



# Junior Volunteer Packet

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## Need community service hours?

There are many different things that you as a Junior Volunteer can do to help the animals at Save-A-Pet. One of the easiest is to do a supply drive. These are items that we use at Save-A-Pet to keep the animals living environment clean, toys for them to play with and so on. Simply call a local store and ask them if you can book a few hours to do it. Wal-Mart and Stop n Shop both are very good. You make copies of the supply list and hand it to the people as they walk in, on the way out you collect the items and then bring the items to Save-A-Pet. The kids in the community have been doing this for several years and it really helps. You can also do it at a school, ask the principal for permission, or a church or synagogue. Remember the time it takes you to make the copies and bringing the items to Save-A-Pet are also included in your hours. The following papers can give you many different ideas on how to begin your community service hours at Save-A-Pet. Save-A-Pet sometimes uses photos of kids in the community helping out, if you would like to possibly have your photo published have a parent sign the form below then drop it off at Save-A-Pet. Email the photo to [volunteer@saveapetny.org](mailto:volunteer@saveapetny.org) If you are 16 or older you can join our cat program, call 473-6333 or email us at [volunteer@saveapetny.org](mailto:volunteer@saveapetny.org)

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Save-A-Pet may use your image(s), or those of your child(ren) (name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ if under 18, in publicity material produced by Save-A-  
Pet , including printed publications and our website  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Junior Volunteer Creative Ways To Help Save-A-Pet Rescue

It takes all kinds of people to make the world a better place for our animal friends. Even if you don't have much time you can still contribute in your own unique way. Here is a list of ideas, both big and small, that you can use to help the homeless animals of our community. Please remember, even the little things can make a big difference!

1. On your birthday, confirmation or Bar/Bat mitzvah, give a gift to animals in need! In lieu of presents, ask your friends and family to donate to A Save-A-Pet animal in your honor or ask each guest to bring a needed item to donate to Save-A-Pet.
2. Have a garage sale and donate the proceeds to Save-A-Pet.
3. Save your spare change in a jar and donate it to Save-A-Pet. at the end of each month.
4. Volunteer at S.A.P. on weekends with a parent
5. Write to your local, state and federal legislators to urge them to pass mandatory spay/neuter laws.
6. Have a bake sale and donate proceeds to Save-A-Pet See if your local bakery will donate items to make dog biscuits to sell.
7. Post flyers in your community or workplace to highlight our animals who need a home. Contact our [volunteer coordinator](#) for details.
8. Participate in Save-A-Pet fund raising events with a parent.
9. Adopt a new companion from Save-A-Pet.
10. Solicit a group or company to [Sponsor-A-Pet](#) for \$ 30.00 monthly.
11. Solicit a company to donate a retired office computer, copier or fax machine to S.A.P.
12. Organize a supply drive by soliciting needed items (list provided upon request).
13. Collect empty ink cartridges from computers or fax machines and donate them to Save-A-Pet.
14. Collect coins for critters and donate the proceeds to Save-A-Pet.

### **Clothing Bin**

Save-A-Pet now has a clothing/old towels /sheets etc. bin in the parking lot. We are asking the public to donate any unwanted items made from any type of material. The bin is at the entrance to the shelter in the parking lot and it is pink! Please consider us the next time you clean out a closet!!

### **Empty Ink Cartridges**

Save-A-Pet is a no-kill, non-profit animal shelter located at 608 Route 112 in Port Jefferson Station. I have been a full time volunteer at Save-A-Pet for the past four years and run the Public Education Program and Dog Volunteer Program. Part of my time is spent going to local schools, Girl Scout Troops and community service groups to educate the children about responsible pet ownership and the importance of spaying/neutering their animals. Several local schools have shown interest in helping out. The kids wanted a program that they could use in everyday life to help the animals. I have started a program to collect empty ink cartridges from fax machines, copiers and printers & used cell phones. A local company has promised to give a cash donation to the shelter for the cartridges and phones. This program can only become successful through public donations of the cartridges. Cartridges and phones can be dropped off at Save-A-Pet, 608 Rte. 112, Port Jeff Sta. or you can call 473-6333 for further information. It is tax deductible! The hours of operation are Mon. to Sat 11 am to 5 pm and Sun. 12 to 4 pm. Any help that your company would be willing to give us would be greatly appreciated.

### **Pennies for Pups**

#### **Math Classes**

Save-A-Pet is has begun a new program for all elementary schools. Pennies for Pups will help to save the lives of many homeless animals. The idea behind Pennies for Pups is to show elementary school kids that helping out the less fortunate animals of our community can not only be a learning experience but fun too.

It begins with choosing a grade level that is willing to participate in the program that runs for a minimum of one month. Each child is asked to bring in the amount of pennies that coincides with the date of the month. Example;, Mach 1st would be 1 penny, March 2nd two pennies and so on. By the end of March which has 31 days in it each child can potentially accumulate \$4.96. The teacher can use the pennies as a learning tool for math. Children are not penalized for bringing in extra pennies. Below are some of the statistics for pennies.

#### **Penny Facts**

"On an average, there are 162 pennies/pound A 16 oz. jar holds about 1300 pennies and weighs about 8#.

