

## **Youth Volunteers**

Youth can be great supporters of animals and the work we do at Napa Humane. There are many ways for youth to participate! The following list outlines a variety of options for young people who are interested in helping animals in our community.

### **Conduct A Pet Food Drive**

A very helpful way to volunteer is to organize a cat food drive in your neighborhood or school. Donations of cat food, supplies, toys and cat litter are always appreciated and may be delivered to Napa Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic (3265 California Boulevard, Napa).

### **Coordinate A Coin Drive**

Collect coins from family, friends and neighbors. When your collection jar is full, bring it to Napa Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic. Every penny counts!

### **Collect Ink Cartridges**

Napa Humane participates in an ink cartridge recycling program. Bring your ink cartridges, toner cartridges, and cell phones to Napa Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic and we'll recycle them for cash. All money earned goes towards Napa Humane's programs and services.

### **Host A Fundraiser**

Young people are often our most creative fundraisers! You can get involved in a variety of fundraising projects and then donate the proceeds to the animals. We have had teens hold bake sales, yard sales, craft sales, and much more! Feel free to use your imagination to come up with a fundraising idea.

### **Make Captivating Catnip Toys For Adoptable Cats**

Cats awaiting adoption need plenty of toys to keep them occupied. One of their favorites is catnip-filled socks. All you need are baby socks, cotton balls, dried catnip, and a needle and thread. Take a baby sock and fill it with cotton balls and a wad of catnip in the center – a teaspoon or so should work. Then sew off the top of the sock and clip any loose threads. You're done! You may deliver the cat toys to Napa Humane Spay/Neuter Clinic and we'll see that they get to kitties in need.

### **Participate In A Foster Parent Program**

If your entire family is interested in helping animals, consider participating in a foster program. Foster families care for pets until they are ready for adoption. This is an entire family project, as the animals are in your home for several days or several weeks and may require special feeding or medication. If your family is interested in fostering a cat, kitten, or litter of kittens, please contact Whiskers, Tails, and Ferals at 707.258.2287.

**Thank you for your dedication and support!**

## **Be a responsible pet owner**

One of the most important things you can do to support animals in our community is to make sure that your own are well cared for. You can also encourage your friends to do the same for their pets. Some simple things you can do are:

1. Make sure that your pet and pets you know have an ID tag and are microchipped. If your pet ever gets lost, this will aid in getting him or her back home. Your pet cannot tell people where you live, so the ID tag and microchip may be the only way that someone can contact you to reunite you with your pet.
2. Get a current license for your pet. It is the law that dogs are licensed. Any dog over the age of four months must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed with the county of Napa.
3. Make sure your pet gets proper food. Dogs eat dog food and cats eat cat food. Each has its own specific dietary needs. You should eliminate “people food.” There are several foods that are safe for humans that are poisonous for cats and dogs (such as chocolate, onions, raisins & grapes).
4. Always make sure that your pet has fresh, clean water! Animals are unable to go to the refrigerator and pour themselves a drink. You should make sure they have clean water at all times.
5. Exercise your pet every day. It is healthy for them and you. Take your dog out to play fetch, drag toys for your cat to chase and hunt. It is healthy for them and they also love the attention and time together.
6. Ensure that your pet has shelter from the elements. A warm place when it is cold and a cool place when it is hot is essential to the wellbeing of your pet.