brightly colored material-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 different sized dogs!

✓ Tip:

- Pinking or surging edges helps make bandanas more durable.

### Congratulation Cards (1 lg Ziploc/grocery bag=1 hr)

Make inspiring congratulation cards to share with new adopters!

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](#)

To help us take care of our furry friends, you can host a CAP Wish List drive (or donate individually) for items such as clay cat litter, puppy/kitten dry & canned foods, etc. The more items we have donated, the more funds we're able to use on other needs of the animals. Please visit us at [www.cap4pets.org](http://www.cap4pets.org) for a current list of items needed as they may change.

### [Event to Benefit CAP](#)

Host a dog wash, car wash, lemonade stand, or other creative activity approved by CAP.

### [Foster Care Packages](#) (each care package=1 hr)

Some of our animals need temporary foster homes if they have a cold, are too young to be adopted, or need long term medical care. You can help them while they get well by making care packages! Foster parents can tell you all about their foster animals' story so be sure to label package with your name and email!

Examples:

- Cat/kitten: bed/big towel, canned kitten or cat food, toys, comb, litter scooper.
- Dog/puppy: bed/big towel, canned puppy or dog food, toys, biscuits, comb/brush.
- For a kitten/puppy being bottle fed: add milk replacement to package.

### [Photo Shoot Backdrop](#)

Be creative and help promote pet adoption by making a backdrop for our pet photographers to use. The poster paper, poster board, tablecloth or fabric you use can be created for a backdrop 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's perfect for this project).

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 such as hats, bow-ties, etc.

Instructions:

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

### [Verifications](#)

If requesting hours for school and/or x2Vol, verification forms must be completed and submitted when dropping off items (a downloadable form is available on our website).

### [For more information, please contact the following:](#)

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