

# At-Home Pet Project Packet

Thank you so much for helping the animals at the Kentucky Humane Society (KHS). This packet was created to provide ideas for short term volunteers/students looking for ways to earn service hours from home. The projects in this packet are used each day in our shelter, and provide much needed comfort and interaction for the animals. Your project contribution directly supports the 6,000+ dogs, cats, and horses KHS cares for each year!

What is Enrichment?

Enrichment refers to the mental and physical stimulation that increases the behavioral wellness of shelter animals. These types of activities alleviate boredom of our animals while they await their forever homes.

## Drop-Off Information:

Students that complete any At-Home Pet Projects may drop off their work at the East Campus Adoption Center located at 1000 Lyndon Lane, Louisville, KY, 40222, during operation hours. We are open Monday through Friday 10am to 6pm during the week and 10am to 5pm on the weekends. There are drop off bins placed outside our door that you can put your donations in. It is contactless. Once you do that, please email the Outreach Coordinator. They will verify your drop off and can email/mail an Hours Verification Form. If needed, you may use their email for a MobileServe verification.

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Please do not use any of the following items which may present a danger to the animals:

- Expired food products
- Toxic glue or materials
- Glitter
- Items that may become loose, posing a choking hazard to an animal, including bells, trinkets, beads, etc.
- String that may fray or be swallowed

At-Home Pet Projects are not limited to the projects in this packet. Similar versions of home-made toys or treats can be made (Pinterest and Google have a wealth of ideas!) instead of the versions selected in this packet. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Outreach Coordinator.



## Sock Fish Catnip Toy (24 Sock Fish = 2 hrs.)



Supplies: socks, scissors, non-toxic markers, cat nip

Instructions:

- Roll an 8 ½ by 11 inch piece of paper into a cone for a funnel; secure with tape.
- Insert funnel into sock, and fill halfway with catnip.
- Knot sock just above filling.
- Using a non-toxic marker, give it some fun eyes and a mouth

## Catnip Fish Toy (24 Fish Toys = 6 hrs.)



Supplies: pencil, fabric, pins, pinking shears, cotton batting or wool scraps, piece of paper, catnip, needle and thread, upholstery needle and this sturdy twine for hanging

Instructions:

- Draw and cut out fish shape. A ¼ inch seam allowance needs to be added to the fish shape. Trace the fish shape onto two layers of fabric. Cut out shapes.
- Pin right sides together. Sew seam, and leave 1 ½ inch opening for filling.
- Trim seams with pinking shears.
- Turn right side out and press the seams flat.
- Stuff with cotton batting or wool scraps until firm. Shape a piece of paper into a funnel, and use it to add 1-2 tablespoons of dried catnip or to fill the whole toy with catnip.
- Hand stitch the opening closed.

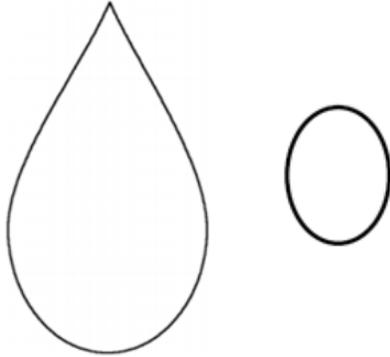


# Catnip Mouse (24 Catnip Mice = 6 hrs.)

Supplies: catnip mouse template, felt, stuffing, rope, catnip, scissors, hot glue gun and hot glue sticks, extra felt (optional for ears)

Instructions:

- Cut out tear drop and oval below to use as your pattern.



- Trace patterns on felt and cut out- three tear drop and two ovals.
- Glue the top edges of the side pieces to each other. Glue the bottom piece of felt to the bottom of the side pieces. Be sure to leave an opening in the back to insert stuffing.
- For your stuffing, use cotton batting and catnip. Cut a piece of rope for the mouse's tail and stuff the back of the mouse. Seal with glue, and glue on ears. To add eyes, use a marker.

# No Sew Fleece Blanket (1 48inx60in Blanket = 4 hrs. and 1 21inx15in Blanket = 2 hrs.)

Supplies: two pieces of fleece - 48inches x 60inches for an adult dog blanket or 21inches x 15inches for an adult cat blanket, scissors

Instructions:

- Lay the two pieces of fleece wrong sides together.
- Use your scissors to cut 3 inches into your fleece, one inch apart, on all four sides of the blanket



- Tie all cut strips with the strips directly below. Tie using a double knot and pull tight so they don't untie in the wash.



# Fleece Braided Tug Toys (10 Toys = 2hrs.)

Supplies: Fleece, fabric Scissors, yardstick

Instructions:

- Using yard stick cut three to six strips of fleece.
- Gather strips of fleece and tie large knot at one end.
- Separate fleece strips into three sections then braid.
- Leave enough fleece at the other end to tie knot.

