



Enrichment Instructions: Cat Food Puzzles

Why? Cats are born with the skills and intelligence to stalk and kill prey. Removing food from a puzzle engages the critical thinking skills of a predator, helping the cat to burn energy while in the shelter. A mentally stimulated cat is a happy cat, and a happy cat is a highly adoptable cat! Disposable cardboard (or dishwasher-able plastic) toys help prevent the spread of disease.

What next? Drop off your completed enrichment items at Pets in Need at 871 5th Avenue, Redwood City during visitor hours: 12:00–5:00 PM M–F and 11:00AM–5:00PM Sat/Sun.

Cat Batter

Materials: toilet paper or paper towel roll, scissors



- If using a paper towel roll, cut into two or three toilet-paper sized rolls.
- Cut a fringe. Decorate as desired.

Cat Treat Fisher



Materials: pint-size clear plastic container, scissors, bell or other small and noisy cat toy

- Cut circular holes approx. 1-inch diameter in the lid.
- Insert the bell or other small cat toy into the container.
- If dishwasher safe, the fisher can be reused.

At PIN, cat volunteers will load with treats.

Cat Treat Fisher Deluxe



Materials: pint-size clear plastic container, scissors, hot glue, paper towel rolls, cardboard

- Cut the cardboard into a 18" by 9" base.
- Cut paper rolls into 2" pieces.
- Hot-glue paper rolls to the cardboard base as shown.
- Hot-glue 1-2 Cat Treat Fishers to the cardboard base.

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Enrichment Instructions: Cat Hiding Box

Why? As a species, cats are inclined to search for tight spaces where they can curl up and feel safe. Giving each cat its own disposable hiding box allows us to help each animal feel more comfortable in a way that helps prevent the spread of disease. Research shows that having a hiding box doesn't hurt a cat's chances of being adopted—so sharpen your scissors!

Materials: *cardboard box, wrapping paper (optional), scissors, packing tape, markers*

- Cardboard box dimensions: Ideal width is 18", ideal depth is 9", maximum height is 12"
- **NOTE:** Pets in Need can provide correctly sized cardboard boxes for pickup.

How-To:

- Decorate the box. Be creative!
- Cut a small entry hole.
- Cut a few "windows."
- Remove any loose edges to prevent fraying.
- Drop off your completed enrichment items at Pets in Need at 871 5th Avenue, Redwood City during visitor hours: 12:00–5:00 PM M–F and 11:00AM–5:00PM Sat/Sun.

Some ideas:



A big thank you from all of us at Pets in Need!