A simple guide to keeping dogs healthy, happy, and sound in an unfamiliar environment.
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LOOSENING THE REINS ON KENNEL ENRICHMENT MIGHT BE THE SECRET TO HAPPIER DOGS
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No matter how good a shelter is, it still isn’t a home. It can be a stressful environment for dogs, especially those who stay longer than two weeks.

Enrichment keeps dogs relaxed. This reduces stress-induced behaviors, which are often barriers to adoption. While it’s widely accepted that enrichment benefits shelter dogs, some shelters greatly restrict the types of tools they use, and some avoid it altogether.

Shelter dogs spend the vast majority of the time in their kennels. They need a variety of physical and mental stimulation to keep them occupied, happy, healthy, and sound until they go home with adopters.

Increase Happiness and Adoption Rates with Simple Enrichment activities for Your Shelter Dogs.

The benefits of enrichment make it a part of a successful adoption program. In fact, it is on its way to becoming a standard of care for all sheltered pets. It’s inexpensive, easy, and helps with behavioral problems and basic manners. All of these things translate to faster adoptions.

Whether you want to start a full enrichment program or simply add a couple of new things to your existing regimen, this book is packed with ideas for the dogs in your care.

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As humans, we lead stressful lives. We all know that de-stressing is a process. One hour of relaxing won't keep you calm, cool, and collected for the rest of your life. You need consistent breaks and things to occupy your time and your mind.

Dogs are the same way. A dog needs more than a 15 minute stand alone enrichment activity. Enrichment is a process that creates a more positive and productive shelter experience for the dogs in your care.

Enrichment reduces stress, boredom, and undesired behaviors by supporting a dog's sensory and social needs. It also adds value to your shelter dogs' lives by teaching them basic manners and giving them the confidence to make a good impression on potential adopters.
Unhappy, frustrated, or bored dogs will not show well in their kennels and that will put off potential adopters. Enrichment helps to counter kennel-induced behaviors by making the dogs’ environments more stimulating and challenging. Toys, puzzles, sensory games, playgroups, and other novel experiences are perfect for this.

**How Do Enrichment Programs Work?**

**Have a Plan:** Because shelters are hectic places, it’s important to have an enrichment game plan in place before your dogs’ needs become critical.

Here’s how to build a great plan:

- Train your staff to recognize the early signs of stress.
- Recruit and train volunteers to work with and support your dogs.
- Network with other shelters and rescues, as well as breed clubs, trainers, and other professionals.
- Solicit donation of enrichment items from the community.
- Build a network of trained foster homes.

**Feed the Senses**

Just like humans, dogs have five basic senses. Ignoring their sensory needs may lead to stress and undesirable behaviors.

Here’s how to address each one:

**Sound** is a dog’s most highly developed sense. A dog can get agitated and nervous just from hearing other dogs bark.

Keep shelter dogs quiet with *Click for Quiet* games in which you reward quiet dogs with a positive “YES!” (or clicker sound) and a treat. Don’t give barking dogs any attention. This is a great project for volunteers.

Soft or soothing music also helps keep dogs quiet. Try classical music, audio books, or music created specifically for dogs.

**Smell** is how dogs greet the world. Shelters not only smell like other animals, but are often full of chemical odors.

Create fun things for dogs to do with their noses. Make “find it” puzzles by hiding treats in blankets, towels, or rags. Hide treats in a fenced yard for some fun outdoor time. Don’t forget to cheer them on as they sniff out the rewards.
Touch is important because shelter dogs often don't get enough human contact. We rush to exercise and feed them, but forget to sit and touch them. Patting and massaging dogs, especially in a quiet space, promotes a better mental and emotional state.

Enlist volunteers to work as “quiet time” companions for your dogs. Have them sit in the dog’s kennel for 10+ minutes to pet and massage them. They can bring a book and read to them! Not only does the massage feel good, it also teaches dogs how to stay calm when there are people around.

Taste is closely linked with smell. This may cause some dogs to ignore food due to the unfamiliar smells in a shelter environment. Poor health might also affect a dog’s sense of smell, causing them to ignore meals.

Try adding broths, like chicken or beef, to food or serve alone. Soak rags or tug toys in broth. Freeze and give as a special treat. (These are especially good for teething puppies!)

For dogs who inhale their food, try feeding from Kongs, milk jugs, bottles, PVC pipes, and other feeding puzzles. These add an element of stimulation and help slow down the eating process.

