



Volunteers are at the heart of making the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region (HSPPR) compassionate and caring. Volunteers allow us to achieve excellence in all that we do for the animals, making the community a better place for both people and pets. As a private, non-profit organization, we rely heavily on the assistance of our dedicated and hard-working volunteers. HSPPR needs volunteers of all ages to help animals in our community. Donating your time, talents, and energy is a great way to support the programs and services we offer for animals and people in our area.

Children or youth groups often want to help the animals, but are either too young to be regular volunteers or plan to be involved in a short-term project. There are many other ways to help homeless animals than working directly with them at the shelter.

Community Service Projects

BE CREATIVE

Use our ideas or come up with your own. Engage your brain and your heart to consider the many ways you can become a lifetime friend to pets. Help save lives of animals in our community.

ORGANIZE A PET SUPPLY DRIVE

The animal shelter is always in need of supplies to care for the constant influx of animals into the facility. Students can collect donations of items on our current wish list. Involve the entire school or neighborhood by designating a regular drop-off point for donations.

- ✓ Cans of cat, kitten, or dog food
- ✓ Kitten or puppy milk replacer
- ✓ Hard rubber dog toys
- ✓ Food & bedding for small mammals
- ✓ Old bath towels
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Scoopable cat litter
- ✓ Dry cat food
- ✓ Puppy pads
- ✓ Cat toys (no strings)
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Peanut butter
- ✓ Dog treats



CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR HOLIDAYS by asking friends and family to give presents to the homeless animals instead of you.

PLAN A FUNDRAISER

Come up with an idea to earn money for the animals. Set a date, advertise, recruit volunteers, then donate the proceeds.

- ★ **Bake sale** – Organize a bake sale, have friends bring baked goods to sell, make posters to advertise your event, decide on a fair price for the goods.
- ★ **Lemonade stand** – Find a busy corner in your neighborhood and hope for warm weather!
- ★ **Sell:** Flowers on Mother’s Day or Valentine’s Day; Suckers or snacks during lunch or after school; Handmade holiday ornaments at Christmas time.
- ★ **Car wash** – Choose a visible location, one with lots of traffic. Get permission from the property owner if you’re holding the event in a business parking lot. Make large posters advertising a FREE car wash, then ask for donations to benefit the shelter.
- ★ **Dog wash** – Same as above only for neighborhood dogs.
- ★ **Have a game booth** at your school carnival – Devise a fun game with an animal theme, charge people to play, and have inexpensive prizes for the winners.

COLLECT COINS FOR CRITTERS

Create animal banks (or use a dog or cat food bowl) for each classroom and have the students compete to see which class can collect the most money. Have special recognition for the winning class (maybe a certificate and visit from a pet from the Humane Society).

DEVELOP A SERVICE PROJECT

Locate homes of the elderly or homebound people in your neighborhood and offer a pet food delivery or dog walking service for them. Solicit donations from pet food companies or pet stores.

ENCOURAGE RECYCLING

Collect aluminum cans, which can then be turned in for money to be donated to HSPPR. If your school or organization is already involved in a recycling project, perhaps you could choose a month or two to be designated for the homeless animals. Be sure to let the public know that the Humane Society has an ongoing aluminum recycling project where they can drop off their cans in a collection bin at the shelter.

DESIGN AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Brainstorm ideas on how to teach others about pets.

- ★ **Produce an animal care guide and share it with other people in your neighborhood.**
- ★ **Read books about animals to younger students.**
- ★ **Write a play or puppet show about being kind to animals and perform it at a preschool.**
- ★ **Develop a newsletter about animal events in the community**
- ★ **Create colorful posters on a variety of animal-related themes, from being a responsible pet owner, to looking at HSPPR for your lost pet, or adopting an older pet. Posters can be laminated and hung at the school, at the shelter, and in other public locations.**
- ★ **Make a PSA, video, or brochure on important animal topics like licensing and tagging your pet or the importance of spaying and neutering.**

PROMOTE ADOPTIONS

Next time you or someone you know is ready for a new pet, encourage adoption from the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region or other local rescue organizations.

VOLUNTEER AT HSPPR

Shelter volunteers who work directly with animals must be at least 12 years of age, must train and work with their own adult at all times until they're age 17, and must commit to an average of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 50 hours in a 6-month period. Volunteers work side-by-side with shelter staff, and provide needed manpower for those programs that improve the quality of life for shelter animals.



Helpful tips: Please notify HSPPR in advance about the ideas for your project. Always get approval for any function from the principal or other school official before holding an event on the school grounds. The collection of proceeds from youth fund raising projects should be handled by one person (the sponsor, teacher, or a responsible student). The Humane Society gives permission to use our name as follows: “Proceeds from this event (or sale) will benefit the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region.” You will need to tell your donors the percentage or exact dollar amount of the proceeds that will be donated to HSPPR.

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