



## KIDS IN THE NEWS

Students at one Connecticut school have made it their mission to help pets who are looking to find loving homes. Through their "Pet of the Week" segment, students share pets from the CT Humane Society who are available for adoption along with important information that future adopters should know. If you would like to keep up with their pet of the week keep an eye on CHS' social media each week for the most recent segment!

Previous Pet of the Week



Louie

## GROW A GARDEN

Creating a small herb garden can be a fun way to learn a new skill while also making sure you have healthy treats available for the rabbits and guinea pigs in your life. Basil, cilantro and parsley are just some of the many safe herbs these small pets can snack on. Always do your research before feeding your pets something new.

Step-by-step guide to gardening

1. Add soil to a planter (about halfway full)
2. Use your finger to make a small hole in the soil
3. Add a few seeds in the center
4. Cover the seeds with soil
5. Add enough water to to allow the soil to be damp to the touch
6. Leave the planter in a space that receives lots of sun
7. Add a little water each day, or when the soil becomes dry



Mint, lemon balm and dill are also tasty treats!



## HELPING HANDS



Hosting a pet food drive is just one of many ways you can help pets in your community. To get started, visit: [CThumane.org/petfooddrive](http://CThumane.org/petfooddrive)



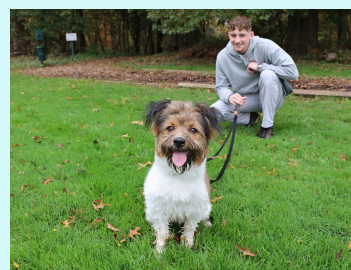
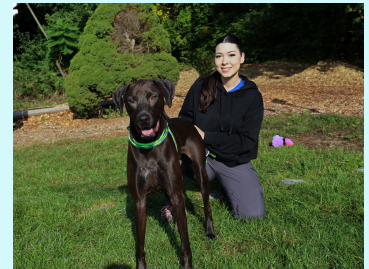
## JOKE OF THE DAY



What is a rabbit's favorite dance style?

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT: ANIMAL CARE

From veterinarians, to animal control officers, to dog walkers and pet sitters, there are many different jobs that work with animals. At Connecticut Humane Society, the animal care team focuses on the health and well-being of all the pets in CHS' care. Animal Care Technicians are on site everyday to ensure all the pets receive the care they need to stay happy and healthy. They make sure each pet has fresh food and water, clean enclosures, playtime and lots of love. They work as a team with other CHS staff like veterinarians, behavior coordinators and volunteers to ensure every pet has their individual needs met while they await adoption.

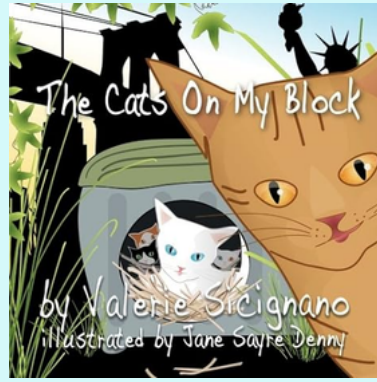


# WRITE A SHORT STORY

What do you imagine your pet is thinking about during the day? Write a short story from your pet's point of view. If you don't have a pet at home, pick your favorite animal or write from the perspective of a CHS pet. When you're done, share your story with the Outreach Team by emailing it to Outreach@CThumane.org!



# PAWS AND PAGES



## FEATURED STORY The Cats On My Block



by Valerie Sicignano

# RAT-TASTIC PETS

When you think of bringing home a pet, a rat may not be the first animal who comes to mind. Here are a few reasons why you should reconsider:

1. Rats are very social creatures. They like to be with other rats as well as their humans.
2. They are extremely smart and can learn tricks like fetch.
3. Rats are very clean animals. They spend lots of time grooming themselves and even keeping their enclosures tidy.
4. Playtime with toys easily keeps them entertained.
5. Their compact size allows them to take up less space than a larger pet.



## Relax with your pet and read a book!

Practice your skills by reading out loud to your pets. Find a cozy spot with your pet and settle down with your book. They will enjoy spending time with you and listening to the story. If you don't have a pet, practice reading out loud to your favorite stuffed animal.

Visit your local library to find this story and others all about pets!



Do you have a favorite pet-themed book? Tell us what it is: Outreach@CThumane.org

# TRIVIA



What is a group of newborn puppies called?

# ACTIVITY

Directions: Unscramble the words to find out what tasty treats guinea pigs like to snack on. Then help the guinea pig find his way through the maze so he can enjoy those tasty treats. Hint: One of the words was mentioned in "Grow a Garden".

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