



**JACKSONVILLE  
HUMANE SOCIETY**

*Generosity breeds joy.*

# Youth Service Projects



DIY Projects to  
Complete and  
Donate to the  
Jacksonville  
Humane Society

# No-Bake Dog Treats

## You'll need:

- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 cup regular peanut butter (no xylitol)
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt (no flavor)
- 2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 crumbled up bacon treat (optional)



## Instructions:

1. Add all ingredients to a large bowl and mix until combined.
2. Roll mixture into small balls (bite-sized for a dog) and place in one layer on a tray.
3. Place tray in fridge or freezer until treats become firm.

## How to donate:

Place the treats in a Ziploc bag (or other disposable container) and label with (1) the date made and (2) the ingredient list. You can drop the treats off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.

# TP Tube Cat Toys

The cats and kittens at JHS love these simple, fun toys!

## You'll need:

- Clean and empty toilet paper tubes or paper towel rolls cut in half
- Scissors
- Non-toxic markers

## Instructions:

1. Get a toilet paper tube.
2. Decorate the tube with the non-toxic markers. Get creative! Think about images that cats might enjoy.
3. Using scissors, make small cuts all around each end of the tube, as if you were cutting a fringe. Then fold the cut pieces outward, forming "wheels" on either end of the tube. The toys can then be rolled around on the ground!

## How to donate:

You can drop the toys off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.





# Rice Sock Heating Pads

Help keep newborn kittens and pets recovering from surgery warm and cozy!



## You'll need:

- Socks
- Rice (NON-instant!)
- Non-toxic markers
- Scoop
- Funnel (optional)

## Instructions:

1. Get a sock.
2. Decorate the sock with the non-toxic markers. Think about designs that pets might find calming or cozy.
3. Fill the sock about halfway with rice using the scoop and funnel.
4. Tie the top of the sock in a knot so that the rice can't fall out.

## How to donate:

You can drop the rice socks off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.

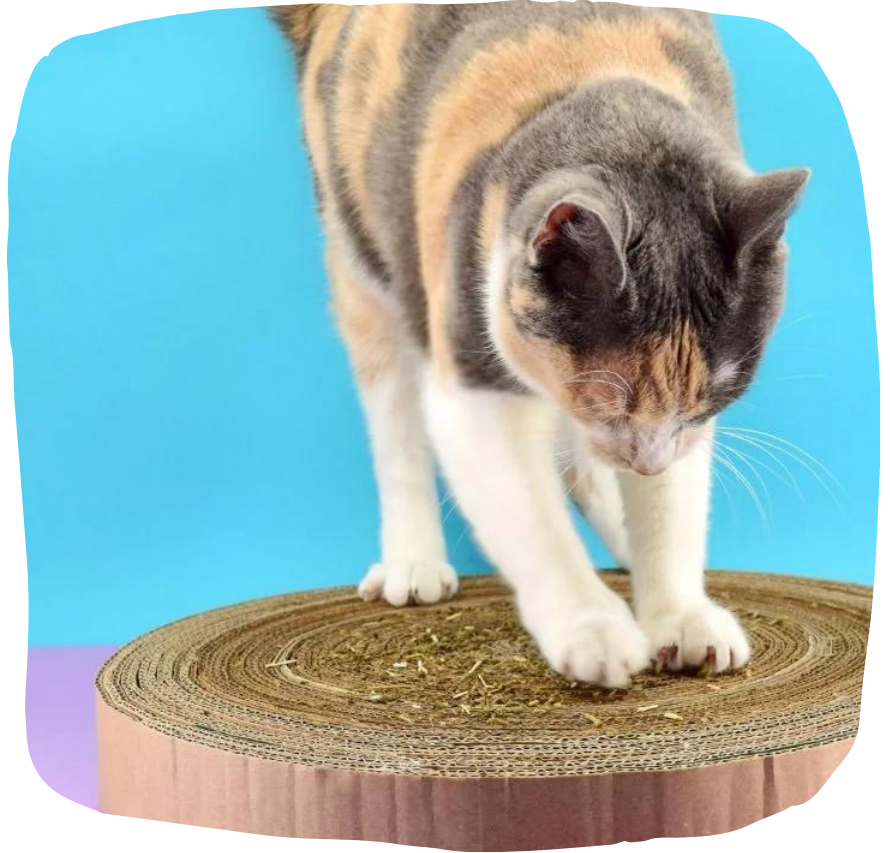


# Cardboard Cat Scratchers

Did you know scratching is a natural cat behavior? It's important to provide cats with toys and surfaces that they're allowed to safely scratch.

