DIY PROJECT GUIDE

SPCA
Albrecht Center
for Animal Welfare

Let Love Live

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Doggie Bags

(30 Doggie Bags = 3 hours)

Sometimes our furry clients at the VCC need to go home with medications or special instructions. These doggie bags are lovingly filled with everything they need.

Materials:

- o Brown or white lunch size paper bags
- o Coloring markers, pencils, crayons, rubber stamps, etc
  *no stickers, they don't stay on the bags very well

Directions:

- ➢ Make these as colorful and fun as you would like.
- ➢ Use colored markers, pens, pencils, stickers or crayons.
- ➢ Write the word "NAME" with a line after it, so we may fill in the patient name.
- ➢ Draw any animal of your choice, a cartoon or whatever creative art you can dream up.
- ➢ If glue is used for any part of the craft, please make sure it is non-toxic.

Cat Treat Toy

(20 Treat Toys = 2 hours)

Materials:

- Empty toilet paper/ paper towel rolls
- Non-toxic magic markers
- Bag of cat treats

Directions:

- Fold one end of the roll closed
- Place 3-6 treats in the roll
- Fold the other end closed
- Decorate the roll!

Catnip Fish Toy

(12 Fish Toys = 4 hours)

Materials:

- Fabric
- Pins
- Pinking shears
- Cotton batting or wool scraps
- Piece of paper
- Catnip
- Needle and thread

Directions:

- ➤ Fold fabric to create two layers and draw a 5 inch long fish
- ➤ Cut out fish shapes
- ➤ Pin right sides together, leaving ¼-inch seam allowance. Sew seam and leave 1½ -inch opening for filling
- ➤ Trim seams with pinking shears
- ➤ Turn right side out
- ➤ Stuff with cotton batting or wool scraps until firm. Shape a piece of paper into a funnel and use it to add 1-2 Tbsp (you can also fill the whole toy with catnip if desired)
- ➤ Hand-stitch opening closed

"Adopt Me" Bandana

(5 Bandanas = 10 hours)

Materials:

- Fabric (mix of solid and prints)
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Iron

Directions:

- Cut a piece of fabric 3' x 3" and another different color piece of fabric into a 10"x 10" square
- Fold the 10"x 10" square into a triangle with the right sides together and stich a seam along the two open edges leaving 2" unsewn.
- Pull the fabric through the opening so it is right side out and hand stitch the opening closed. Iron flat.
- Take the 3'x 3" piece of fabric and use the iron to press ½" of fabric in along each side (so wrong side is touching wrong side).
- Place triangle inside the fold and stitch a seam to connect them. Iron and stitch a seam ¼" from the top of the band. Stitch ends of band.
- Optional: Stitch on "Adopt me" or use iron on letters.

PVC Treat Stick for dogs

(5 pipes = 5 hours)

Determine the size(s) of toy wanted and buy the needed parts accordingly:

- 1" for small diameter toys
- 1.5" for medium diameter toys
- 2" for large diameter toys

Materials:

- For each toy you will need 3 PVC parts (all for the same size pipe) and PVC pipe:
    1. Male adapter
    2. Screw cap
    3. Slip cap for non- opening end
    4. Corresponding sized PVC pipe
    **We do not recommend ABS pipe (black pipe) due to it being more brittle
    **Cost $3.00 to $20.00 for 10' of pipe depending on size of pipe
- Drill
- Drill bit the size you want the food dispensing holes to be
- PVC glue
- Saw to cut PVC – handsaw, miter saw, etc.
- Small piece of sandpaper

Directions:

- Cut PVC pipe to desired length – for example:
  ~ 4" for small pipe diameter (using 1" pipe)
  ~ 6" for medium diameter (using 1.5" pipe)
  ~ 10" for large diameter (using 2" pipe)
- Remove the PVC burrs along the cut edges with sandpaper.
- Using PVC glue, attach the slip cap to one end of the pipe.
- Using PVC glue, attach the male adaptor to the other end.
- Screw cap onto male adapter.
- Drill a few holes in the pipe that are large enough for dog's food to pass through
  *Alternatively, holes can be drilled first, but it's easier to see locations for drilling after the toys is made.
- Wash toy—it's ready for use!

(Instructions from https://www.sheltermedicine.com/library/resources/?r=pvc-food-dispensing-toy-how-to-make)

Cardboard Cat Scratcher

(2 scratchers = 5 hours)

Materials:

- Cardboard boxes
- Masking Tape
- X-ACTO knife
- Ruler
- Decorative paper or fabric

Directions:

- ➢ Cut the cardboard into identical strips that are 4" wide and make sure the ridges in the cardboard are horizontal when cutting
- ➢ Tightly wide one strip into a circle and secure with tape
- ➢ Add the next piece and secure with two pieces of tape. Wind around and make sure the surface is even.
- ➢ Continue the process until the circle is the desired size and tape securely
- ➢ Add decorative paper or draw designs around the edge

Homemade Cat Caves

(1 cave = 10 hours)

Directions

> ➢ There are TONS of great instructions for crochet and felted cat caves online. Please take your pick and have fun!

Coordinate a Pet Food or Supply Drive and receive volunteer hours for your time!

All food items should be new and unopened

Hot Dogs: 10 packages = 1 hour

Canned Kitten Food 12 cans = 1 hour

New Dog/ Cat Toys 15 toys = 1 hour

Canned Puppy Food 12 cans = 1 hour

1 Kong = 1 hour

10 packages of catnip = 1 hour

Dog/Cat Training Treats 5lbs. = 1 hour

Dry Dog/Cat Food 5 bags = 2 hours

Clean Towels 4 towels = 1 hour

Hand sanitizer 6 bottles = 1 hour

Copy paper = 1 box (~5000 sheets) = 4 hours

Bleach 3 gallons = 1 hour

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