



# HUMANE SOCIETY

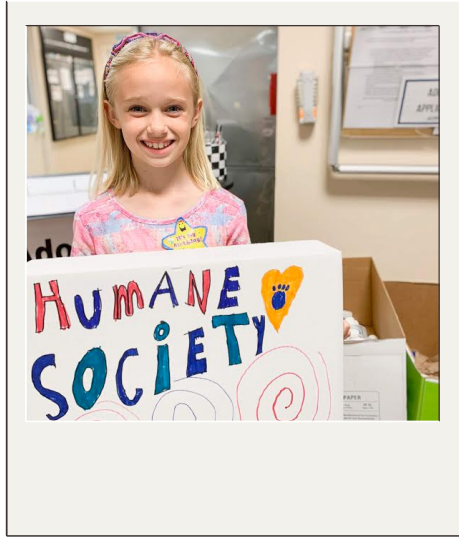
## FOR HAMILTON COUNTY

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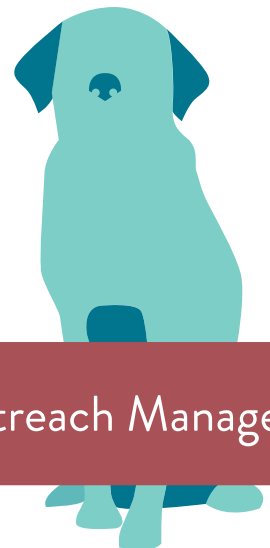
# WELCOME

**You're making a difference!**



Thank you for your interest in hosting a fundraiser for the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC)! We are excited that you are volunteering to help the thousands of animals we care for each year. Your generous support helps us ensure that we can continue giving each animal at our shelter their best chance at a second chance.

Fundraising ideas are limitless and the following information is merely a brief overview of ways you can support HSHC. Fundraisers can range from bake sales or sports tournaments to supply drives.



Jennifer Hatcher, Community Outreach Manager

# GUIDELINES

## In order to ensure your fundraiser is successful:

- You need a supervising adult(s) who will be responsible for overseeing your fundraiser.
- We would like people to know who you are helping! When you refer to us please use “Humane Society for Hamilton County”. Our social media handle is @HamiltonHumane.
- We enjoy highlighting youth fundraisers but due to scheduling and limited resources, we cannot always guarantee your photo will be published on our social media pages.
- Due to the volume of events in which we are involved, we cannot provide staff, animals, or volunteers to attend your event.



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If you are interested in having an HSHC representative come to your school to give a presentation or if you would like to participate in our Scout Program please contact our Community Outreach Manager at 317-219-4630 or [outreach@hamiltonhumane.com](mailto:outreach@hamiltonhumane.com).

# FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Below are a few suggestions for fundraising ideas to help the cats and dogs of the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

**Have your own fundraising idea? We'd love to hear it!**

## Just Ask!

It may seem obvious, but sometimes it's the simplest and most effective method of getting people to donate. Explain to people what you're raising funds for. It's simple!

## Be an Entrepreneur

Create artwork, jewelry or a craft to sell to family and friends and donate the proceeds to HSHC.

## Become a Chef

Stay cool and sell lemonade at a lemonade stand or at a sporting event. Cold weather? Keep warm by selling hot chocolate.

## Host an Event

Hold a garage or bake sale and donate the money raised to HSHC.

## Offer Your Talents

Wrap Christmas gifts or host a car wash service to collect donations for our cats and dogs.

## Get Competitive

Encourage your classmates or school community to donate their spare change in a Penny Wars fundraiser while creating a bit of competition.





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COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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The Enrichment Program at the Humane Society for Hamilton County aims to enhance the lives of the cats and dogs in our care as they wait for their forever homes. Daily enrichment aids animals in avoiding depression, minimizing boredom and anxiety, while providing mental and physical stimulation.

## Fleece Tie Blankets

All of the cats and dogs in our care receive a blanket or towel to keep their kennel warm and comfortable during their stay. Fleece tie blankets are a great way to keep animals cozy while they wait for their forever homes. Bright colors may even draw attention to our animals to help them get adopted!

We accept blankets of all sizes, but for cats we suggest 18x12in. and 34x24in. for dogs. We request that blankets be shades of light blue, teal, and red.

## Catnip Toys

We provide a happy and healthy environment for our cats awaiting adoption, which includes giving them plenty of toys. One of their favorites is catnip-filled socks. All you need is baby socks and dried catnip!

Instructions:

- Add a wad of catnip in the center – a teaspoon should work
- Tie off the top
- You're done!

## Host a Donation Drive for our Cats

The cats in our care receive enrichment on a daily basis, and we hope to continually provide them with as much enjoyment as possible. Enrichment can be provided through food, furniture, toys, and olfactory stimulants. These stimuli increase the cats' overall well-being as well as their likeliness of being adopted.

The following items are needed for our Cat Enrichment Program:

- Catnip
- Pipe cleaners
- Canned Cat Food
- Cat Calming Collars
- Pheromone Plugins

More items can be found on our shelter wish list at [HSHCWishList.com](https://www.hamiltonhumane.com/wish-list).







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## Edible Cat Grass

Cats love to eat grass. Help provide grass for our adoptable cats by planting some of your own.

Supplies needed:

- Clean 5.5oz cat/dog food cans
- Potting soil
- Cat grass seeds

Instructions:

- Place seeds in bottom of can
- Add potting soil up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of can (leave about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of can at top)
- Add water - just enough to moisten the soil (hint: do not over water as this will prevent seeds from growing)
- Place cans in a sunny area for a week
- Add moisture to soil as it becomes dry throughout the growing process
- Over the next two weeks watch your grass bud and bloom into full blades.



## Host a Donation Drive for our Dogs

The dogs in our care require daily enrichment while they wait for their forever homes. In addition to toys and treats, a few basic supplies are needed for adoption to ensure their new families are ready to bring them home.

The following items are needed for the dogs at our shelter:

- Rawhides
- Nylabones
- Dog Collars
- Dog Leashes
- Soft Training Treats

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Have you completed a community service activity or fundraiser for the Humane Society for Hamilton County? Contact our Community Outreach Manager to coordinate a drop off visit at 317-219-4630 or [outreach@hamiltonhumane.com](mailto:outreach@hamiltonhumane.com).