Use interactive toys or make your own. Drill a few holes in PVC pipe elbows (big enough for treats to fit through) and then let your dog play with the toy to get the treats to fall out.

Another great trick is to fill a spray bottle with water and 10-20 drops of an essential oil, such as lavender, vanilla, or almond. Spray a fine mist on their beds, blankets, or kennel walls. Rotate the scents to keep the dogs engaged.

Sight can be tricky because no matter how long the dog is in your shelter, the environment never becomes natural. Some dogs get stressed by dogs or humans simply passing by their kennels.

For reactive dogs, place barriers at the front or sides of their kennel. This can be anything like poster board, sheets, shower curtains, etc... Have people toss treats as they pass by the dog. This will help him associate traffic flow with positive things.

It is important to give dogs an occasional change of scenery. Let them take a stroll around the parking lot, spend an afternoon at the front desk or in someone’s office, or let them go on a play date. Changing up which kennel they spend time in works well for some dogs, too.

Remember to address all the dogs sensory needs.
• Use old ice cube trays or Dixie cups to create small, yummy ice treats. Put a few pieces of kibble, yogurt, peanut butter or treats in the bottom, fill with broth and freeze.

• Smear Kongs or Nylabones with peanut butter or cream cheese. Hand it over to one of your most stressed dogs for a quick, satisfying treat.

• Hold an enrichment supply drive and collect anything from Kongs and Nylabones to PVC pipes, peanut butter, milk jugs, plastic bottles, blankets, and towels.

• Have volunteers and staff do dog social walks. In addition to exercise, dogs get to spend time getting to know their roommates.

• Short 5-minute basic obedience training sessions are perfect. You can do these outside of kennels. Don't forget to end on a positive note.

• Bring a dog into your office for a little while. Kennels are noisy. A dog will appreciate a quiet place to nap or getting some attention from a new friend.

• Take a dog for a car ride when you go on a coffee run. Adopters love to know how dogs behave in the car.

• Set up an Amazon.com wish list so donors know your shelters needs.

• Move dogs to different kennels to give them a change of scenery.

• Sign up for the Kong Cares program and receive discounted rates on Kong toys.

• Play audiobooks, which research says can reduce stress in shelter dogs.

• Bring a radio into the kennels and tune into a classical music channel.

• Add an essential oil, such as lavender, to a spray bottle filled with water. Walk through the kennels and mist the air with a new scent.

• Give small dogs a chance to sit on something new by adding a chair to their kennel.

• Hang a wind chime near the kennels and let the sounds soothe your dogs.

• Blow bubbles in the kennels for visual stimulation - and great photo ops.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS**

**Monmouth County SPCA**

Monmouth County SPCA is an open admission shelter in New Jersey that recently attended an Animal Farm Foundation internship. We talked about enrichment and how it benefits shelter dogs. Here's what one of the internship participants had to say a couple of weeks later:

“We’re busy with enrichment snack feedings at 1pm when the public comes in, which keeps the dogs busy and therefore showing better. [Two staff members] are clicker training and we have volunteers saying “yes” to the dogs for calm behavior and tossing in a piece of kibble to reward the dogs.”

Monmouth County SPCA's experience proves enrichment doesn’t have to be difficult, time-consuming, or expensive for it to have great results for shelter dogs and staff.
DIY Ideas For Enrichment

Get creative with these inexpensive items

**BUSY BUCKETS:** Fill an empty bucket or small pail with things to do, smell, and taste - even the dog's meal. Pack each item very tightly so that it will be challenging for the dog to remove them. Some ideas for bucket items: a stuffed Kong, a beef-broth soaked rag, a ball, a Nylabone, a water bottle or PVC pipe with a few treats, etc...

**BUSY BOXES:** Collect empty toilet paper rolls, cereal boxes, pasta boxes and other old boxes and layer them one inside the other. In between each box, place tasty treats and kibble. Some dogs really enjoy shredding items in their kennels. Busy boxes are a cheap and easy enrichment tool that your volunteers can create and your dogs can enjoy.

**ICE TREATS:** You can make these in large buckets or old milk jugs that have been cut in half, cups, ice cube trays, Dixie cups, or other containers. Choose a size that suits your dogs' needs. Depending on the size you choose, you can use this tool to feed an individual meal or even an entire day's food, so keep portions in mind.

