



Animal Shelter Project

Cause: Animal rescue shelters rely on donations to keep their organizations running smoothly. To defray the shelter's food costs and enliven animals' spirits, bake and deliver dog treats to local shelters. (This would be an excellent project to get kids involved.)

Step 1: Select the animal shelter to receive your homemade dog biscuits.

Step 2: Select your dog biscuit recipe. Options exist on the Internet or in cookbooks. We recommend the recipe below!

Doggie Delectable Cheddar Cheese & Garlic Biscuit Recipe

1 cup flour
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon garlic powder (not garlic salt)
1 tablespoon soft butter or margarine
½ cup milk
Yields 2 ½ dozen using a 3" x 1" cutter (consider doubling the recipe if you're using larger cookie cutters)

Mix flour and cheese together. Add garlic powder and softened butter. Slowly add milk until you form stiff dough. You may not need all of the milk. Knead on floured board for a few minutes. Roll out to ½-inch thickness. Cut into shapes and place on ungreased cookies sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Let cool completely before packaging. Refrigerate to keep fresh.

Step 3: Mixing and Baking the Biscuits (if kids aren't involved in your project, you may eliminate many of the following steps)

- Before the event, place measured ingredients in separate bowls and take out all utensils and equipment.

- Step 3:** cont.
- Assemble kids to discuss the need for animal shelters and the community service activity. Have kids share their personal experiences and thoughts.
 - Time to bake! Have each kid add an ingredient to the bowl and take a turn mixing. (Double the recipe for larger groups.)
 - Give each kid a batch of dough to roll out on a floured work surface.
 - Give each kid a cookie cutter, or have each pick one out of a bag to avoid demands for the same one! (Dog or holiday-themed cutters are fun, but you can use a drinking glass for a cookie cutter if you don't want to purchase special ones.) Use smaller cookie cutters for more biscuits. Have kids cut out their cookies and place them on the baking sheets.
 - Thinner biscuits bake more quickly, so check on them while they're in the oven.
 - Have kids wash and dry their hands and clean off their work area.
 - While biscuits are baking, set out a snack. Give each child a brown paper bag to decorate. Explain that the biscuits will be delivered in these bags. Kids can jazz up the bags with drawings or positive messages using markers, crayons, cut-out floppy ears, or any other supplies.
 - Consider making or purchasing gift tags and attaching them to the dog biscuit bags.

Step 4: Take photos from beginning to end.

Step 5: Post Event
Contact the shelter to schedule drop-off. Invite interested kids to go with you.

Step 6: Don't forget to report your project on your chapter online report. Volunteer hours should include travel time to the animal shelter, time purchasing the supplies, and making the dog treats and bags.

Note: Other community service projects you can do in conjunction with the above are:

- Organizing a supply drive to collect things from an animal shelter's wish list.
- Host a group craft-making project to make blankets or toys for animals.
- Walk or play with the animals when you drop off your doggie treats.
- Schedule a tour of the animal shelter facility at the time you drop off your doggie treats.