The diameter/ length of one US penny is 3/4 of an inch or .75 inches A US penny

also has a diameter of approx. 1.9 cm or 19mm

There are 63,360 inches in a mile. (It takes 16 pennies to make a foot.) So, it takes approximately 47,520 pennies to make one linear mile. That would equal approx. \$475.20

Based on the weight of a jar of pennies, if 8 pounds of pennies is ~1300 pennies, then a 40lb bag of dog food would be equivalent to 6,500 pennies, or \$65.

At the end of the month the winning classroom is announced, and of course the GRAND TOTAL is announced. That class is treated to a pizza party for their winning contribution. The pennies are then donated to Save-A-Pet .

### Plants Toxic to Cats and Dogs

Aloe Vera	Devil's Ivy	Madagascar Dragon Tree
Amaryllis	Dieffenbachia	Marble Queen
Apple (seeds)	Dracaena Palm	Marijuana
Apple Leaf Croton	Dragon Tree	Mexican Breadfruit
Apricot (pit)	Dumb Cane	Miniature Croton
Asparagus Fern	Easter Lily (especially in cats!!!!)	Mistletoe
Autumn Crocus	Elaine	Morning Glory
Avacado (fruit and pit)	Elephant Ears	Mother-in Law's Tongue
Azalea	Emerald Feather	Narcissus
Baby's Breath	English Ivy	Needlepoint Ivy
Bird of Paradise	Fiddle-leaf fig	Nephytis
Bittersweet	Florida Beauty	Nightshade
Branching Ivy	Foxglove	Oleander
Buckeye	Fruit Salad Plant	Onion
Buddist Pine	Geranium	Oriental Lily (especially in cats!!!)
Caladium	German Ivy	Peace Lily
Calla Lily	Giant Dumb Cane	Peach (wilting leaves and pits)
Castor Bean	Glacier Ivy	Pencil Cactus
Ceriman	Gold Dieffenbachia	Plumosa Fern
Charming	Gold Dust Dracaena	Poinsettia (low toxicity)
Dieffenbachia	Golden Pothos	Poison Ivy
Cherry (seeds and wilting leaves)	Hahn's Self-Branching Ivy	Poison Oak
Chinese Evergreen	Heartland	Pothos
Christmas Rose	Philodendron	Precatory Bean
Cineraria	Hurricane Plant	Primrose
Clematis	Indian Rubber Plant	Red Emerald
Cordatum	Janet Craig Dracaena	Red Princess
Corn Plant	Japanese Show Lily (especially cats !!!)	Red-Margined Dracaena
Cornstalk Plant	Jeusalem Cherry	Rhododendron
Croton	Kalanchoe	Ribbon Plant
Cuban Laurel	Lacy Tree	
Cutleaf Philodendron	Philodendron	
Cycads	Lily of the Valley	
Cyclamen		
Daffodil		

Saddle Leaf  
Philodendron  
Sago Palm  
Satin Pothos  
Schefflera  
Silver Pothos  
Spotted Dumb Cane

String of Pearls  
Striped Dracaena  
Sweetheart Ivy  
Swiss Cheese Plant  
Taro Vine  
Tiger Lily (especially  
cats!!!)

Tomato Plant (green  
fruit, stem and leaves)  
Tree Philodendron  
Tropic Snow  
Dieffenbachia  
Weeping Fig  
Yew

## Helping Save-A-Pet Find Homes by Using the Internet

1. Using your computer, go to [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com)
2. On the left side of the screen there is a blue area, under select animal select either dog or cat. Next go down to where zip code is and type yours in. On the bottom there is search range select regional. Then hit the orange go circle.
3. When you see Save-A-Pet come up, left click on it.
- 4.
5. Left click on any animals name and their photo and story will show
- 6.
5. Using the left mouse button, highlight the story and then go to edit and click on copy. Next, go to Microsoft word or a program that is similar to it. Left click on edit then paste it on the Microsoft word page. Do this with both the photo and the story, then print it.
6. You are now ready to find a place to post the stories. If possible may want to ask at stores, parents workplaces, churches or possibly someplace in your school. If you choose to do, this please check back at [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) on a regular basis to see who has been adopted and who is new. Also, remember to take down the animals that have been adopted.

We have been successful in finding homes this way and you can help us get our animals stories out to the public. Thank you for your help.

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### Supplies Needed

Anti-bacterial dish washing detergent	Laundry detergent
Computer paper	Kitten Chow
Purina Cat Chow	Large garbage bags (39 gallon)
Paper towels	Canned cat food of any type
Kitchen garbage bags(13 Gallon)	Quality Canned dog Food
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## Fund Raising Ideas for Kids

