

Volunteer At Home Projects

*We'd like to thank you for partaking in a project for our shelter animals!
Below are some ideas you might try, and we welcome your suggestions for new ideas.*

KITTYWANDS

- ✿ Purchase a wooden dowel from any craft store (you can also buy pre-cut dowels. I've found them at JoAnns and Walmart). We prefer dowels that are at least 5/16" round (any smaller and they will break too easily). The dowels may be a little larger, but not by much.
- ✿ If you bought a 36" long dowel, cut into three even pieces, about 12" long each.
- ✿ Take 1-3 strips of Polar fleece, about an inch in diameter, and about a foot long once stretched. Please do not use any more than three strips of Polar fleece.
- ✿ Take about 6 inches of duct tape or electrical tape and secure the Polarfleece strips to the end of one dowel. Duct and electrical tape now comes in many different colors and patterns, but plain works just fine.
- ✿ Be sure to begin the tape on the wood, and tighten as you go to secure the Polarfleece strips.
- ✿ **Please do not use ribbon or string in place of Polarfleece, we find that our kitties will sometimes ingest these products which is not safe.**



Please check back soon for additional projects.

CRINKLE BOTTLES

- ✦ Collect multiple empty, clean water bottles **without** their lids.
- ✦ Collect multiple new tube/crew socks or unstained, unholy gently used socks.
- ✦ Stuff one water bottle into each sock.
- ✦ Do not add dog food or treats, as we don't want our dogs accidentally ingesting the socks or bottle bits.



CATNIP HAPPY SOCKS

- ✦ Use new white tube/crew socks (old, un-holely, un-stained socks will also work).
- ✦ Fill socks with 2 to 3 teaspoons of catnip
- ✦ Add poly-fil or similar stuffing or a toilet paper tube filled with crumpled newspaper before knotting.
- ✦ Tie the sock in a knot to close.



TENNIS BALL DUMBELLS

- ✦ Collect multiple new tube/crew socks or unstained, unholy gently used socks.
- ✦ Collect multiple tennis balls.
- ✦ Stuff a ball into a sock, tie a knot as close as to the ball as possible. Stuff another ball into same sock, and tie another knot.

PING PONG BALL DECORATING

- ✦ Our cats and kittens love ping pong balls to play with, and they are so easy for us to disinfect!
- ✦ Collect ping pong balls.
- ✦ Decorate! Our kitties don't mind if you go to extremes and decorate every inch with illustrations, patterns, words, or whatever, or if you simply sign your name on each one. Please use permanent, non-toxic markers (Sharpie markers are non-toxic and come in many colors).

CATNIP KNOTS

- ✦ Cut Polarfleece into rectangles (about 3" x 7" in length).
- ✦ Put a large pinch of catnip at the center of one of the long edges of the rectangle.
- ✦ Roll the catnip in the Polarfleece and then tie the roll into a single knot.
- ✦ Our cats love to bat the knots around and enjoy the catnip smell!



TUGBRAIDS

- ✦ Collect polarfleece. You can buy yards at any fabric store, use old polarfleece blankets, or even Snuggies!
- ✦ For larger dogs, cut three 1-2" x 36" strips. For small dogs, cut 1" x 12" strips.
- ✦ For cats, cut three ½" x 8" strips.
- ✦ Knot top end, braid, then knot bottom end. *Keep tightening the braid as you go!*
- ✦ You can make them specifically for cats by "charging" them with catnip. Once braided, tuck them into any bag or container with catnip. You can also push strips of newspaper into the braid for our cats and rabbits to play with.
- ✦ You can make various sizes for dogs. The dimensions above are general, but since we will need toys for all breeds of dogs, Chihuahua to Great Dane, you can make "minis" or "jumbos" or "extra thin" or "super thick."