**How to:** First, if you want the finished ice treat to hang from the side of the kennel, insert a chain or rope, leaving one end outside of the container. Place some kibble on the bottom. Add a ball or toy, treats, peanut butter, a rag soaked in broth, etc... Cover with water or broth and freeze until hard. Remove and let it defrost enough so that the ice block or cube can break free of the container. Distribute to shelter dogs!
EVERYDAY ENRICHMENT IDEAS

Shelter life is B-U-S-Y! We get it. It seems impossible to add another item to your daily to-do list. Take heart! Enrichment can be simple, fast, and inexpensive. Remember, even the smallest changes make a big difference.

Make the commitment to your dogs. Then reach out for support. You'll find volunteers who want to do hands-on work, donors who will purchase items from your wish lists, and foster homes who will give dogs a temporary break.

Here are some ideas for beginning an enrichment program that you can implement immediately:

• Instead of one large meal, feed two small ones a day.

• Use plastic bottles as treat dispensers for dogs to flip and chase around the kennel. Just add kibble and give them the bottle.

• Play classical music or the Through a Dog’s Ear cd. It's available for free to shelters. 🎵

• Reward quiet dogs with a quick bit of praise and a treat. Ignore loud, barky dogs.

• Collect used, or almost empty, peanut butter, cream cheese, or yogurt containers from staff and volunteers. Let the dogs lick them clean.

• Give each dog a Kuranda Bed, so they have a platform to perch on. Ask for donors to give beds to your dogs. 🌟

• Sprinkle a tiny amount of dry spices on bedding to give dogs a chance to sniff something interesting.
1. Make bottle flippers out of wood or use PVC piping for easy cleaning.
2. Hide treats in pieces of cut rubber floor mats or shag carpets and let dogs sniff out their lunch.
3. Stick an empty water bottle in a sock and tie it closed for a crunchy toy.
4. Roll treats up in strips of felt or old blankets, stuff them inside a hollow ball and let dogs tear them out one by one.
5. Drill holes in a section of PVC piping, fill with treats and cap off both ends for a cheap and simple puzzle game.
6. Cut old blankets into strips and braid them together.
7. Put a few treats inside each hole of a cupcake pan, top each hole with a tennis ball and let the dog lift up each ball to find what’s hiding underneath.
8. Cover a Nylabone with peanut butter for a simple but delicious enrichment tool!
9. Throw treats in a kiddie pool full of balls for dogs to find - this one is especially fun and adorable for puppies!
Let’s face it, no one wants to stay inside on a gorgeous sunny day, including the dogs in your care. Here are a few outdoor activities that will keep them physically and mentally engaged.

**Flirt Pole:** Switch up an everyday walk with a flirt pole. Attach a rope to a long stick or a thin pipe and then tie a toy to the rope. Flirt poles give your dog lots of exercise and teach impulse control, as well as basic manners.

**Agility:** Agility equipment, like tunnels, weave poles, and A-frames are great for play and exercise, plus they help build confidence.

**Pools and Sandboxes:** To dogs, swimming pools are for more than splashing around with their friends. Use them for fun games, like bobbing for tennis balls. You can fill pools with sand for dogs that dig and play fun stimulating games by hiding toys in the sand.

**Frisbee and Fetch:** If you have a dog with lots of energy, these games are a must. Short 5-10 minute games of frisbee or fetch burn off more energy than a 30-minute walk. They’re also great for teaching good behaviors, like "out."

**Bike Rides or Roller Blading:** These are great for both humans and dogs! They give both of you exercise and are a quick way to burn off energy for a dog.

Whatever activities you choose, make sure they are fun for the individual dog. Not all dogs are going to enjoy the same games. Remember to change up the activities you do every day to keep your dogs from getting bored. You always want them to be engaged.

OUTDOOR ENRICHMENT

Get your dogs out of the kennel and into the world
Housekeeping Tips
For Quiet Kennels

Click for Quiet

Constant barking is stressful for potential adopters, staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, dogs. A small shift in your everyday routine reduces the noise level to zero.

