



Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in helping the animals at our Animal Care Centers. Shelter animals are always in need of the loving and compassionate support that a volunteer can offer and there are many ways to help enrich their lives. The following list will get you started in thinking about how you can support the work of our shelter staff.

If you need the hours for school, once you've decided on a project and a shelter, fill out the top of the Volunteer Community Service Time Sheet starting with the project name. The name can be anything that you like such as "Operation Bunny Drop". Fill in the rest of the information. Then, as you begin to work on your project, start a log of all your activities - include the date, activity and how many hours you spent. It may start to look like this:

Date	Activity	# of Hours
1/21/06	Went shopping for ingredients	0.5 hours
1/22/06	Mixed/baked recipe	1.5 hours
1/25/06	Took homemade biscuits to shelter	1 hour

Keep track of all your activities and hours. When you are done with the project, have your total hours, and have dropped the project off at the shelter, have your parent/guardian, teacher and someone at the shelter sign off on your project. If you have any questions you can contact the Director of Volunteer Services at 562.256.1367 or e-mail our office at volunteer@animalcare.lacounty.gov. We thank you for your efforts and know that you have helped to enrich the life of a shelter animal!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS LIST

Project Bunny Garden

You need:

Clean old margarine container

Potting soil

Seeds for grass, alfalfa, carrots or lettuce.



Punch a few little holes in the bottom of your container and put on plate. Add you soil to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the top. Moisten the soil and let it drain. Plant your seeds into the soil. Keep this moist but do not drown. Keep in moderate indirect sun. When the seeds sprout and are 2 inches or more give the planter to the bunny and start another.

Project Doggie Treats

You Need:

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole wheat flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered milk $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. garlic powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup ice water

6 tblsp. margarine, shortening or meat drippings

1 egg beaten

1 tsp. brown sugar



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, milk, salt and sugar. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles cornmeal. Mix in egg. Add enough water so that the mixture forms a ball. Pat out with your fingers the dough $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness on a lightly oiled cookie sheets. Cut with biscuit or cookie cutter into shapes. Save the scraps and pat them out with the next batch. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. You can store in zip lock bag in the freezer.

Vegan Dog Treats

You need:

9 cups whole wheat flour

1 cup nutritional yeast

1 Tbsp salt

1 Tbsp garlic powder

Mix dry ingredients. Add approximately 3 cups water. Knead into a pliable dough. Roll out to 1/8" thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Bake for 10-15 minutes at 350°F. After turning off oven, leave biscuits in oven overnight or for an 8-hour period so they become hard and crunchy.



Designing 'Adopt Me' Bandanas

Wearing a colorful bandana is a wonderful way for shelter animals to get noticed by potential adopters, so you'll really be helping animals if you decide to make and donate them to a local shelter.

You need:

Colored markers (fabric markers work the best, but don't use washable markers)

Solid-color bandanas: The size will vary based on dog or cat. The bandana should be folded once in a triangle and must be able to tie completely around the dog's or cat's neck. You can also find special doggie-sized triangle bandanas online.

Size Chart:

Small	neck size 12-14"
Medium	neck size 15-17"
Large	neck size 18-21"
X-Large	neck size 22-24"
2XL	neck size 25-27"

Instructions - Place the folded bandana on the table. Draw only on the side that faces up.

- Your goal is to get the animals who wear these bandanas noticed—and thereby get adopted--so your bandanas should be colorful and fun. Include some words or phrases on your bandanas. Some examples of phrases:

Some examples of phrases for your bandanas:

Adopt Me!

Shelter Dogs are Cool! or Shelter Cats are Cool!

I'll Be Your Best Friend!

Help Me Find A Home!!



- When finished decorating your bandana, lie it flat for a minute to make sure that your design doesn't smear.

Grow Cat Grass

You may use wheat, rye, barley, oats or flax seeds



Things You'll Need:

- Small Plastic Pot
- Potting soil
- Wheat grass seed
- Water
- A well lit window



Probably the easiest grass to grow from seed for a cat is wheat grass. You can grow your own from seed.

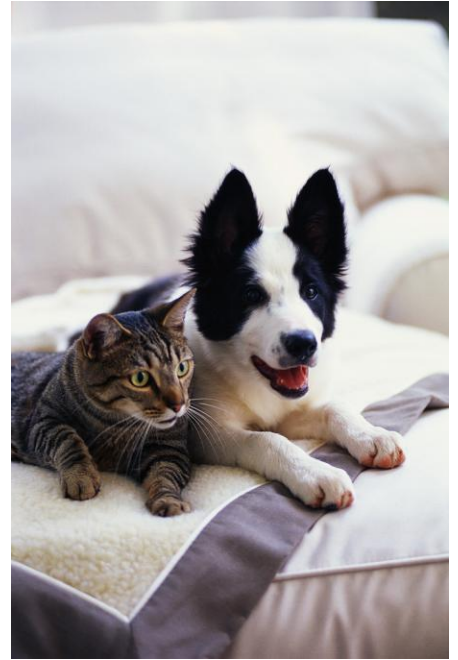


Just drop the big seeds close together on the surface of the soil. (You can put a thin layer of soil on top if you wish.) Keep the soil moist and within a few days you will see little grass-like sprouts. They grow really fast and you can put your pot of

grass onto a surface your cat frequents within a couple more days. Keep it where it gets some sun or at least good light and don't let it dry out.

Spay and Neuter Education

Provide information on the importance of spay/neutering your pet to your schoolmates, your scout troop, your church group or your friends groups or organizations. Give a short presentation, do a skit - whatever (be creative)! If you choose this check out information from the SPCA and Humane Society in your area or online.



Wish List Drives

Animal Food Drives - Collect **unopened** bags, boxes or cans of animal food. You can involve an entire school by keeping a marked bin in the cafeteria as a drop off point.

Biscuit Drives - Collect **unopened** bags or boxes of dog biscuits and/or cat treats or make some of your own (see above recipes).

Blanket/Towel Drives - Throwing away that old blanket or towel. Stop! Shelter animals enjoy cuddling and laying on blankets and towels can also be used when grooming the animals for adoption. Collect old blankets and towels for use at the shelter. Go by your local shelter and find out what their special needs are. Here are some standard items:

- ⌚ Dog Shampoo
- ⌚ Durable puppy/dog toys: Kong, Nylabone, Indestructible Ball (Please NO small toys, rawhides, tennis balls or stuffed toys)
- ⌚ Grooming supplies, brushes, combs
- ⌚ Laundry detergent/bleach
- ⌚ Stainless steel bowls, large and small

