

75

**WAYS YOU CAN
HELP ANIMALS**



THE
HUMANE SOCIETY
OF HARFORD
COUNTY INC.



The Humane Society of Harford County has compiled this list of *75 Ways You Can Help Animals* in honor of its 75th anniversary in 2021. We hope you'll celebrate with us and feel inspired to tackle a few of these projects! If you do, be sure to tag us on social media and use the hashtag #hshc75.



♥ **CONNECT WITH US**

1. Book us to speak to your class on the topic of your choice
2. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter
3. Share our social media posts
4. Share adoption profiles on social media
5. Sign up for our email newsletter



♥ **BE AN ADVOCATE**

1. Write letters to your editor on issues that affect animals, such as puppy mills or community cats
2. Report animal cruelty

3. Determine which elected officials represent you at local, state, and federal levels
4. Learn what legislation is now pending in Congress, and contact your federal and state legislators
5. Work for the passage of local ordinances in your community, for example to protect chained dogs or end the use of wild animal acts
6. Participate in Humane Lobby Days (in Annapolis each February) to talk directly with your state legislators about making laws that protect animals
7. Talk to friends & family about the importance of pet adoption

8. Support local businesses that are pet-friendly

9. Encourage others not to buy from puppy mills

10. Avoid any form of

entertainment that involves the use of animals



♥ **RAISE FUNDS**

1. Make a personal annual gift or sign up for an automatic monthly pledge on your credit card
2. Make a tribute gift in honor of a friend or animal companion
3. Donate your vehicle
4. Buy a license plate
5. Buy a shirt or magnet at an event or from our online store
6. Support a fundraiser
7. Sponsor an event
8. Include HSHC as a beneficiary in your will
9. Shop through Amazon Smile and a portion will be donated back to HSHC
10. Create a Facebook fundraiser for your birthday
11. Explore the different naming opportunities at the shelter
12. Collect aluminum cans and recycle them for cash



13. Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other important milestone by making a tribute gift in a loved one's name

14. Make a memorial gift in honor of a friend or animal companion



♥ **GET INVOLVED**

1. Foster a litter of kittens until they are old enough to be adopted
2. Volunteer (when the shelter is able to safely open again)
3. Adopt your new best friend from a shelter or rescue group
4. Purchase and donate an item from our wish list
5. Attend one of our free monthly Lunch & Learns
6. Distribute flyers at events and stores
7. Call office supply stores to see if there are items they are willing to donate, such as printer paper or pens
8. Call pet supply or grocery stores to see if they have damaged (but still usable) items they can donate
9. Know a professional? Carpenters, plumbers and other professionals can help out with needed repairs and upkeep around the shelter

10. Encourage your children to organize fundraisers



♥ **TAKE ACTION AT HOME**

1. Turn your outdoor space into a backyard sanctuary
2. Place bird boxes in your garden
3. Plant flowers for butterflies and bees
4. Find humane ways to deal with unwanted wildlife
5. Put your pet's excess fur outside for birds to use in their nests
6. I.D. your animals with collars, tags & microchips and encourage others to do the same
7. Keep your cats safe indoors and keep dogs on leashes when off your property
8. Prepare a disaster kit for your animals
9. Spay or neuter your pet
10. Provide for your animals' future in case you can't care for them
11. Report animal abuse
12. Purchase cosmetics and other household products that are not tested on animals



13. Donate your FreshStep paw points so they shelter can get free kitty litter

14. Clean up litter from a local park or trail

15. In lieu of birthday gifts, ask for donations for the animals

16. Learn pet massage for your pets

17. Use paper or fabric shopping bags

18. Recycle and reduce waste

19. Grow or go organic in your own garden

20. Learn how to support endangered animals

21. Try a meatless meal every Monday

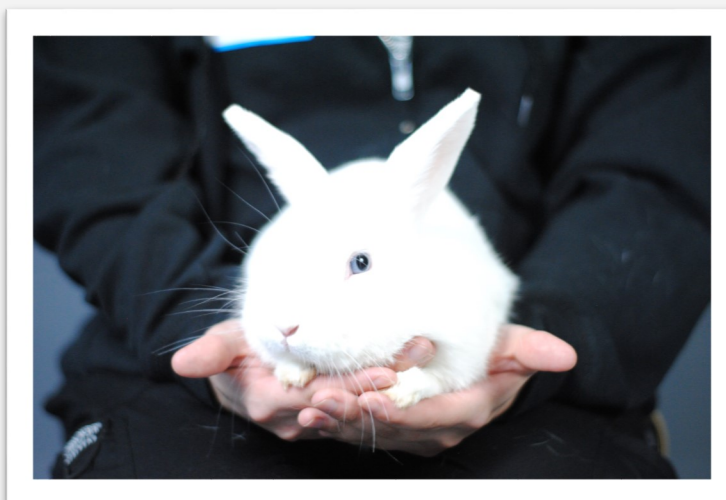
22. Be chic in fur-free fashion



♥ **GET CRAFTY**

1. Have any leftover plastic Easter eggs? Put a few beads inside, maybe hot glue on a feather for a tail, and voila: cat toy!

2. Make a dog enrichment toy
3. Make a cat bed from a shirt and 2 wire hangers
4. Up-cycle old shirts, pants, and other fabrics to make toys
5. Make your own jewelry or other craft to sell to raise money



that HSHC offers free behavioral consults with a professional trainer



♥ **GET CHARITABLE AT WORK**

1. Advertise in our monthly e-newsletter
2. Organize a supply drive at your workplace
3. Explore matching gifts from your employer
4. Hang pictures of adoptable pets in the breakroom at work
5. Encourage your office to implement dog-friendly policies
6. Put up a glass jar with a sign
- on your desk or countertop, and send out an email to coworkers asking for donations for a week
7. Allow employees to pay \$5 (or more!) to wear casual
8. Hold a 50/50 raffle or raffle off a gift card among your coworkers
9. Sell paper paw prints for \$1 and display on the wall for a month
4. Keep your pets' vaccines up-to-date
5. Provide flea and tick and heartworm prevention
6. Form a good relationship with your veterinarian
7. Keep your local Pet ER's number on the refrigerator
8. Educate yourself about an animals' needs and be prepared *before* you adopt



♥ **MORE SUGGESTIONS**

1. Pick up your dog's waste
2. Enroll in a training course to learn new tricks
3. Tell a friend who's struggling



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