



Community service projects for the Animal Humane Society

Make blankets to keep cats cozy

Cut out a piece of double-sided fleece that is 24 inches square. If you want, you can cut fringes on the sides. For a thicker blanket, stack two squares of fleece and sew the edges or tie the fringes together.

(Please note: do not add catnip! While catnip can be a fun treat for cats in homes, the hyper behavior it produces is not a good thing for cats in a shelter environment.)

Make toys to entertain cats

Fill clean plastic eggs with a small amount of dry cat food (no bells or beans, please; if the eggs open, these can pose safety hazards to cats). Then glue the eggs shut and decorate the outside with permanent markers to make a fun rolling toy for our cats. Or purchase plain ping pong balls and decorate them with permanent markers.

Make chew toys for rabbits and guinea pigs

Stuff empty toilet paper tubes with Timothy hay (available at pet stores). Our rabbits and guinea pigs enjoy these tasty chewing treats.

Recycle things in your home to help the animals!

- Organize a newspaper drive. Newspapers are used to line the bottom of animal cages. Please remove glossy circulars and stack the newspapers neatly in paper grocery bags. Please do not shred newspaper.
- Collect shredded office paper, which is used to make puppy and small animal cages more comfortable. (Please note that we can't use cross-cut shredded paper, only the kind with larger strips.)
- Save empty cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towels. They make good chew toys for rabbits and guinea pigs, and shelters for little critters like gerbils and hamsters.
- Keep clean plastic shopping bags to be used by our dog walkers for cleanup outdoors.
- Bring us your old blankets and towels. We can put them to use for cat beds, grooming and cleaning up after shelter animals.

[Donated items can be brought to the customer service counter at any AHS location during regular business hours.](#)