SPCA Monterey County

Community Service Packet for Students



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HELLO & WELCOME!

Dear Advocates and Future Leaders,

On behalf of the animals, staff, and volunteers at SPCA Monterey County, thank you for choosing to dedicate your time, talent, and heart to our mission. Compassionate community members like you are the heartbeat of our organization. Whether you are an individual student fulfilling service hour requirements or a group launching a joint project, your dedication creates a direct, transformative impact on the lives of rescue pets and local wildlife in our care.

This Community Service Packet offers flexible, meaningful ways to earn your hours while making a tangible difference right from home, school, or your local neighborhood. Inside this packet, you will find:

- Hands-On Enrichment Projects
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- Other Ways to Help
- Drop-Off Details

Every toy crafted, supply gathered, and voice raised brings comfort to a shelter pet and strengthens our mission. We are thrilled to partner with you on this journey toward building a kinder, more compassionate world for animals.

Thank you for stepping up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We look forward to seeing the incredible work you accomplish!

Warmly,

The SPCA Monterey County Team

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ENRICHMENT PROJECTS



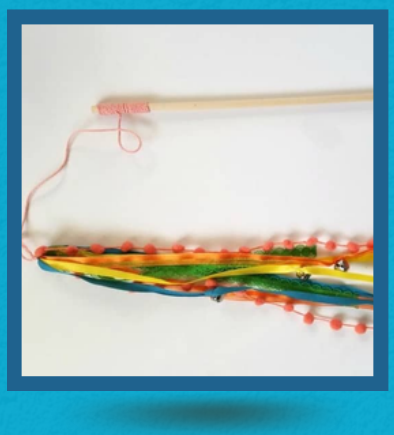
Hay Stuffers (1hr for 10 stuffers)

Materials:

- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Timothy hay

Steps:

1. Grab a hand full of hay and tuck it into an empty toilet paper roll



Cat Wands (2hrs for 10 wands)

Materials:

- Wooden dowel
- Duct Tape
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Bells

Steps:

1. Gather and cut 15-inch pieces of ribbon
2. Join the gathered ends to the the end of your wooden dowel
3. Wrap duct tape around the ribbon and dowel ends. Wrap around several times to secure.
4. Thread and knot bells to the ends of the ribbon if desired.



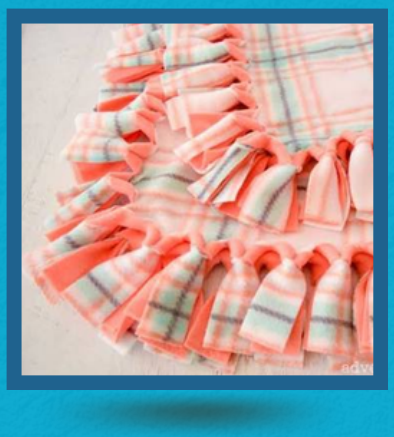
Braided Fleece Toys (2 hrs for 10 toys)

Materials:

- Fleece Fabric
- Scissors
- Ruler

Steps:

1. Cut your fleece fabric into 3 or 4 strips (1-2 inches wide, 30-45 inches long)
2. Gather the ends of all fleece strips and tie into a knot.
3. Braid until you've neared the end of your fabric
    a. Three-strand braid
4. Secure your braid by tying a knot at the end



No-Sew Fleece Blanket (3 hrs per blanket)

Materials:

- 2 Matching Pieces of Fleece Fabric
    - Small - 18"x18"
    - Medium - 28"x28"
    - Large - 40"x40"
- Scissors
- Ruler

Steps:

1. Lay your 2 pieces of fabric on top of each other (wrong sides together)
2. Mark and cut off a 4“x4” square in each corner.
3. On each side, cut fridge strips that are 4" deep and 1“ wide.
4. Start tying all the fridge strips together until all sides are closed



Dog Treats (2hrs)

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup of unsweetened applesauce
- ½ cup of whole wheat flour
- a handful of fresh & washed blueberries

Steps:

1. Preheat over to 350°F
2. Mash blueberries and applesauce togther until fully combined
3. Add whole wheat flour and stir with a spoon.
4. Shape the dough into 1-inch balls and place on a baking sheet sprinkled with extra flour.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown and dry.
6. Cool and store in an airtight container.



