



Marion County Dog Services
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Youth Group Projects

Did you know that many projects for Dog Services' shelter dogs can be done off-site? Organized groups do not need to volunteer at the shelter but can create the following projects at home or with their groups. Here are a few fun ideas for projects. If you have any questions, contact the Program Specialist: 503-316-6690 or by email: jjenkins@co.marion.or.us

Projects:

- Make a snuffle mat
- Lemonade Stand
- Recycled can drive (Blue bottle-drop bags available at the shelter)
- Giving Tree tags or ornaments
- Pennies for dogs fund raiser
- Canned food and treat drive
- Toy drive or Kong drive
- Make a cozy bed (no-sew fleece blankets)
- Make a simple pet toy like a fleece rope toy
- Create enrichment food puzzles for the animals at a shelter
- Coordinate Pet Food or Supply Drive

How to make tug toys for large dogs:

Supplies: fleece, scissors, measuring tape + tennis ball (not for all tugs).

- Cut 3 strips at minimum length of 4 ft. long. Each strip is 3-4 inches wide. If the fleece is cut to 4 ft. then the tug will be about 3 ft. final length.
- Cut all three strips out and knot at one end then braid together leaving enough room to knot the other end. If adding a ball, leave room to make final knot.
- Ask staff for drilled holed tennis balls. Tug toys for small dog is the same but no tennis balls. Cut 3 strips length of 2 ft. long. Each strip is 2 inches wide so tug will be thin and short. Follow directions above.

Dogcicles

Supplies:

- Container with lid (dogs don't dig freezer burn either)
- Treats/goodies (dry kibble, spoonful of wet food, pieces of carrot/apple/dog treat)
- Broth-chicken or beef

Directions:

Step 1: Place goodies inside the container such as above

Step 2: Fill the container 1/4 - 1/2 way with ¼ cup of Chicken or beef (low sodium) broth followed by water.

Remember that kibble tends to soak up liquid.

Step 3: FREEZE

Step 4: Pop out of container and serve!

Bottles Of Fun

Supplies:

- Bottles (can use gallon or ½ gallon jugs, cardboard milk containers, and soda/water bottles)
- Kibble
- Scissors
- Paper

Directions:

Step 1: Make sure bottle is rinsed thoroughly. Cut any plastic off outside of bottle.

Step 2: Fill with kibble and treats 1/4 of the way - make sure they can easily come out of the bottle.

Step 3: Add crushed paper to top.

PVC Treat Stick

Supplies:

- PVC piping with cap that can be unscrewed
- Drill
- Yummy Treats

Directions:

Step 1: Clean and sanitize pipe.

Step 2: Drill a few holes in the sides of the pipe that is large enough for dog's food to pass through. Remember:

The holes for a large dog will be larger for large dog treats, and smaller for small dogs.

Step 3: Add tasty treats or dry kibble, do not stuff full.

Step 4: Screw lid