- 1) Penny War. Winning class gets dismissed early one Friday (or something) and you get the money
- 2) Adult Spelling Bee – the parents of the kids (or the teachers) must take part in a spelling bee. A small fee for entering, or a quarter apiece for attendance, or the adults get sponsored.
- 3) Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader
- 4) Kid's Carnival, with monies raised going to you
- 5) Kiss An Orphan They pay to kiss and they have to pay NOT to! Two incomes for one kiss!
- 6) Recital. Kids read their favorite poems or stories about animals (or write them). Parents pay to see the recital.
- 7) Yard Sale in the cafeteria. Kids are helpers. Could be Christmas Store, bake sale, etc.
- 8) Miniature golf tourney.
- 9) Baked potato bar, with kids serving.
- 10) Pet Parade – they judge a costumed pet parade contest.
- 11) Pie (or other) sale: Parents are invited to the school (free or small fee), where they sample different flavors of pie, pierogi, cookies, meatballs, chili, etc. They place an order for their pies. This means lots of cooking!
- 12) Read-a-thon or Math-a-thon
- 13) Spirit Chain. Basically Links of Life. Sell each link for a small fee, and the class that has the longest chain wins a prize (early release, everyone passes a certain test, etc). The kids can sell to anyone, not just students. So, the ice cream man, the dentist, whoever.



# Save-A-Pet Volunteer Application

Tetanus Information: I understand that because I, or my child (if applicant is under 18) may handle animals, it is important to discuss being vaccinated against tetanus with my physician. I give SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue permission to seek medical attention for myself or my child if applicant is under 18. I give permission for the SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue to photograph me or my child for use in any animal publication, educational, or advertising purposes that SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue may designate. I acknowledge and understand that as a volunteer of the SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue or my child, if applicant is under 18, is not covered by the SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue's workers compensation or any other insurance policy for any damages or injuries I or my child may sustain during volunteer activities.

Junior applications will not be accepted without parent or guardian's signature. Save - A - Pet is a IRS registered non - profit no kill animal shelter located on Rte. 112 in Port Jeff Station. We are a organization that relies heavily on volunteers. We continually 365 days a year take in animals In need.

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB if under 18 yrs:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian names (if applicant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work /Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Considering many of the positions at SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue require dealing with animals, serving the public, working outdoors, and lifting up to 50 lbs., I am able to perform the essential functions of the position for which I am applying for. Yes No  If no,  describe the functions that cannot be performed and what accommodations are required below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical problems, allergies or other issues we should be aware of to insure a safe volunteer environment: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read, understand and agree to the above information and the Volunteer Guidelines on previous page. I certify that the information provided here is accurate and complete. I authorize reference and employment verification and background checks as necessary for specific positions.

**Volunteer or if under 18 years, parent or guardian**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring completed application to volunteer orientation** or, if requested, mail to: Volunteer Manager, SAVE-A-PET Animal Rescue, 608 Route 112 Port Jefferson Station, N.Y. 11776

For adult volunteers or parents of junior volunteers: Please read this information & sign your consent if you accept these terms.

## **Summer Safety For Pets**

It's important to keep your pet safe and comfortable during the dog days of summer.

Hot weather is hard on pets as well as people. Try to exercise pets in the early morning or late evening when the weather is cool. Keep pets safely at home versus taking them in the car. The inside of a car can heat up to 110 degrees in 10 minutes on an 80 degree day even with the windows slightly open. Your pet could be in danger even on a moderately hot day.

Think twice before bringing your dog to the beach or park on very hot days. When there is not enough shade or access to water, they can quickly become dehydrated. When taking pets for walks on hot days, be sure to pack plenty of water for you and them!

Remember, breeds with short noses like Pugs and Persians are more susceptible to breathing difficulty in hot weather.

If your pet exhibits the following signs please contact your veterinarian and animal emergency service as these are signs of heat stroke and can prove fatal: excessive panting, vomiting, tiring easily, diminished appetite and lethargy.

Plan ahead for vacations. If your pet can't go with you, find a trusted and competent pet sitter. Check references, qualifications and training. When choosing a kennel, make a personal visit to check for cleanliness, staff qualifications, security, safety, health requirements and veterinary care.

Take your pet for a check up. Test dogs for heartworm and groom pets regularly to check for fleas and ticks. Ask your veterinarian about heartworm and flea preventative medication for both dogs and cats.

Always have your pets wear a collar and current ID tag. The summer months are an especially busy time for lost pet calls to shelters. If your pet has no collar or ID tag, the chances of finding him diminishes greatly. Microchip your pet and be sure the chip is registered.

## **Cold Weather Tips for Animals**

- 1 .As temperatures drop, please stop and review our tips to keep pets snug as bugs this winter: Save A Pet is urging pet owners to take precautions and keep their companion animals safe in the bitter cold:
- 2.Never let your dog off his leash in snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Snow can obscure familiar scents, and canines can become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure they always wear I.D. tags.
- 3.Take care to wipe off your pooch's paws, legs and tummy when she comes in out of the elements. She can accidentally ingest salt, antifreeze or other chemicals while licking her paws and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice
- 4.Keep your cats inside. Outdoors, felines can easily freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed.
- 5.Do not leave your dog or cat alone in a vehicle during the winter months. A car can act as a refrigerator, holding in the cold, and cause an animal to freeze to death, If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
6. If there are outdoor felines in your area, please make it a point to bang loudly on the hood of your car before getting in. Cats often sleep under the hoods of vehicles in search of warmth, and can be injured or killed by the fan belt when the engine is started up.