Want to help cats and dogs at the Austin Humane Society? Become a humane hero! This kit will show you how to make a difference for animals in our city.
who is the Austin Humane Society?

our mission

The Austin Humane Society is Austin’s longest running no-kill shelter. AHS has been around since 1952! We save Austin’s homeless cats and dogs in lots of ways, like helping them get adopted by forever families and teaching people how to be good pet owners.

who we serve

Over 11,000 cats and dogs are helped by the Austin Humane Society each year. Now that’s a lot of animals! The AHS team works with lots of people in Austin (kids too!) to make this happen.

who can be a humane hero?

Humane Heroes are kids under 14 who help cats and dogs at the Austin Humane Society. To become a Humane Hero, you can learn about AHS and tell your friends and family about us, you can do a project for our animals, or you can collect donations that will help the shelter. This packet will help get you started!

midnight & scout
There are 72 million pet cats in the U.S.

A cat’s short term memory can last up to 16 hours.

Dogs dream like humans do.

The smallest dog breed is the Chihuahua.

Humans sweat everywhere, but dogs only sweat through the bottom of their feet.

There are over 400 million dogs in the world.

Dogs can understand up to 250 words and gestures.

Cats sleep 16–18 hours per day.

A group of kittens is called a kindle.

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Q: What do you do at AHS?
A: I am the shelter’s veterinarian. I keep the animals healthy until they can find their forever homes.

Q: What’s your favorite part of the job?
A: My favorite part of the job is seeing an animal that was down on its luck, come in, get the help it needs and then find its forever home. Oh and kitten snuggles, of course!

Q: Why did you become a vet?
A: I became a vet because of a strong natural bond that I have with animals. I wanted to be able to help prevent suffering in the sweet fur beasts.

Q: What did you want to be when you were a kid?
A: A veterinarian, truck driver and/or rock star! I have accomplished 2 of these in my lifetime! Follow your dreams!

Q: What’s the hardest part of your job?
A: The hardest part of my job is when I am not able to help an animal.

Q: What’s your advice for kids that want to become a veterinarian?
A: Pay attention in your science classes and make good grades. Volunteer with animals, either at shelter or veterinary clinic, as soon as you are old enough. This way you can get a feel for what veterinary work involves and whether you think it is something you can see yourself doing for the rest of your life.

Q: What’s your favorite animal?
A: All of them, but if I had to pick my two favorite families of animals they would be Felidae and Equidae (have your parents help you look these up)!
how you can help

You and your friends can host a donation drive for AHS!

Here is a list of items our dogs and cats need to stay happy and healthy:

- 21 Century Kitten Milk Replacer
- Blankets
- Canned kitten food
- Cat toys
- Dry kitten food (Royal Canin “Baby Cat”)
- Kitten bottle kits
- Litter scoops
- Meat flavored baby food (chicken, turkey, etc.)
- Rawhide chips
- Sheets (flat only)
- Small cat beds
- Small electric heating pads without timer
- Small kitten food bowls - (8 oz.)
- Small litter boxes - stainless steel preferred
- Small two-sided cat bowls
- Snuggle Safe warmers
- Top loading pet carriers
- Towels
- Wet cat food of any type (pate style)
- Wet dog food

Here are some ideas:

- Host a lemonade stand and donate the money you raise to AHS.
- For your birthday, ask your friends and family to donate money or items for the shelter instead of gifts.
- Ask your teacher if your class can do a fundraiser for the Austin Humane Society.
- Get creative! Explore your own ideas to raise money for the shelter.

All donations can be brought to the Austin Humane Society at 124 W. Anderson Lane.

Thank you for being a Humane Hero!
**diy cat enrichment**

**paper roll ball & fringe toy**

- Cut strips of paper towel or toilet paper rolls and make a ball.
- Cut fringe into the end of toilet paper rolls.

**toilet paper roll treat dispenser**

- Put treats in toilet paper roll, and stuff both ends with wads of newspaper.

**pipe cleaner springs**

- Twist pipe cleaners to make a cat spring toy.
diy dog enrichment

tennis ball treat dispenser

• Cut tennis ball open, fill with treats.

rope toys

• Cut strips of old t-shirts or fabric and braid with knots at each end to make a dog rope toy.

tennis ball socks

• Place a tennis ball in a long sock and tie a knot to keep the tennis ball in the sock.
meet midnight and scout

Name: Midnight
Age: 4-years-old
Breed: Bombay

Hero Power: She may be a cat, but Midnight is quiet as a mouse. Her ability to blend in helps her see all sides of any situation.

Favorites: Midnight loves to watch the world from afar. While she’s more on the quiet side, bring out a toy and she can’t resist a good game!

Along with her parents and many siblings, Midnight called the streets of Austin her home for years. Then, an AHS trapper brought them all into the shelter through the Trap-Neuter-Return program. Now, Midnight spends her time educating the littlest animal-lovers about community cats. She’s especially busy during kitten season—she LOVES bottle babies!

Name: Scout
Age: 2-years-old
Breed: Hound Mix

Hero Power: Scout’s super sniffer helps him scout out animals in need.

Favorites: Scout loves long walks, luxurious pets from his human friends, and savory treats—he knows countless tricks!

He may be young, but Scout is already making an impact. As a Humane Hero, his mission is to save animals in need. Thanks to his super senses, he’s able to find the animals who need help and lend a hand to save the day. Early on, his parents shared the importance of a humane world. Now Scout spends his days—and sometimes his nights—working to inspire young animal-lovers everywhere to sniff out justice and equality for animals, no matter their species!
humane heroes: midnight coloring sheet

humane heroes

midnight
adopt me bandana craft

what to do:

1. Send an e-mail requesting the Austin Humane Society ‘Adopt Me’ logo to education@austinhumanesociety.org.
2. Print the logo onto iron-on paper and iron it onto a bandana.
3. Decorate the bandana.
4. Bring the bandana to AHS. Our adoptable dogs will wear these when they go on outings.

thank you for helping AHS dogs find their furrever homes!
want a behind the scenes look at AHS?

Groups are invited to join AHS for a peek into what it takes to run our shelter and care for thousands of animals each year. Throughout the shelter tour, groups will get a behind-the-scenes look at AHS as well as meet some furry friends along the way. Ask a parent, guardian, teacher, or troop leader to send a tour request to education@austinhumanesociety.org.

We look forward to your visit!

* Tours are for groups of 8–20 kids, and take up to one hour. At least two adult chaperons are required to attend.