

# YOUTH TOOLKIT



Designed for young  
animal lovers who want  
to help shelter pets!

# LETS GET CRAFTY!



## TREAT DISPENSERS

### Supplies:

- Empty water bottle(s), toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls. Collect as many as you can!
- Scissors or box cutter to cut holes
- Bag of treats for the shelter

### Directions:

- Poke several holes in the bottles or rolls. The holes should be big enough for a piece of kibble or a small treat to fall out
- Using non-toxic markers, decorate the tubes! No stickers or anything our pets could ingest
- Bring the items in! Our team will fill the dispensers with yummy treats, giving our pets a fun challenge during enrichment time!

## ENRICHMENT BOXES

### Supplies:

- Toilet paper or paper towel tubes
- Small boxes (shoe boxes, tissue boxes, small shipping boxes, egg cartons, etc.)
- Optional- butcher paper or newspaper

### Directions:

- Place the cardboard tubes into the small box a vertical position until the box has been filled
- For added fun you can stuff newspaper or butcher paper into some of the tubes
- Bring the items in! Our team will fill the boxes with yummy treats, giving our pets a fun challenge during enrichment time!



# THANK YOU CARDS

Our staff and volunteers work incredibly hard every day to help our pets. They make sure thousands of animals have safe shelter, full bellies and warm beds. Let's thank them!

## Supplies:

- Paper or blank cards
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils
- Stickers
- Your imagination!

## Directions:

- Get creative! Draw pictures of happy animals, hearts, paw prints or anything that makes you think of helping pets
- Write a special message to thank the shelter staff and volunteers
  - "Thank you for taking such good care of all the animals!"
  - "We appreciate all your hard work!"
- Don't forget to sign your name! These cards will brighten their day and remind them how much their hard work is appreciated



# SNUFFLE MATS

## Supplies:

- Rubber/plastic mat with holes in it, cut to desired size
  - A shower mat or anti-fatigue mat will work
- One yard of fleece fabric
- Fabric scissors

## Directions:

- Cut fleece in 7 inch strips
- Loop strips through each hole and create a double knot. The long part of the strips should be on the top part of the mat
- Continue until the mat is completely filled
- If you want to get creative, you can use different colored strips on each row



# NO-SEW BLANKETS

## Supplies:

- Two pieces of fleece fabric of the same size
  - These can be different colors or patterns! All sizes welcome
- Fabric scissors
- Ruler or measuring tape (optional but helpful)

## Directions:

- Place your two pieces of fleece perfectly on top of each other, making sure the edges line up
- Along the outside edge of your fabric, cut "fringes" (strips) about 1 inch wide and 4 inches long all the way around the entire blanket. Make sure you cut through both layers of fabric at once
- Take a top fringe and its matching bottom fringe then tie together in a double knot. Make sure it's snug! Continue tying fringes around the entire blanket
- Once all the fringes are tied, give your blanket a little shake. It's ready to bring warmth and comfort to a shelter pet!



# ROPE TOYS

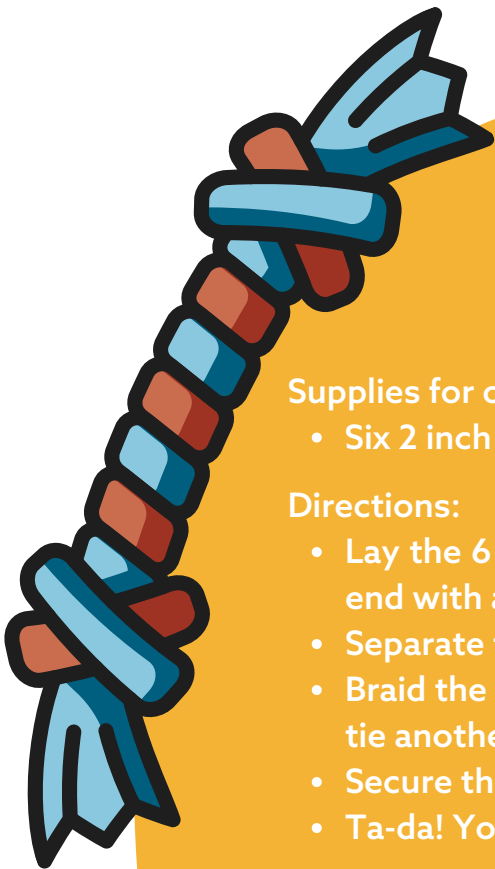
## Supplies for one toy:

- Six 2 inch x 40 inch pieces of fleece fabric

## Directions:

- Lay the 6 fabric pieces on top of each other and secure one end with a tight knot
- Separate the fabric into 3 pairs
- Braid the fabric tightly leaving enough room at the end to tie another knot
- Secure the end with a tight knot
- Ta-da! You've created an easy and durable toy

Have old t-shirts laying around? Those work too! Following the same instructions, ensuring there are no buttons, zippers or little pieces our pets could ingest.





# HOST A STAND OR SALE

Hosting a fundraiser is a fantastic way to directly support our shelter pets!

## What you'll need:

- A table and chairs
- Items to sell:
  - Lemonade mix, water, cups and ice for a lemonade stand
  - Delicious homemade baked goods for a bake sale
  - Handmade crafts like friendship bracelets, drawings, painted rocks or anything else you're good at making
- A sign that tells people what you've made and who you're raising money for
- A jar or container for collecting donations



## Directions:

- Set up your stand in a safe place where people can easily see you, like your driveway or yard
- Decorate your stand! You can draw pictures of animals, make signs with paw prints, or show off your creations in containers or baskets
- Tell your story. When people come by, tell them you're raising money for the animal shelter. Explain how their donations will help provide food, shelter, and care for our pets
- Be sure to say "thank you!" to everyone who contributes
- After your sale, swing by the shelter with the money you raised. Every dollar makes a difference!



# OTHER IDEAS

1.

Host a peer-to-peer fundraiser. Using a personal giving page, encourage your friends, family and network to donate towards a donation goal. Contact [donorsupport@fas4pets.org](mailto:donorsupport@fas4pets.org) for more details.

2.

Host a donation drive for pet supplies. Visit [foothills.org/wishlist](https://foothills.org/wishlist) and use our wish lists for inspiration!

After collecting items, swing by the shelter to drop off the goodies! We are open daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with a donation shed located at the back of the parking lot for easy unloading access. Feel free to come inside and visit our adoptable pets and learn more about our mission.

For additional questions, please contact:

Jessica Stephani

Development and Community Engagement Coordinator

Phone: 720-235-3332

Email: [jstephani@fas4pets.org](mailto:jstephani@fas4pets.org)



THANK YOU!