



Calling All Pipers...

The time has come to start to plan for our next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023. For the month of February, we will be using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to help the animals at the Animal Adoption Center in Lindenwold, NJ.

The mission of the Animal Adoption Center is to provide temporary shelter and medical care for rescued cats and dogs for the purpose of finding them suitable and permanent new homes. AAC educates the community regarding the importance of spay/neuter programs, and promote thoughtful and healthy relationships between pet owners and their animals, in part by providing adopted cats and dogs with lifetime support.

Their vision is to:

- ...house and care for rescued and unwanted companion animals in a no-kill environment;
- ...shelter, nurture, and support rescued animals until they find their permanent homes;
- ...provide necessary care with compassion;
- ...humanely end the suffering of an animal if it is irrecoverably ill, injured, or incapacitated;
- ...provide spay/neuter services as needed for rescued animals entering the shelter;
- ...educate the community regarding the humane care and handling of companion animals;
- ...be thoughtful and supportive with our animals, our community, our peers, and each other.

Pipers will be making DIY toys for the dogs and cats at the shelter. Each piper is being asked to bring in strips of material that will be made into chew toys for dogs, and string “teasers” for cats.

To save on the small amount of time that we have during our Pipers meeting, we are asking each Piper to **bring in fabric already cut into strips that are 20 inches long and 2 inches wide.** The fabric strips can come from cleaned, gently used t-shirts, flannels, or other cotton material. The more strips we have, the more toys we can make.

Along with fabric strips, the Animal Adoption Center is in need of the following items and greatly appreciates any help and support that you can give:

- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Vinyl Gloves
- Dry Cat Food
- Wet Dog Food
- Large Pump Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- Clumping Cat Litter (*much needed*)
- *Grain-Free* Cat/Dog Food
- Gently used towels and blankets

(Please ask your friends and neighbors, as well, for any items that they may have that would benefit the Center.)

Remember, you cannot attend the meeting unless the permission slip is signed and returned to school by, Thursday, February 9th. **The meeting will end promptly at 4:00.** We look forward to seeing you there.

My child _____ has permission to attend the February Pipers meeting. I understand that pick-up time is at 4:00 **SHARP**. **Please be sure to sign out your child in the sign-out book. Thank you.**

Parents Signature

_____ will be signing out/picking up my child.