Before getting started with Click for Quiet in your kennels, make sure anyone who frequents the kennel area is equipped with a clicker and treats. Here’s how Click for Quiet works:

- If a dog is barking, walk past, and wait until the barking stops even if it’s only for a split second. Click, treat, and move on.
- If a dog barks persistently, don’t look at him. Instead, click and treat his quiet neighbors one time and move on.
- If a barking dog stops when he sees you, click and toss a treat. Wait a few beats, click and treat, again.
- Click persistent barkers for any of the following behaviors: looking away, lying down, or backing away from the gate.
- Remember to be patient. Habitual barkers may get worse at first. Eventually, they will recognize that silence is a new way to get attention.
- In traditionally noisy moments, such as mealtime, click quiet dogs before feeding. Feed barkers last, and only after a click.

Ask staff to click for quiet on an irregular basis. Unpredictable clicks and treats will maintain behavior strongly.

Learn how to create quiet kennels with the step by step guide: Click for Care by Karen Pryor

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Pro Tip

Cut treats into tiny pieces. Dogs are just as happy with a tiny crumb as they would be with a whole hot dog. In the beginning, most dogs will get lots of rewards and you don’t want to spoil their meals.

Blockers

Blockers are helpful for kennel reactive dogs. First, figure out what is causing the dog to react. Is it strangers walking by, doggie neighbors, a particular dog, etc...? Then place an object like a shower curtain, sheet, or piece of cardboard between the dog and the cause.

This should reduce reactive barking and keep your kennels quiet. If the blocker prevents the public’s view of the dog, put up a cute sign letting visitors know that this dog is working on his manners and to toss him a cookie when he is being quiet. Blockers should never be permanent. Use opportunities to work the dog, and eventually remove the barrier.
Co-Housing

According to the Association of Shelter Veterinarians’ Guidelines for Standards of Care, there are both risks and benefits to group housing. However, appropriately planned groups for housing or play can be acceptable, and may even be desirable, when tailored to individual animals.

With the correct planning, you can promote a more enriched and varied environment through group housing.

Proper group housing gives dogs opportunities for positive interactions with other animals. This includes play, companionship, physical connection, and socialization.

You want to make sure you plan your group housing carefully to minimize risk to the dogs and to staff.

You can find detailed information about proper group housing at the Center for Shelter Dogs’ website.

Alleviate boredom, stress, and increase happiness through social enrichment.
Mental stimulation is another tool to have in your back pocket.

We all know working on basic training like sit, stay, down, is great for behavior, but it's also great for a dog's mind. Plus, well-behaved dogs are bound to get out the door faster.

You can learn more about basic obedience training in our Basic Manners eBook.

Go beyond basic manners and try some fun tricks. Who doesn't want their dog to know how to jump through a hula hoop, backward, while carrying your bottle of water? Okay, maybe that's pushing it, but you get the idea!

Learning tricks is fun for dogs, and handlers. It creates excitement and gives dogs something new to focus on. And a major plus is that tricks catch the eye of potential adopters.

Don't forget about tracking and nose games. These really work a dog's brain. We've linked to some great videos full of ideas.

Remember, keep the sessions short, so dogs stay engaged and always end on a positive note!
You don't need to adopt a ton of new policies to give dogs the attention they need. Utilize what you have available. Lots of organizations rotate out dogs among various office spaces, but what about laundry rooms, break rooms, or front desks? Put a dog in areas frequented by staff and volunteers. Everyone will benefit from the extra company.

Shelters can be noisy and chaotic. Downtime away from the facility gives dogs a chance to relax. Encourage your volunteers to grab a dog and go for a hike, a picnic, visit pet-friendly shops, or just run errands. This little time away can make a big difference to a dog's well-being.

Remember, providing people time to the dogs in your care improves their quality of life and helps with social skills, which sends pets home faster.

PEOPLE TIME
THE EASIEST AND MOST REWARDING FORM OF ENRICHMENT

Shelter dogs spend a lot of time alone. Luckily, enrichment programs give them lots of things to do. But these things aren't a substitute for the individual attention they would receive in a home. While we all wish we could have foster sleepovers with each and every dog in our care, that is just not practical.

So let's talk about a few simple ways to get dogs the downtime they need while they wait for their new homes.

People time can mean more than going for a walk, a car ride, or, everyone's favorite "lay down next to me while I try to finish these adoption follow-up calls." These are all good, but as with all enrichment, it's best to switch it up to keep dogs engaged.
Playgroups increase the quality of life for many shelter dogs. Socialization can be one of the most valuable forms of enrichment. Most dogs enjoy being social, so playgroups keep them happy. It's also an effective way to exercise and enrich a lot of dogs at once. It frees up time because you don't always need to work with the dogs individually.

