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Hold a Fundraiser to Benefit Homeless Pets

You may want to help raise money for the homeless pets in our community at the Yakima Humane Society.

Here are a few fundraising ideas:

- Pick a product to sell. The standard items such as gift wrap, spring bulbs, and chocolate bars provide people with products they can use, and a good percentage of the money can be put to your cause. Search the internet or ask your advisor/teacher if he or she knows of any companies that will participate.
- Host a car wash, dog wash, bottle drive, yard sale or auction
- If you love dogs, consider starting a dog walking service in your neighborhood. Serve only trusted neighbors and work with a friend or family member.
- Hold a raffle at school or in partnership with a community group.
 - Ask a local store or a company that does not test products on animals to donate prizes.
 - Make an animal lover's quilt as the centerpiece of the raffle. Ask your friends to decorate each fabric square with an animal message. Ask a local crafts store if they'd like to donate fabric.
- Organize a sports event, such as a walk or run for animals, or a student/faculty softball or basketball game. Have athletes find sponsors to give a certain amount of money per mile covered or points scored.
- Hold a "Pennies for Pets" coin collection. Decorate collection canisters. Visit different classrooms to explain what you're doing and ask students to donate spare change. You can also place canisters at local businesses to encourage community support.
- Host a bake sale. Ask friends and family to donate baked treats – for humans and dogs. Sell them at a "Barkery" – a bakery for dogs.
- Put on a read-a-thon. Read animal-related books. This would work well over summer break.
- Sponsor an art contest with an animal theme. See if a local art gallery in your community will donate space for the event. Ask students and community artists to enter pieces of artwork at a certain dollar amount per entry. Ask the artists if they would be willing to sell their work and donate the money to your cause.
- Go caroling during the holiday season with classmates, friends, family, and/or club members. Have one person hold a sign that asks for tips/donations that will go to support the Yakima Humane Society.

When your fundraiser is over, arrange a time with the Outreach & Education Manager to present the money you've raised for the shelter!

For additional information please contact our Outreach & Education Manager, Nicole Papageorgiou, at (509) 457-6854 ext. 106 or, by email, outreach@yakimahumane.org.