



Youth & Group Service Projects



How can you help homeless pets in your community?

Thank you for your interest in helping the animals at Lollypop Farm! It takes a whole lot of time, people, resources, money, and love to keep an animal shelter running. We here at Lollypop Farm are always looking for help from people like you to keep us running. There are many fun and interesting things you can do to help animals at Lollypop Farm. Take a look at our guide and hopefully you will find an idea that will you get you on the road to helping animals.

Ideas to Help the Animals

Every animal needs basic a few basic things to stay happy and healthy—food, water, love, and exercise. Helping us provide the animals at the shelter with those needs is the heart of Lollypop Farm. You can help us help the animals in our care by:

Fundraisers:

- **Hold a Bake Sale:** A bake sale is easy to put together and with a little extra effort, you can turn yours into a fun event. Make it fun by adding a theme such as a Christmas Cookie Exchange, pet shapes, or even offer treats for pets! Advertise that proceeds benefit Lollypop Farm.
- **Host a Car/Dog Wash:** Taking a spin off the traditional car wash fundraiser, a dog wash is an event where volunteers wash dogs and other pets in exchange for donations of money. Advertise that proceeds benefit Lollypop Farm.
- **Organize Pennies for Pets or Penny Wars:** This is great to do in schools. Each team has a bucket for collecting coins or dollar bills. The value of any pennies collected by a group count positively toward that group's point total, while the value of other coins or dollar bills are subtracted. The object is to be the team with the most points at the end of the "war." After the winner has been determined, the money raised can be donated to Lollypop Farm.
- **Host a School Dance Fundraiser:** A local DJ or band may be willing to perform for free or at a discount if they know proceeds from the admission charge will benefit animals.
- **Get Outdoors:** Do yard work, mow the lawn, shovel snow, or pull weeds for your neighbors. Tell them that the money you earn from your services will go directly to Lollypop Farm.
- **Organize a Yard Sale:** Collect items you and friends no longer use and have a yard sale. Advertise that proceeds benefit Lollypop Farm.



Projects for Pets:

- **Make Blankets for the Cats in the Shelter:** Each kitty needs a comfy blanket in their condo, to have a soft bed. You can choose to make cat blankets to be used in the shelter. A good size for homemade cat blankets is approximately 12" x 24". They can be made from any washable material and stuffed with batting. You can also make the "No Sew" fleece blankets in the same size.
- **Make Toys:** Make wooden chew toys for small animals and birds at Lollypop Farm. These toys are great way to exercise their bodies and minds while they stay at the shelter. You can also make toys for the cats. Get some ideas at www.squidoo.com/homemadecattoys. Please keep in mind that for the safety of cats in our care, we cannot accept toys with bells, strings.
- **Sell Lollipops:** Sell lollipops, chocolate, lemonade, or other items as a fundraising sale. Advertise that proceeds benefit Lollypop Farm.
- **Organize a Book Sale:** Gather used books have a book sale. Advertise that proceeds go to benefit Lollypop Farm.
- **Make Adopt Me Tags:** Make "Adopt Me" to post in the adoption suites to help promote the pets or make bandanas for our dogs to wear at adoption events. You can create neckerchiefs with fabric paint and fabric.
- **Organize a Donation Drive:** Have a donation drive at your school or church with boxes for people to leave donations. You could also work with a store to arrange a time to collect donations. You can even do a donation drive right in your own neighborhood by distributing flyers door to door and telling people you will be back on a specific day to pick up any donations they leave on their doorstep.

Shelter Wish List:

Lollypop Farm is always in need of supplies to care for the pets. To view our complete wish list, go to:

<http://www.lollypop.org/get-involved/give-today/wish-list/>

- **Urgent Needs:** Laundry detergent, Paper towels, Dog treats, and canned cat and dog food.
- **Gift Cards:** From local gas stations for our Pet Assisted Therapy program and Law Enforcement, Wegmans to buy fresh fruits and vegetables for the birds and small animals, Pet\$aver Healthy Pet Superstore to buy food for birds and small animals.
- **Blankets, Sheets, and Towels:** New or gently used, we put them to use for cat beds, grooming, in the veterinary clinic, and cleaning up after shelter animals.
- **Stuffed Animals:** Our cats love to have a friend to snuggle with while they wait for their forever home. When they are adopted, they get to bring their stuffed friend home with them!
- **Newspapers:** Newspapers are used to line the bottom of animal cages. Please remove glossy circulars and stack the newspapers neatly in paper grocery bags. Please do not shred newspaper.

Contact Sami Sheehan, Individual Giving Manager, at (585) 223-1330 ext. 195 or ssheehan@lollypop.org for Youth Service Projects (Fundraising & Supply Drives)



Become a Teen Volunteer

Animal-loving teenagers, ages 14 to 17, who have an interest and passion for helping animals through community service can become a Lollypop Farm Teen Volunteer. This service-based opportunity offers participants a fun, interactive, and social arena where their concern for others—humans and animals—will be fostered. All volunteer training, meetings, and projects will count toward service hours for school, scout programs, religious organizations, etc.

- Teen Volunteers will not be “hands on” with animals, but will have other types of jobs to help the homeless animals at Lollypop Farm.
- Participation as a Lollypop Farm Teen Volunteer is by application only. Please visit our website to apply: <http://www.lollypop.org/get-involved/volunteer/lollypop-farm-teen-volunteers/>
- Acceptance decisions will be based on essay responses. Applicants will be notified whether you have been selected to participate by email
- Upon acceptance, volunteers are asked for a one-time \$30 donation to cover the cost of a volunteer shirt, name badge, and training. Volunteers must attend an initial orientation meeting with a parent/guardian.

Ideas to Help Homeless Pets in Your Community

Education is the best way to keep pets in their homes and help animal shelters. There are many small things you can do to educate your community about the common problems that bring animals into Lollypop Farm in the first place.

- Make flyers or brochures promoting pet adoption. Handouts could read “Support your Local Shelter” or “Be Kind to Animals.” Ask local businesses to hang these flyers in their restaurants or you can even post them in your school. Some handouts could have message about common pet owner problems such as making sure your dogs are properly socialized and trained, the importance of having a license or collar, or not leaving your pets out at night or leaving pets in hot cars. We would love to see the brochures you come up with when you are finished!
- Talk to one different person every day for at least a week about the importance of spaying or neutering pets.
- Write a letter to your local senator, congressman, or governor about an animal welfare issue important to you such as dog fighting, puppy mills, spaying and neutering, or offering veterinary care to pets of families who cannot afford it. See how many people you can get to sign your letter in support.
- Write a letter to your local paper reminding your community members to adopt and spay or neuter their animals.



When you complete your project, please bring your final product to Lollypop Farm during regular shelter hours. Our staff and volunteers at the reception desk can sign any paperwork, provide a donation receipt, and will award you with a Certificate of Appreciation for your contribution! Don't forget to take pictures of your work along the way. We love to see the progress you make along your journey.

When you are ready to start your project or if you have an idea of your own, contact:

Sami Sheehan, Individual Giving Manager, at

(585) 223-1330 ext. 195 or ssheehan@lollypop.org for Youth Service Projects (Fundraising & Supply Drives)

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Karen Stolt, Volunteer Manager, at

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**Thank you for choosing to help homeless animals at Lollypop Farm
and pets in your community!**

Lollypop Farm

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