In addition, playgroups give staff and volunteers the chance to learn more about each dog's dog to dog social skills. This is an important piece of information that adopters want to know.

According to Aimee Sadler, founder of Dogs Playing for Life™, some benefits of group play include:

- Mental and physical energy burned through intense social interaction.
- Decreased territorial behavior within the shelter.
- Decreased on-leash reactivity to other dogs.
- Increased attention and focus in training.
- Staff’s time-resource maximized.

You can learn more about Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) and how to incorporate an innovative and life-saving play group program into your shelter at the DPFL website. There's also a free DPFL manual available to view and download.
**Frequently Asked Questions About Enrichment in Shelters**

**Will peanut butter, etc. upset the dogs’ stomachs?**

Dogs with allergies or sensitive stomachs might have loose stool if you give these treats in large amounts. Small amounts shouldn't affect the majority of dogs.

**Aren’t the plastic bottles and jars dangerous?**

Enthusiastic dogs will certainly crush, dent, and puncture the plastic material. Occasionally dogs will even ingest them, this is a risk you should assess as an organization but more often than not the ingested item will pass without issue.

Make sure any toys or feeding objects have an air hole to avoid tongues getting stuck. If in doubt, observe the dog before leaving him alone. Remove labels, plastic rings, and bottle caps.

**Still not sure if you can get an enrichment program started?**

**Won’t things like shredding lead to bad habits or behaviors?**

When a dog is getting enough enrichment, whether from shredding busy boxes or chewing on ice treats, they are less likely to do destructive behaviors like shred someone’s favorite pair of shoes.

**Aren’t enrichment programs expensive?**

They don't have to be! You can create toys from common household items. There are programs from companies like Kong and Nylabone where you can purchase new toys at a discount. Ask your donors for gifts of enrichment items. They'll love to support programs that enhance the quality of life for shelter dogs.

**Pro Tip:** Take photos of your dogs enjoying the donated toys, so the public can see how much you value their support.

**Aren’t enrichment programs time consuming?**

If you're short on time, volunteers are perfect helpers. Young or old, anyone can stuff or clean Kongs, braid rope toys, and "click for quiet". You will also find that enrichment programs will save time in the long run.

**Won’t dog toys spread diseases among the dogs?**

If this is a concern at your shelter or if there is no reliable way to sterilize the toys (such as a diluted bleach solution and rinse, or in a dishwasher or washing machine), try using one-time only toys. These can include closed cardboard boxes or plastic bottles filled with treats.

**What if we’re not allowed to give the dogs toys?**

Remember that enrichment includes music, scents, clicker training, walks, and meals.

**Frequently Asked Questions About Enrichment in Shelters**

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I’ve had the opportunity to travel to dozens of shelters around the country, and one of the most consistently troubling things I see is the common practice of severely restricting and prohibiting enrichment items, like toys and treats, in kennels. But, I think it’s time to loosen the reins on what we allow shelter dogs to have in their kennels.

Enrichment plays a critical role in lifesaving. It keeps dogs relaxed while they wait for their new homes, reducing kennel stress and associated behaviors that can become barriers to adoption in some shelters.

Most shelters know this, but some of them still aren’t embracing kennel enrichment.

This is because there’s a lot of fear about giving toys and objects to dogs. Shelters often cite diarrhea, ingested objects, and messes created by destroyed objects, as reasons not to provide kennel enrichment.

When I started working at Austin Animal Center about two years ago, dogs were only allowed to have pure liver treats and nothing else. This cost us about $15,000 per year and meant that life was awfully boring for our dogs.

Having seen the incredible impact enrichment has in other shelters, we scrapped this rule. We immediately provided comprehensive, in-kennel enrichment to all of our dogs. This included Nylabones, treats of all kinds, stuffed Kongs, puzzle toys, antlers, raw beef bones, pig ears, cardboard treat-filled boxes, stuffed animals, tennis balls, bully sticks and more.
Keeping Enrichment random keeps the dogs guessing

We often have 300 or more dogs at Austin Animal Center and they only spend a few minutes each day outside of their kennel. We’re committed to making life as fun as possible for them while they’re in their kennels.

We have a daily kennel enrichment schedule to make sure we rotate the items to keep things exciting. We have treat bins to the front of all our kennels to encourage visitors to give dogs treats when they’re sitting quietly.

