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Animal Control & Adoption Center

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT ANY AGE

TOO YOUNG TO VOLUNTEER?

For safety reasons, you have to be 18 or older to volunteer here at TJO. However that doesn't mean you can't help animals in our area! There are many ways in which you can make a difference in the lives of the animals that live here at TJO and all the animals in our community!

Have Fun Raising Funds!

- 🐾 **Organize a Donation Drive!** Organizing a donation drive is a great activity for your school! Collect items to donate to TJO! Create colorful posters, flyers and banners advertising your drive. Ask your family and friends to help and to donate! Schedule a time to drop off your donations and see exactly how your donations will help!

- 🐾 **Host a Car Wash, Bake Sale, Bottle Drive or Tag Sale!** Advertise your event in advance throughout your community! Make homemade dog treats (they are super easy to make) for a bake sale! Donate the proceeds to TJO and know you are helping to make a big difference in the lives of the animals here!

- 🐾 **Get Active!** Organize a sporting event or a walk! Ask your family and friends and teachers to participate. Donating your proceeds helps us take care of the animals!

- 🐾 **Loose Change Drive!** Create collection canisters out of coffee cans and decorate them! Ask everyone you know to donate his/her loose change or even hold a drive at your school-you would be surprised at how fast it adds up! All money donated to TJO goes directly to help take care of the animals here.

DYI Pet Projects

Here are some links for instructions to make your own creative critter comforts and toys for adoptable TJO animals:



For comfy cat beds: <http://www.instructables.com/id/No-Sew-Pet-Bed/>



For a fun toy for Fido: <http://www.instructables.com/id/Make-a-Rope-Dog-Toy/>



For a catnip cat toy: <http://ohappysock.blogspot.com/>



For a fleece tug toy for dogs:

http://www.lovingpawslc.com/Articles/9/How_to_Make_a_Polar_Fleece_Tug_Toy.aspx

Adopt! Don't Buy!

Cats and dogs are not the only type of animal you will find here at TJO or other shelters and rescues! Rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets, birds and many other small creatures are brought here and are often up for adoption! The easiest way to see who is waiting here to meet you is by visiting our website, www.tjoconnoradoptioncenter.com

Spay or Neuter Your Pets!

This procedure can help keep your pet healthier especially as he gets older and decreases the number of homeless pets in your community. This mainly applies to cats, dogs, and rabbits, but guinea pigs, ferrets, rats, and a few other animal companions are also candidates for spay-neuter surgery. Ask your veterinarian for more information!

Be a Party Animal!

Throw an animal awareness party at your school, community center, church or other public place. Design display boards, show an educational video, and create games to play! Throw a costume ball or a "Howl-a-Ween" party for animals. There are so many ideas; you are only limited by your own imagination!

These are just some ideas for ways you can help! Get creative and have fun!

