Younger than 16? Need community service hours for school?

For safety reasons, you must be 16 or older to work in the shelter or directly with the animals. We know that you love animals, and you want to help the homeless animals that come to SCRAPS everyday. We also know that you are thoughtful, creative, and resourceful. Here are some projects that have proven successful. You might come up with something different; let your imagination be your guide! We would love to discuss ideas you have for helping the animals!

★ Make some delicious homemade treats for the dogs, or catnip toys for the cats. Search the internet for great ideas for treats and toys you can make for the animals at SCRAPS.

★ Organize a small fund raising event, garage sale, bake sale, or car wash, and use the funds to sponsor a shelter animal. Sponsoring an animal lowers the adoption fee for that animal, and may help him or her find a new home!

★ Donation Drives are a great group project for schools, scout groups, or individuals who want to help the animals. See below for some ideas on how to do a donation drive.

Be sure to document the time you spend completing your project. When your project is completed bring your donations to SCRAPS during our open hours (12:00-5:30 Mon-Sat). We will be happy to sign off on your completed community service hours and you will have made a difference for the homeless animals in our care!

How to do a donation drive

To find a list of the items most needed by SCRAPS, please see our wish list (on our website). Feel free to circulate the wish list and display it with your donation containers so that everyone knows what types of items to donate or collect.

Decorate one or more large, strong containers for the items.

Get the word out about your event by sending letters home with fellow students, posting information on your school website, posting a sign and donation container in a pet store or grocery store. Always check with the store manager for permission to do this. Set up your supplies so you do not block the entrance to the store. Be courteous. Donations to SCRAPS are tax deductible. Please submit a name and address for any donors that would like to receive a receipt for their taxes.
Sample e-mail or letter to promote your donation drive:

Dear ________________,
We are hosting a donation drive to help out the homeless animals at SCRAPPS, and will be collecting donations through ________________ (end date). SCRAPPS depends on the support of the community to be able to give the best possible care to the animals that come into their shelter, and we hope you’ll participate. Here is a list of items currently needed at the shelter. (See our wish list on our website.)

Thank you for your generosity!
(Your name)