

Craft Activities for HSHV's Amazing Animals

Easter Egg Cat Toys	<p>Using permanent marker, draw a mouse or other face of your choice on the end of one half of the egg. If your egg does not have a hole in the end, use a small drill (5/64 or 3/32 bit) to drill a hole, large enough to thread a few feathers through. Using a hot glue gun, secure the feathers into the hole. Choose something jingly of your choice (beans, plastic beads, etc.) and fill the bottom half of the egg. Secure the top part on using a hot glue gun. Voila! A cat toy that they will love to bat around.</p>	 <p>Courtesy of Petcha.com</p>
Rice Warmers	<p>Want to help our animals stay warm when they are too young or have just had surgery? Locate scrap fabric of your choice (please only use cotton fabric). Please be sure that the fabric is clean and free of holes. Cut two pieces of fabric to the same size. We can use all sizes of rice warmer packs, but not larger than 18" long and 12" wide as they must be able to fit in our microwave safely. Sew three sides of the fabric together and leave one end open. Fill the fabric with several cups of plain, white rice (not the instant type) so that the rice fits in and moves easily around inside the fabric. Sew the fourth side of the rice warmer closed and shake it around to be sure all seams are sewn shut.</p>	
Timothy Hay Rabbit Tubes	<p>Using a toilet paper roll, gather a few handfuls of Timothy Hay (available at pet stores) and stuff it inside the toilet paper roll. Please be sure to only use Timothy Hay so that our rabbits digest it properly! These treats will keep our rabbits busy and give them a great treat to enjoy!</p>	

Kitty Cork Toys	<p>These toys offer a fun way for cats to get some exercise! Begin with a cork, some feathers, glue (hot glue guns work best) and a screwdriver. Using the screwdriver, drill a small hole in the top of the cork. Make sure it is deep enough for the stems of the feathers to be put in. Fill the hole with glue and put the feathers in, stem first. Let the toy set to dry, being sure the feathers are secured.</p>	 <p>Courtesy of stayingclosetohome.com</p>
Dog Bandanas	<p>Decorate a blank one or choose your favorite material and cut it into various sized triangles to make festive, colorful bandanas for our shelter dogs! All sizes welcome!</p>	
Fleece Dog and Cat Beds	<p>Want to create a fuzzy, warm blanket for an animal in need? Fleece tie blankets are helpful for both dogs and cats here at HSHV! Dog beds should measure 3 feet by 2 feet while cat beds should measure 14 inches x 2 feet. To create your bed, determine the dimensions, then add eight inches (20 centimeters) to the length and width. (This gives you extra fabric for fringe). Measure two colors of fleece to this size and align both pieces. To create the fringe, cut strips four inches (10 centimeters) long by one inch (2.5 centimeters) wide along all four sides of both pieces of fleece. Cut out the squares of fabric at the corners. Tightly knot the top strips to the bottom strips on all four beds. (Please do not include stuffing in the beds as our washer cannot handle the material)</p>	