

Kids Volunteer Guide



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RBARI is dedicated to the welfare of companion animals in our community. We protect the abandoned, abused, and unwanted animals in our care by finding them kind and loving homes. We give our cats and dogs food, shelter, medical treatment, and, of course, love.

Each year many of the dogs and cats that come to us have medical and behavioral problems. RBARI rehabilitates them and adopts them into loving homes. This is an extremely rewarding job for us, but it doesn't come without cost. Treatment for these pets can amount to thousands of dollars.

This is in addition to the cost of general care and housing.



RBARI is a nonprofit organization. Nonprofit organizations work for a good cause and for the good of a specific group.

In RBARI's case, we work for animals!

Nonprofits do not make money by selling a product. Instead, they rely on support from their communities to operate and continue their good work. RBARI is able to help animals because of all the wonderful philanthropists in our community. Philanthropy is love for human and animal-kind and taking action to make the world a better place for all. A philanthropist is any person donating their time, money, or talent to a good cause. If you choose to help and take action for animals, you are a philanthropist!

Volunteering means spending some of your free time helping others. Volunteering helps others, but it can also help you, too. Volunteering lets you see your own life in new ways. Sometimes it's easy to worry about stuff like grades or get annoyed because you don't have the most expensive sneakers or the newest computer game. Volunteering lets you spend some time focusing on others for a while. Lots of people — and kids — find that they really enjoy volunteering. Volunteer experiences often put you in a different environment and expose you to people and situations that you wouldn't have come across in your regular life.

**If you love animals - are willing to provide the help RBARI needs -you can help!
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SAVE MORE LIVES!**

The following are some ideas to use your unique interests and talents to help our shelter pets:

Are you an Animal loving family?

Foster a shelter pet in your home. Many of our homeless pets arrive too young, sick, or shy to be adopted out right away. Our foster families provide a temporary home for these animals in need, giving love and having fun! Often kittens and puppies just need a bit more time to grow before being adopted into their forever home. Adult dogs or cats may be shy or frightened and need some time to feel more confident and trusting.

If your family is considering adopting an adult dog or cat, fostering is a great way to see if you are ready for such a big responsibility

As fostering involves the whole family, a parent or guardian will need to fill out a RBARI Foster Application at RBARI.org



Are you an aspiring event promoter?



Educate family and friends about RBARI and our wonderful programs to help homeless pets.

Post flyers about our events and programs in your school, local shops, and organizations. Always ask if you can post the flyer and return after the event to take it down.



Are you a great organizer?

Hold a pet supply drive at your school, place of worship, or with a group you belong to collecting items from our most needed wish list.

Ask for items from our Wish List as gifts at your next party and donate them to the shelter.



Are you an entrepreneur?



Set up a lemonade stand, bake sale, dog treat sale, car wash, a garage sale, and donate the funds to the shelter.



Host a movie night for animals!

Invite friends and family to a movie night for animals! Request an “admission fee” to be donated to the animals. You can choose animal themed or friendly movies such as Disney nature’s Born to Be Wild, Finding Nemo, or Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax.

Every year, RBARI receives donations from very generous kids who decide to ask for donations to help animals instead of presents for their birthday, Bar Mitzvah (or Bat Mitzvah)! We are very lucky to have such kind and compassionate kids helping animals!

Thoughtful handmade color posters about kindness to animals or make seasonal or holiday kennel cards to decorate the shelter are also always appreciated.

RBARI’s most needed wish list

Towels	Sheets
Thin fleece blankets	Leashes (6 feet long)
Martingale Collars	Nylabones
Medium and Large Kong Toys	JW Pet Ruffians Squeaky Toys
Friskies Canned Cat Food	Fancy Feast Canned Cat Food
Friskies Dry Cat Food	Bleach
Dish Detergent	Vinegar
Cat Toys (wand toys, balls, little mice toys)	

Are you a great cook?

Make treats for our shelter pets!

Pumpkin oatmeal cookies for Dogs

Ingredients:

- 5 cups rolled oats, regular or quick
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce
- ½ cup whole-wheat flour or oat flour

Optional breath freshener:

- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 300°F. Lightly grease a couple of baking sheets or line them with parchment.
2. In a food processor, using the mixing blade, grind the oats into a rough flour. Add the pumpkin, eggs, applesauce. Process until the mixture resembles a thick, somewhat coarse cookie dough.
3. Add whole-wheat flour or oat flour to an empty bowl. Coat tablespoon-sized scoops of dough with flour then roll each piece between your hands to make a round ball. Put the floured dough ball onto a prepared baking sheet, then flatten it with the bottom of glass.
4. Repeat until tray is filled with treats. Bake for about 50-60 minutes. The treats are finished when they're lightly browned.

ANOTHER IDEA: Cook batches of plain white rice, sweet potatoes, or pureed carrots. Place them in separate small freezer bags or plastic containers so we can freeze them to use when needed.

Are you ARTISTIC OR CRAFTY?

Make toys for our shelter pets!

Cat Nip Toys

Supplies:

- Infant or child-size crew socks
- Cotton balls
- Dried catnip (Catnip can be purchased at any pet store.)
- Non-toxic permanent markers
- Non-toxic washable fabric glue

Instructions:

1. Stuff the toe of the sock with 1 tablespoon of dried catnip.
 2. Squeeze the fabric glue on the inside of the sock's ribbing to glue the sock closed, or knot the top of the sock.
 3. Have fun, be creative, and decorate these kitty toys with the fabric markers!
- Note: Please do not add any additional fabric, yarn, sequins, or glitter. These can be dangerous to the kitties!

doggie swing ball Toys

Supplies:

- 3 or 4 socks
- 1 hard solid plastic ball
- Non-toxic permanent markers

Instructions:

1. Find one or two of your longest socks.
2. Place ball in a smaller sock.
3. Roll sock with ball in it and stuff inside the longest sock.
4. Tie a knot in the base sock(s) above the stuffed area. Have fun, be creative, and decorate these toys with fabric markers!

No-Sew Cat Fleece Cat Beds

Items you'll need:

- Two pieces of fleece fabric (1/3 yard each)
- Fabric scissors
- 4" x 4" piece of paper

Take your two pieces of fleece and put one piece on top of the other, lining up the edges so they are even. Trim off any extra around the edges of your fleece.

Remember, you need to try to cut straight, but it doesn't have to be.

Take your piece of 4" x 4" paper and lay it on the corner of your blanket. Then cut out the corner through both layers. Do this on all four corners. Now you are ready to cut your pieces of fringe.

Cut 4" into both fleeces at 1" wide. Proceed to cut 1" intervals on all four sides.

Starting on one side and using one piece of fringe from each piece of fleece, tie using basic hand knots.

Tie these knots on every piece of fringe around the entire blanket.