

Projects for Pets!

1. Gather bags from local shops, grocery stores, etc. Draw and/or write messages about proper pet care. The decorated bags can be given back to the stores to be distributed into the public to educate them about responsible pet care.
2. Create a list of the animal care agencies in the area. Research animal care options for cats, dogs, and wild animals, 24 hour veterinary services, animal control situations, etc. Make a list of phone numbers to call for help with animals that are lost, found, hurt, being mistreated or who need homes. Distribute this list to students at schools and other interested people in your neighborhood. Form a neighborhood animal watch group.
3. Write or read a play about an animal getting lost and going to a shelter. Research all the hazards that cats, dogs and other pets face in the outdoors without human care. Design the costumes or borrow them from a costume store. Faces can be painted with makeup or masks. Perform this play and educate the public about responsible pet care ownership. Video this performance to be shown elsewhere!
4. Decorate a big box with animal pictures and place this box, with permission of the owner, in a store or public area. Make a sign that request people to donate dog, cat, puppy and/or kitten food to the JACPS shelter. Safe Pet toys are also much appreciated. KONGS are always great for the dogs, since we place treat items in the KONGS. They also reduce anxiety which help the dogs relax during their overnight stays.
5. Collect pennies in a "PENNIES FOR PETS" (or dimes in "DIMES FOR DOGGIES") event throughout your school, neighborhood, library, scout troop, etc. Go to the bank and ask for penny (dime) rolls or help from the bank to get these pennies (dimes) rolled. Drop off the coins at the JACPS with a note letting us know who organized this great project and who participated in helping the animals in this way.
6. Create a drawing, poem, song, true story about your pet or fictional story about a pet and responsible pet care which could be published in the JACPS Newsletter.
7. Have students make crafts, baked goodies and hold car washes to raise money for cat and dog food, medical supplies, animal toys, etc.
8. Recycling cans can be done as a fundraiser to purchase something from the JACPS [wish list](#).
9. Help an elderly or sick neighbor or friends walk their dog and/or take care of their other pets.
10. Make dog biscuits or cat cookies for your pets.

11. Get the word out! Help the shelter staff get the word out to new adoptees about proper pet care. Get gallon size Ziploc® bags and fill them with cat or dog items. Draw a picture of the animal and where it is living on the front of the bag in permanent Magic Marker® and write a one page story about proper pet care for this animal. Put all these items in the bags and bring it to Christine Parker at JACPS. I will review the facts and then give these fun packets to the Adoption Counselors to be given to new pet owners to help teach them about proper pet care. Here are some ideas for Pet Care facts to put in the bags:

- Love and attention are very important to all pets
- Cats need at least 10 minutes of playtime daily from their owners
- Learn what your dog is trying to say to you through body language which make you and your dog better companions
- Cats stay healthier and live longer indoors
- Dogs like to be walked — midday dog walkers are one answer

You can also get pet care facts from the library, Animal Planet TV or books you have at home.