## You'll need:

- Cardboard boxes
- Box cutter (use with adult supervision or let an adult do this part for you)
- Duct tape



## Instructions:

1. Cut cardboard boxes into 4" wide strips. Your strips can vary in length.
2. Roll a strip of cardboard up very tightly. When you get to the end of it duct tape it to another strip of cardboard. Continue doing this, rolling and taping until your scratching pad measures at least 16" across.
3. You're done - just drop off at JHS for the cats to use!

## How to donate:

You can drop the cardboard cat scratchers off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.

# No-Sew Fleece Blanket Bags

## You'll need:

- 2 large pieces of fleece fabric
- Scissors
- Ruler

## Instructions:

1. Cut 2 pieces of fabric, making sure 1 piece is at least 4-6" longer than the other.
2. Lay the shorter piece of fabric on top of the longer piece and line them up. The side where the longer piece sticks out at the bottom will be the opening to the "bag."
3. Use scissors to make inch-long cuts around the 3 sides that are lined up. Cut 2 small squares at the bottom corners of the fabric.
4. Knot the fringe of the top and bottom layer of fabric together. Remember, one end will remain open to allow cats to enter and hide.

**Fun fact: even if they never actually use it, just having a place to hide helps cats in shelters feel less stressed and scared!**



## How to donate:

You can drop the blankets off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.

# Cat Hiding Bags

**Fun fact: every cat at JHS gets a place to hide to help them feel less stressed and scared, including cats who are sick or recovering from injuries. And they all love paper bags!**

## **You'll need:**

- Clean paper grocery bags
- Non-toxic markers or crayons



## **Instructions:**

1. Grab a paper grocery bag.
2. Decorate the paper bag using markers or crayons. You can draw things a cat might enjoy or draw pretty things like hearts or flowers. You can also write messages like: "Adopt me!" or "Shhh, I'm napping!" or "Take me home!" Be creative!
3. Please do not cut holes in the bag - we want the cats inside to feel like they're totally hidden!

## **How to donate:**

You can drop the bags off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.



# Braided Dog Toys

**The dogs at JHS love these easy-to-make tug toys!**

## **You'll need:**

- Old t-shirts cut into strips or strips of fabric (fleece recommended)

## **JHS tip:**

The longer and wider the strips of fabric, the longer and stronger your finished tug toy will be! Your strips should be at least 20" long and at least 2" wide.

## **Instructions:**

1. Choose 3 strips of fabric.
2. Holding the 3 strips together, tie them into a knot at one end.
3. Braid the 3 strips of fabric. Don't know how to braid? Ask a friend for help!
4. Once you've braided all the way to the end, tie the other end together.

## **How to donate:**

You can drop the toys off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.



# Organize a Supply Drive

Organizing a donation drive is a ***paw-fect*** way to lend a hand and do something kind for pets in need.



## How to get started:

- Create flyers with the items you are collecting and where you plan on donating the supplies collected (JHS!). Don't forget to choose a start date and an end date!
- Post flyers around your community, school, etc.
- Leave out a box or bin to collect items - make sure people know where it is.
- Make a plan on how you will drop off your supplies at JHS:
  - Figure out transportation for bringing the supplies to JHS.
  - Pick a day and time for your group to bring supplies.

## How to donate:

You can drop the items off at JHS between 12-7 Monday-Friday and between 10-5 Saturday-Sunday.

No need to schedule a drop-off day or time!



# Organize a Supply Drive

## Items we always need:

- Dog food (dry food and wet food)
- Cat food (dry food and wet food)
- Kitten food (dry and wet food)
- Tough rubber toys for bigger dogs
- Paper towels
- Dog treats (the dogs at JHS love Pup-Peroni)
- Cat treats and catnip
- Plastic cat toys
- New pipe cleaners (non-used – these make great toys for cats)
- Towels and blankets with NO stuffing (used is fine)
- Large paper grocery bags (can be used but MUST be completely clean and free of holes)



## Don't forget:

Get a group photo with the supplies donated and email the pictures along with your organization/group name to **[education@jaxhumane.org](mailto:education@jaxhumane.org)**

We love to share all the great work your group/organization did for the animals at JHS!