

## STUDENT SERVICE PROJECTS

For students who need a short-term project to fulfill service hours requirements for school, church, scouts, etc., we suggest the projects below. Students should always check first to see if the project will be accepted by the organization requiring service hours. Students must keep track of the hours that are spent on the project. Students can bring items/donations/projects to Rescue Village during regular adoption hours. At that time, the student will receive a letter that verifies the work was done.

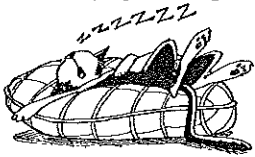


**Animal Care Volunteers must go through a regimented training process, and make a long-term commitment; therefore, we cannot accommodate students wishing to work in the shelter for student service projects.**

### COMFY CRITTER BEDDING DRIVE

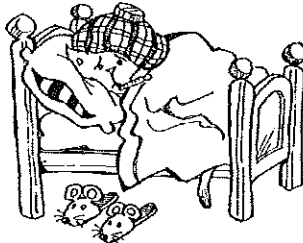
Let people know we need all kinds of bedding for our animals – sheets, towels, blankets, comforters, pillow cases, small soft rugs, shredded paper (long strips, not confetti style). Dogs really appreciate an old blanket.

You can also make cute blankets for cats and kittens using 24" squares of fleece, fringing the sides and tying the fringe together.



### RICE PACKS FOR CRITTERS

Sometimes, small animals (like tiny kittens) arrive here without a mom or litter mate to keep them warm. And sometimes, some of our older animals have problems from arthritis or old injuries. You can help them! Just take uncooked rice you can buy in the store and fill the inside of a pouch (fleece socks are wonderful!) and then sew securely closed the opening you used to put the rice in. Thick cotton and flannel work well, too. These rice packs can be placed in the microwave for a few minutes and they stay warm for hours. The rice packs keep the animals warm and provide some relief for many aches and pains.



### TOYS/TREATS

**Dogs** - Braided tugs are easy! Take 3 strips of fleece, tie a knot at one end, and braid them. You can tie them together any way that works at the other end.

**Dogs** – Healthy homemade dog biscuits are always appreciated.

**Dogs & Cats** – Lead a toy drive at your school or in your neighborhood. Our dogs would especially love to get *interactive toys*, like treat puzzles, to keep them busy. Our cats have a ton of fun with those fake mice!

**Cats** – Cat Nip Socks: take toddler size socks and fill them with some batting and a little cat nip and securely tie and/or glue the ends. Cats love them!

### PENNIES FOR PETS

You can put out decorated jars or cans and ask for pennies (larger coins are great, too) and perhaps get permission to put one in each of several classrooms. Once you have all the coins, you can help us out even more if you convert it into bills or gift cards. Some local businesses (like Giant Eagle) have automated coin counters.

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES FOR PETS

If you or one of your friends is having a birthday party, you could request that all of the "gifts" be for our shelter animals, like dog and cat toys, treats, bedding, cleaning supplies, etc. We have a "Wish List" on our website and it would be wonderful if your friends and families would collect some of these much needed items.

Just go to [www.geaugahumane.org](http://www.geaugahumane.org) and click on the donate link and then on the wish list to see the most current needs.

#### Items needed year-round:

- Dry food (Purina One, Purina Chows, or Pedigree) for dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies
- Peanut butter (for dog treats)
- Chewy dog treats
- Canned vegetables for the barn animals
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags (33 gallon)
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent (Arm & Hammer liquid)
- Gift cards for office supply, pet supply or grocery stores



### ADOPTION PROMOTION

You can make posters and flyers promoting shelter animal adoptions and perhaps get permission to hang them in various places in your school, neighborhoods, local businesses, etc. If they are not too big, we can use them for our tables at off-site adopt-a-thons. Help promote hard-to-place animals like those who are members of our Lonely Hearts Club.

### "THANKS FOR ADOPTING ME" CARDS

Make homemade cards to tell new adopters how happy you are that they chose a shelter pet. Deliver them to the shelter and ask that they be given to new adopters.

THANK YOU!