Since we started this program 18 months ago, we’ve seen a huge change in our dogs, staff, and volunteers. They are all so much happier!

BE CREATIVE, DONT BE AFRAID TO TRY OUT NEW IDEAS.

That change has generated a ton of creativity. Our staff and volunteers keep coming up with new ideas for kennel enrichment. Not only that, we’ve found so many ways to recycle items we would otherwise discard. Today, we use egg cartons, cardboard boxes and other throwaway items as hiding places for toys and treats for dogs.

At Christmas, we filled boxes with enrichment items, wrapped them in paper and let volunteers hand out ‘presents’ to every dog. We had more than 200 people join us in making Christmas morning special for our dogs.
WE GET LOTS OF QUESTIONS FROM OTHER SHELTERS ABOUT HOW WE DID IT, SO HERE ARE A COUPLE OF FAQS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED PROVIDING ENRICHMENT IN YOUR SHELTER OR RESCUE:

**Is it safe?**

Each organization has its own comfort level for what they feel they can safely give to their dogs. For example, we have certain guidelines about food and treats. We do not use treats made in China because there have been instances of them making dogs sick. We primarily use the high-quality donated food from our treat bins. Because the dogs are consuming small amounts of treats, we don't see a big increase in diarrhea or sickness. We love bully sticks, training treats, hot dogs, as well as boiled chicken and grain free treats for dogs with sensitive stomachs.

When we started allowing some dogs to have stuffed toys in kennels, our staff was worried they would cause an increase in dogs ingesting objects and needing surgery. Just like everything else we do, we consider each dog individually.

Some dogs find great comfort in snuggling next to a stuffed toy and for those dogs, stuffed toys are a key part of enrichment. Others just want to destroy soft toys, so for those dogs, we go with tougher items that can take wear and tear.

Overall, we've found our program to be extremely safe. Our dogs start off their mornings with walks or play groups, then eat breakfast, then have fun enrichment items delivered to their kennels in the afternoons. Our ultimate goal is to make the shelter like a summer camp, where dogs come to make new friends, learn some skills, play a lot and eventually go home with their new families!

**Doesn't it cost a lot of money?**

Quite the contrary! Our enrichment program is basically free. Everything is either donated through our Amazon wish list or donated by volunteer groups or community members. One of the best-kept secrets in animal welfare is that people love to donate toys and treats to shelter animals. It's one of the easiest things to get if you just put the word out. We have a donation bin out front which gets completely filled with toys, treats, and dog food.

We select from those donations and choose high-quality food and treats for our treat bins. This program costs us almost nothing and we get tens of thousands of donated items every year. Check out the Kong Cares program to learn how your shelter can receive imperfect Kongs for a reduced price and even get free Kongs!
Who cleans up the mess?

Once you get used to giving daily enrichment, removing items and cleaning them becomes part of the routine, just like cleaning food bowls. It’s much easier and faster than you might think. We’ve found volunteers are happy to assist with cleaning enrichment toys.

As far as preparing and distributing items, this is one of the easiest volunteer jobs and can be done by one-time groups, kids, teens and families. Consider allowing the public come to do an enrichment event and you’ll be amazed at how many people show up!

How do we get started?

Start by asking your community to donate treats, Nylabones and anything else you want to give your dogs. Come up with a schedule and hold a staff and volunteer meeting to talk about why you’re doing the program.

If you want to freeze enrichment items, you’ll need a freezer of some kind. We suggest animal shelters reach out to staff, volunteers, and to the public via social media to ask if anyone has a freezer they’re willing to donate. If not, you can easily raise money to purchase a freezer by using a crowdfunding app like gofundme.

Kennel enrichment programs are on their way to becoming a standard of care for all sheltered pets. Whether you want to start a full enrichment program or simply add a couple of new things to your existing enrichment regimen, the message is simple: Shelter dogs spend the vast majority of their time sitting in their kennels. Enrichment is an easy, cheap way to keep our dogs happy, healthy and ready to meet their new families.
OTHER RESOURCES

FOR ENRICHMENT

Dogs Playing for Life:
http://dogsplayingforlife.com/

Create an Amazon Wish List:
https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=501088

AFF Enrichment Videos:
https://vimeo.com/album/4518947

Shelter Medicine Enrichment Resources:
http://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/shelter-services/tools-tips-fact-sheets/shelter-enrichment-resources/

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