Note: Fleece braids can vary in width and length. Do try to keep the length less than two feet



# Dog Biscuits (2 dozen = 4 hrs.)

Supplies: (makes about 2 dozen) 1 cup all-purpose flour, ¼ cup wheat germ, ¼ cup brewer's yeast, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 ½ tablespoons canola oil, ½ cup low-sodium canned chicken stock, plus more for brushing

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, wheat germ, yeast, and salt; set aside.
- Place oil in a large bowl. Add stock and flour mixture in three alternating batches, beginning and ending with stock. Mix well.
- On a lightly floured work surface, roll out dough to about 3/8-inch thick. Shape biscuits using a dog-bone-shaped cookie cutter or by cutting around a store-bought dog bone with a butter knife.
- Transfer to parchment-lined baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.
- Bake biscuits 10 minutes. Brush with stock; rotate baking sheets, and bake 10 minutes more. Turn off oven, leaving door closed. Let dog biscuits stand in oven to dry completely, about 1 ½ hours. Wrap as a gift, or store in an airtight container at room temperature.



## PVC Treat Stick (5 treat sticks = 5 hrs.)

Supplies: 1 foot of 2inch PVC pipe or 8inches of 1 ½inch PVC pipe, 2 FIPT fittings (to match the PVC pipe size), 2 ABS DMW MIPT Cleanout plugs, 5/8inch drill bit, drill, file/sandpaper, glue (optional)

Instructions:

- Drill 5-6 holes in PVC pipe using 5/8 drill bit
- Attach FIPT fittings onto the ends of PVC pipe. Glue if necessary.
- Remove all burrs by smoothing out with sandpaper.
- Screw the cleanout plugs into the FIPT fillings (to prevent treats from falling out of sides)
- Add treats inside (small enough to fall out of holes you made)

For more information, please visit: <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-PVC-Pipe-Dog-Enrichment-Toys/>



## Tissue Box Puzzle Toy (5 toys = 2 hrs.)

Supplies: empty tissue box, non toxic glue, 14 toilet paper rolls per toy, plastic wrap

Instructions:

- Cut the top rectangle off the tissue box
- Glue toilet paper rolls inside the tissue box until the box is full.
- Add treats to the tubes
- Wrap top of box in plastic wrap for transportation (note: this will be removed before cats play with puzzle toy)



# Tennis Ball Puzzle Toy (10 toys = 2 hrs.)

Supplies: tennis balls, scissors or box cutter, dog treats

Instructions:

- Cut a hole on one side of tennis ball using scissors or box cutter
- Fill tennis ball up with treats



# Paper Roll Puzzle Toys (20 toys = 2 hrs.) Option One (Dogs or Cats):

Supplies: toilet paper roll or paper towel roll (cut paper towel roll in half), cat or dog treats

Instructions:

- Tuck in one side of the roll, closing off that end
- Place treats inside.
- Tuck in the other side, closing the treats inside the roll and your pouch is finished!

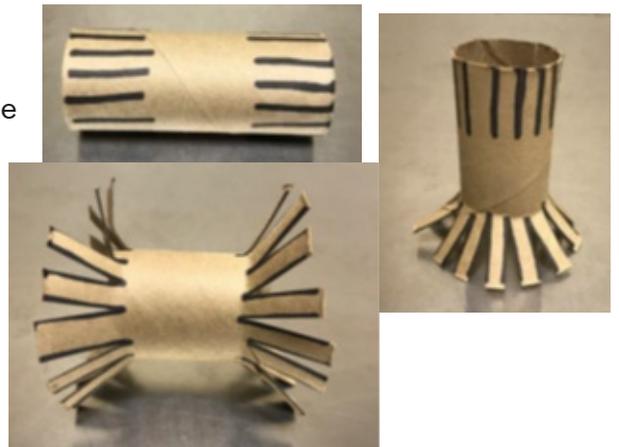


Option Two (Cats Only):

Supplies: toilet paper roll, scissors

Instructions:

- Cut around the edge of the roll about halfway to the middle section. Make cuts every 4cm.
- Fold back trimmed sections to create a fun and interactive texture.



Option Three (Cats Only):

Supplies: toilet paper roll or paper towel roll, scissors, cat treats

Instructions:

- Cut roll into rings
- Overlap the rings to make a ball. Add cat treats to the ball.



# Wish List Donations Drive (10 items = 1 hr.)

Many of our supporters choose to help our pets by donating much needed items for our shelter or by asking friends and family to donate in lieu of birthday, wedding, Christmas, or Hannukah gifts. You can also help by hosting a Wish List Donations Drive with your school, church, or with your family and friends. Below are some examples of what can be collected through a donation drive.

Please visit <http://www.kyhumane.org/wishlist> for the complete and up-to-date Wish List.

## Creature Comforts:

- Blankets, towels, pet beds, comforters
- Bandana fabric or dog bows
- Paper towel and toilet paper rolls

## Cats:

- Cat toys
- Cat food (dry and canned)
- Cat litter (clay, unscented)
- Cat scratching posts

## Dogs

- Dog toys
- Dog crates (large plastic and wire)
- Dog food (canned only)

## Cleaning Supplies

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Disposable gloves
- Paper towels

## Other

- Plastic bags (from trips to Kroger, Target, etc)
- Zip-close sandwich bags

