

Help the HSHV animals with these activities and crafts! Donations can be dropped off during open hours. If you have a large amount of donations, please email humaneed@hshv.org to arrange a drop-off time. Check out hshv.org/kindkids for more inspiration!

Towel & Treat Drive

Towels and treats are always needed and appreciated! We use so many towels at HSHV for cleaning, animal transportation, comfortable kennels, animal socialization, and so much more. All towels are useful but the bigger, the better! Spray cheese and peanut butter (xylitol-free, please) are yummy helpful treats that are used for enrichment, training, and giving medication. You can collect towels and treats by asking your community (friends, family, neighbors, school, team, etc.) to donate to your drive.



Cardboard Scratchers

You can make these for our small mammals and cats! Choose a sturdy, undamaged box for your base. Measure 2 inches up from the bottom and cut, leaving just the bottom base of your box. If needed, reinforce the corners and bottom with glue or tape. Use a ruler to measure the length of your box. Using another box or scraps of corrugated cardboard (ensure the cardboard has ridges and grooves!), measure several 2 inch wide strips. Cut your 2 inch wide strips to the length of your base. Insert the strips vertically into your box base until it is full. As you insert your strips, hot glue the strips to the box bottom and to each other to make your scratcher sturdy and fun! We can accept up to 15 scratchers at a time.



Raise Funds

As a non-profit, we can always use unrestricted funds to meet the needs of saving animals. This is the most effective way to make a difference! You can host an event in your community like a lemonade stand, bake sale, read-a-thon, craft table, coin drive, etc., to raise money to donate. Visit hshv.org/fundraise for more information!



Kitty Feather Toys

Cats love feathers! These two types of toys offer a fun way for cats to get some exercise and play.

Cork Toys: Begin with a cork, some feathers, glue (hot glue guns work best) and a small 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.

Shoelace Toys: Gather some cotton cords (or shoelaces), glue, and feathers. Using a lanyard or boondoggle weaving technique, create a thick woven cord about 3-4 inches long. Start to tie a secure knot, but before you pull tight, insert some glue and the end of the feathers so they are secured in the knot. Pull the knot tight and cut the ends of the cotton cord, finish off the ends with a dab of glue so they don't fray.



Rice Warmers

Want to help our animals stay warm when they are too young or have just had surgery? Get clean cotton fabric and cut two pieces of fabric to the same size. We can use many sizes of rice warmer packs, but please smaller than 18" long and 12" wide as they must be able to fit in the microwave safely. With the right sides of the fabric together, sew three sides of the fabric, leaving one end open. Flip the pouch right side out and fill with several cups of raw rice (not the instant type) so that the rice fits in and moves easily around inside the pouch. Sew the last side closed and shake it around to be sure all seams are sewn securely shut. We can accept up to 25 rice warmers at one time. *Note: if you enjoy sewing, we do have additional helpful projects that involve sewing! Please email humaneed@hshv.org for the patterns.*



Rice Socks

Similar to rice warmers, rice socks are important for keeping our sick or baby animals warm! Decorate a crew sock with fabric markers or sharpies. Fill the bottom half of the sock with raw rice (not the instant kind), to the ankle. Use the calf part of the sock to tie a tight and secure knot. We can accept up to 25 rice warmers at one time.



Cat & Dog Fleece Blankets

Help animals be cozy and comfortable! Fleece tie blankets are helpful for both dogs and cats here at HSHV! Blankets for dogs should roughly measure 3 feet x 2 feet while cat blankets should be 14 inches x 2 feet. To create your blanket, determine the dimensions, then add eight inches to the length and width. This gives you extra fabric for fringe! Measure two pieces of fleece to this size and align both pieces. To create the fringe, cut strips four inches long by one inch wide along all four sides of both pieces of fleece. Cut out the squares of fabric at the corners. Go around the edge of the blanket and tightly knot the top strips to the bottom strips on all sides.



Snuffle Mats

Snuffle mats are excellent enrichment for dogs! Gather some fleece fabric, a plastic grid sink mat, and some scissors. Cut the fleece into strips that are about 7-8 inches long and 1 inch wide. You'll need at least as many strips as there are holes in your mat. Start at a corner of the mat and put one end of a fleece strip up through a hole, and the other end up through the next hole over. Both ends of the strip should be on top of the mat. Tie a tight double knot using the two ends of the strip. Keep going until you completely fill the mat with fleece strips! We can accept up to 20 snuffle mats at one time.



*Thank you so much for your work and kindness! Your
compassion and support saves lives. We appreciate you!*

