

THERE ARE TONS OF THINGS THAT KIDS CAN DO OUTSIDE OF THE SHELTER TO HELP THE ANIMALS!

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS:

- 1) HAVE A FUNDRAISER TO RAISE MONEY SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SICK ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER (CALLED THE PETIE FUND). YOU COULD BABY SIT, MOW LAWNS, WEED, HAVE A LEMONADE STAND, A CAR WASH, DOG WASH, BAKE SALE, ETC.
- 2) AT YOUR NEXT BIRTHDAY, ASK EACH PERSON TO BRING YOU SOMETHING TO DONATE TO THE ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER.
- 3) ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ANIMALS. THE FOOD DONATED WILL HELP TO FEED THE ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER OR SENIOR AND LOW INCOME PET OWNERS!
- 4) ORGANIZE A DRIVE AT SCHOOL OR IN THE COMMUNITY FOR ITEMS WE HAVE ON OUR "WISH LIST".
- 5) MAKE OR RECYCLE OLD BLANKETS FOR THE ANIMALS. DOGS USUALLY USE A FULL SIZE BLANKET, CATS USED BLANKETS AROUND 2X2 FEET OR SMALLER. ALL BLANKETS NEED TO BE MACHINE WASHABLE SINCE EACH DOG/CAT RECEIVES A CLEAN BLANKET EVERY DAY. OLD SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, AND TOWELS CAN BE DONATED TOO.
- 6) MAKE SOME TOYS FOR CATS, OR DOG BUSCUITS. FLEECE STRIPS ON THE END OF A FIRM STICK (SUCH AS DOWEL) MAKE GREAT PLAY TOYS. TINFOIL BALLS, FLEECE BALLS STUFFED WITH CATNIP, ROPE SCRATCHING POSTS, ETC ARE SOME MORE IDEAS. (FLEECE/MICROFIBER WORKS GREAT AS IT A CLOSED WEAVE AND DOES NOT PULL/TEAR APART AS EASILY.)
- 7) ASK YOUR FAMILY IF THEY ARE WILLING TO FOSTER A CAT THAT MAY HAVE HAD KITTENS, AN ANIMAL THAT NEEDS TO GET OVER A COLD OR AN ANIMAL THAT NEEDS SOME TIME AWAY FROM THE SHELTER ENVIRONMENT. THEY MAY CONTACT US AT 483-9171 FOR MORE DETAILS.
- 8) GET YOUR PETS SPAYED OR NEUTERED AND ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO DO THE SAME. BEGIN A "WE PAY TO SPAY" CAMPAIGN AT YOUR SCHOOL. SET A GOAL FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU HOPE TO COLLECT FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING AND THEN SEE WHICH CLASS CAN COLLECT THE MOST. NOTIFY THE NEWSPAPER SO THEY CAN WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR GOOD WORK!
- 9) HANG POSTERS AT LOCAL STORES, SCHOOL OR PLACE OF WORSHIP ABOUT HOW TO HELP ANIMALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
- 10) BOTTLE OR CAN DRIVE. YOU COULD DROP THE CANS OFF HERE OR BRING IN THE RETURN MONEY.
- 11) MAKE CAT STOCKINGS FOR SALE. TAKE A BABY SOCK, PUT CAT THINGS (TOYS, TREATS, ETC) IN THE BOTTOM AND TIE THE TOP OFF WITH A RIBBON. DONATE THE PROCEEDS TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY.
- 12) ADOPT FROM A SHELTER - NEVER BUY ONE AT A PET STORE!
- 13) COME BACK AND VOLUNTEER AT THE RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY WHEN YOU ARE 16!!