



## 2022 WRAP UP



1,859  
pets were  
adopted from  
Connecticut  
Humane Society  
in 2022.

## GETTING INVOLVED

Looking to help pets in your community? Supply drives are a great way to support pets at shelters. Collecting food, toys, bedding, and cleaning supplies for local shelters and rescues keeps pets happy, healthy and comfortable. Start yours today!



THANK YOU,  
STRONG ELEMENTARY!

For a full list of items you can donate, visit:  
[CThumane.org/WishList](https://CThumane.org/WishList)

## PET LOVERS CLUB

Want to meet other kids from Connecticut who love pets just like you? Pet Lovers Club is an after-school program that meets on Zoom with the CHS Outreach Team. This program is tailored to the group's specific interests and is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of pets.



The club combines topics from CHS' pet programs and expands that information to further dive into your passion for pets. Register\* today to join the first session on Tuesday, February 14.



\*Fee associated with this program



Register here: [CThumane.org/PLCSignup](https://CThumane.org/PLCSignup)

## PETS AND THEIR TEETH

Did you know pets should have their teeth brushed too? It is important to care for your own teeth, but as a pet owner you are also responsible for your pet's teeth! The most common way to care for your pet's teeth is with regular brushing. Using a specially made pet toothbrush and pet flavored toothpaste, like beef or tuna, will help keep their teeth clean. Always have an adult help when brushing your pet's teeth. Dental chews are another great way to help care for pet's teeth in between regular brushing. And don't forget about your rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters: they need to keep their teeth healthy too! Providing them with a proper diet of Timothy hay and veggies will go a long way in caring for their teeth. Plus, their teeth are always growing (unlike cats, dogs and people) so providing them with things to chew on is important. Make sure to give these pets plenty of safe items to chew like wooden toys, dried apple sticks and other items designed to keep their teeth short and healthy.



# BIRDS AS PETS

Bringing home a new feathered friend can be really exciting. But they have different needs than small fluffy pets. Follow these tips so you and your new bird can have a positive experience right away!

- 1 Create a safe space with lots of room for them to fly and get exercise.
- 2 Birds have sensitive respiratory systems. Be careful of scented products like paints, markers, candles and cleaning supplies.



- 3 Along with seeds, fresh fruits and veggies can be great treats for your new bird.
- 4 Ever hear the phrase "early bird catches the worm"? Be prepared to hear early morning chirping.
- 5 Shiny and sparkly objects can catch a bird's attention. Remove any jewelry prior to holding your new feathered friend.
- 6 When taking your bird out of their enclosure make sure there aren't any open windows or doors near by to escape through.
- 7 Not all veterinarians will see birds. Research veterinary offices before welcoming home your new friend.



Looking for more information? Visit: [CThumane.org/PetCareTips](http://CThumane.org/PetCareTips)

# CRAFT CORNER

Help your pet beat the winter blues with a new snuffle mat! Dogs, cats, rabbits and even guinea pigs will enjoy this colorful craft.

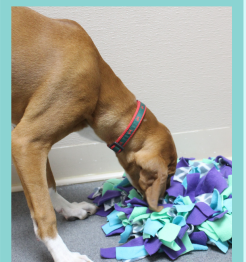
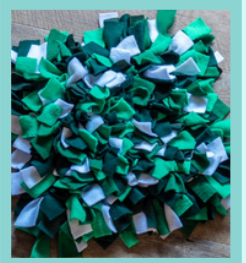
## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- \* 1.5 yards\* of fleece fabric (two different colors is ideal)
- \* Sharp scissors
- \* Yard stick or ruler
- \* A rubber mat with holes (approx. 1' x 1')

\*More or less fleece may be needed depending on size of your rubber mat.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut fleece into strips that measure 1.5"-2" wide and 5"-8" long. You will need approximately 150 strips for a 1' x 1' mat.
2. Pick one color of fleece and double knot the strips through each hole in the mat. Continue until each hole has a fleece strip tied to it.
3. Flip over the mat. With the second color of fleece, continue to double knot the strips through each hole; this time in the opposite direction
4. Push the strips through to the front side of the mat so the ends stick up.
5. Use the mat to hide your pet's food or special treats, and then allow your pet to snuffle around to find their treats!



# TRIVIA



What do you call a baby hamster?

# ACTIVITY

Name the cat below.  
Write the new name on the ID tag. Then, color the tag and the pet.

