



## Off-Site Volunteer Projects

- Collect general items from the wish list ([www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol](http://www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol))
- Collect plastic bags for clean up duty
- Hold a toy, blanket, or newspaper drive
- Make dog biscuits using animal friendly recipes (examples at <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/ranch/1011/dog.htm>)
- Organize an animal education seminar with speakers at your school, church, or community center (please contact the Humane Education Officer for more details)
- Hold a pet photo contest and collect donations to determine winner
- Make cat friendly toys (example at <http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mmousetoy.htm>)
- Organize an animal education booth at a local mall or farmers market (ask DCACC for literature)
- Hold a supply drive for the shelter or for needy pet owners
- Build dog houses for needy pet owners (example at <http://all-about-dog-houses.com/docs/diy/index.htm>)
- Organize a walk or jog at school for homeless animals
- Organize a bake sale to raise money (and awareness) for animals
- Hold a “Pennies for Puppies” or “Cash for Kitties” fundraiser
- Organize an animal art contest at school
- Make blankets for dogs and cats (ask Volunteer Coordinator for No Sew Fleece Blanket instructions).
- Collect cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towels and cut into 1-inch widths to be used as cat toys
- Create flyers listing reasons that you shouldn't leave your animal in a car when it's too hot or too cold. Ask a car dealership if the flyers can be placed in the glove compartment of cars for sale to inform new owners of the potential dangers.
- Promote spay/neuter in your community by spreading the news about its importance. Collect information about the benefits of spay/neuter and locations of local low-cost spay/neuter clinics or programs. Create and pass out flyers promoting the spay/neuter information and take a survey to find out how many people have pets and how many are altered. Record the number of people who decide to alter their pets after receiving your information. Send results of your survey to Maddies Fund and they'll make you an honorable member of the All-Maddie Team and send you a free Maddie's Fund t-shirt. (Details at the Maddies Fund website)
- Make fliers of adoptable animals at DCACC to post at local businesses and organizations.

- Ask your teacher if the class can start a letter-writing project. Talk to animal welfare organizations about why most animals are being turned over to shelters. Write letters to your local and state government officials and to newspapers to raise awareness of these factors. Make a bulletin board in a high traffic area of your school to draw other students' attention to these issues.
- Make fliers and/or posters about the importance of spaying and neutering, adopting rather than purchasing pets, or other important animal welfare issues and about how to help stop the killing of healthy, adoptable animals in our nation's shelters. Ask to post them in neighborhood stores, in vets' offices, and/or on community bulletin boards.

For more information, please contact DuPage County Animal Care and Control's Volunteer Coordinator at 630.407.2803