

# **JUNIOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

## **17 years old and under**

Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center supports young people and their commitment to the wellbeing of our animals. We provide a clean environment, food and enrichment for all dogs and cats in our care. Your interest in helping us through your club, school, church or just because you love animals is appreciated and welcome. Due to our age limitations (you must be 18 years old or 13 years old accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for interaction with our animals), we suggest off site help in one of the areas listed below. You cannot be in the shelter without a parent or guardian present. We will certainly acknowledge the hours you have invested in helping the animals.

### **Ways to help**

#### **Have a donation drive:**

- We always need blankets, towels, and sheets.
- We always need WET PATE cat food
- We always need WET Dog food
- Dry Cat and Dog food without Red Dye
- Non-clumping clay cat litter
- KMR Milk replacer for kittens
- Dog toys without squeakers and Kongs
- Hard and Soft Dog and Cat treats

#### **Create a Fundraiser:**

- Penny Drive: Ask the students in your school to bring in spare change and donate it to the shelter
  - Bake Sale: Everyone loves a sweet treat and it's even better when the proceeds go to a good cause.
  - Car Wash: Get permission to use your school's parking lot. Post adds in your town to spread the word.
  - Host an Art Show and donate proceeds from ticket sales to a good cause
  - Have a Lemonade Stand

## Create Enrichment Items for the Animals

- Make dog biscuit sandwiches – use 2 medium dog biscuits and spread peanut butter between them making a sandwich (small amount)
  - Make cat toys –
    - Plastic straws tied into a loose knot
    - Old socks with a little catnip folded onto itself
    - Dollar store cat toy ‘bells’ tied to a piece of yarn
    - Yarn balls about the size of a golf ball.
    - Stuffie toys for cats for those that SEW- 6 inch square fabric stuffed and catnip then top/bottom sewed
  - Kitten Warmers: These are always needed in the spring when Kitten Season is upon us. Here is a step-by-step tutorial to make rice socks to keep our animals warm :  
<https://www.petplace.com/article/cats/pet-health/how-to-make-a-rice-sock-for-head-or-cold-support-for-cats/>
  - Dog Toys
    - Here is a step-by-step tutorial to help you learn how to make T-Shirt Pull Toys: <https://barkpost.com/answers/how-to-make-a-t-shirt-dog-toy/>
    - Here is directions on how to make Snuffle Mats to give our animals a fun way to find their treats.  
<https://thebark.com/content/diy-snuffle-mats-canine-enrichment-and-sniffing>

## Other Ways to help:

- If you are part of a club or school organization, consider checking with the shelter if they need any service projects accomplished such as grounds keeping or assembling outdoor structures.
- Allow Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center to come to your school for a presentation about how we help the community.

If you would like to help offsite in any of these ways, please contact Outreach@homewardboundnj.org.