

Junior Volunteer Program



at **Paws**

There are many ways for individual children as well as students, scouting, and other groups, to get involved and help the animals cared for by PAWS!

FAMILIES FOR FELINES: Those who are between the ages of 13 and 17 will have the opportunity to volunteer with a parent or guardian in our cat volunteer program. Some responsibilities include: socializing with the cats, assisting with cleaning of litter pans, laundry, and loading and unloading the dishwasher.

CANISTER COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION: Help create donation canisters out of empty coffee cans decorated with PAWS literature. You will be able to place the canisters at participating stores as well as collect donations and bring them to PAWS.



HANG AND DISTRIBUTE FLYERS of current PAWS animals who are available at PAWS. We will email you current flyers for you to print out and distribute in your local community.



COLLECT CELL PHONES, INK CARTRIDGES AND OTHER ELECTRONICS: PAWS accepts donations of deactivated cell phones in any condition as well as ink jet cartridges, full sized toner cartridges, laptops, and iPods. You can set up a collection box at your school, library, or local store. You will be responsible for bringing the used items to PAWS.

ORGANIZE A PET FOOD OR PAPER TOWEL DRIVE in your school or neighborhood and donate the items to PAWS. You can find our wish list on our website at www.pawsct.org

ENCOURAGE your school to teach classes on humane education. Pet abuse is a crime and an indicator of serious problems ahead. Any individual suspected of animal abuse should be reported to the local authorities before the animal is seriously injured. For more information about humane education please visit the following websites:



- 🐾 <http://www.nhes.org/sections/view/52>
- 🐾 <http://www.mspca.org/programs/humane-education/information-for-kids/>

EDUCATE your classmates and the public. Be sure that all of your friends and classmates know to spay and neuter their pets! Shelters like PAWS exist because there is a serious pet overpopulation problem which will only be reduced when all pets are spayed and neutered.



DISTRIBUTE THE PAWS NEWSLETTER in your local library or school. We publish a newsletter twice a year and they are available at PAWS to pick up.

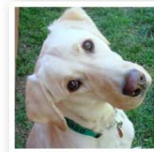
GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS are encouraged to help PAWS as part as their community projects.



BUILD KITTY FORTS OR MAKE BLANKETS for our cats in our care. Making a blanket or building a fort are wonderful project for school or scout groups. We have detailed instructions that can be emailed to you.

ORGANIZE A FUNDRAISING EVENT such as a bake sale, tag sale, bottle/can drive, or doggie wash in your community.

MUTT-I-GREES® PROGRAM: PAWS visits Stepping Stones Museum the first Saturday of every month and every Monday at 11am as part of the national "Mutt-i-grees®" program. Both children and adults alike will enjoy visits from a PAWS dog and hear from a PAWS representative about shelter animals, adoption, and safe handling techniques (especially geared toward children). Shelter animals are unique and wonderful, and this fun and educational program will show you why!



For more information about these opportunities, please contact:

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