Cat Treats (2hrs)

Ingredients:

- 2 cans of tuna in spring water (not brine)
- 2 cups of whole wheat flour
- 1 egg (beaten)

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Combine tuna and egg in a large bowl. Slowly add in flour.
3. Roll the dough out onto a floured surface until ¼ inch thick.
4. Use a ¾ inch cookie cutter to cut your dough into treat pieces.
5. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and dry.
6. Cool and store in an airtight container.



Cat Scratch Posts (1 hr per 2 posts)

Materials:

- Small traffic cones
- Jute twine
- Hot glue gun
- Cork Stoppers
- Feathers
- Duct Tape

Steps:

1. Scratching Cone
    a. Starting at the base of the cone, glue the twine around the cone using the hot glue gun.
    b. Continue wrapping the twine around the cone until you reach the top.
2. Feather Topper
    a. If possible, push the ends of 5 feathers into a cork stopper.
    b. To secure feathers to cork stopper, add a dollop of hot glue or wrap with duct tape
3. All Together Now!
    a. Glue your Feather Topper to the top of your Scratching Cone.
    b. Wrap twine around Feather Topper and leave out 6" of twine
    c. To the end of your twine, secure a couple feathers using duct tape

DONATION DRIVE

- Towels (no holes or rips/tears)
- Lightweight Fleece Blankets
- Treats for Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Other Small Animals, and Birds
- Toys for Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Other Small Animals, and Birds
- Leashes, Harnesses, and Collars (various sizes)
- Peanut Butter (without xylitol)
- Kongs (various sizes)

Please bring all collected items to the Adoption Center Lobby, between 11 am to 5 pm, for drop off. You can record **1 hour** of community service hours for every **10 items** you bring into the Lobby on the drop off date.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP



Paws to Recycle (1hr per 30-gallon bag)

Work with your family, friends, or classroom to collect empty aluminum cans and plastic bottles. For every 30 gallon bag of recycle brought to the SPCA you are eligible to receive 1 hr of community service.

All proceeds go towards supporting our TLC program, which mends broken bones and heals broken spirits.



Online Wishlists

Are you looking to help but not in need to community service hours or don't have the time for the options above?

Shop our Online Wishlists which feature a list of much needed items for our shelter pets which gets updated regularly.

- Amazon
  - Dogs/Cats
  - Wildlife
  - Barn
  - Ruff Start
- Walmart

FAQS

01

How do I turn in my completed projects and get my hours verified?

Bring all finished enrichment items, donation drive goods, or recycling bags directly to the Adoption Center Lobby between 11 am and 5 pm. We are located at:

1002 Monterey Salinas Highway
Salinas, CA 93908

02

How are community service hours calculated for each activity?

Hours are awarded based on specific item output:

- Hay Stuffers: 1 hour per 10 stuffers
- Cat Wands & Braided Fleece Toys: 2 hours per 10 items
- No-Sew Fleece Blankets: 3 hours per blanket
- Dog & Cat Treats: 2 hours per batch
- Cat Scratch Posts: 1 hour per 2 posts
- Donation Drive Items: 1 hour per 10 wishlist items
- Paws to Recycle: 1 hour per 30-gallon bag of cans or plastic bottles

03

Do purchases from the Online Wishlists count toward service hours?

No. Online registries (Amazon and Walmart) are intended for supporters who do not need service credit or lack the time to build items. To earn service hours, you must complete hands-on enrichment crafts, host a physical donation drive, or participate in the recycling program.

FAQS

04

Can I complete these projects as part of a group or classroom?

Yes! Projects can be done individually or as a joint effort with friends, family, or classmates.

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Do I need pre-approval or an appointment before starting my project?

No pre-approval or prior registration is necessary. You can begin crafting, collecting, or gathering recylables at home right away and bring your items to the Adoption Center Lobby whenever you finish.

If you have any further questions, please contact us by calling (831) 373-2631 or email info@spcamc.org

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SPCA Monterey County





