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Hugs for Homeless Animals

a 501c3 nonprofit charity dedicated to homeless and displaced animals

THE SNUGGLES PROJECT

The Snuggles Project is a very important project for Hugs for Homeless Animals. Our dedication to homeless animals combined with the caring and giving attitude of so many have made this project an incredible success.

Snuggles are security blankets for shelter animals.

They provide physical and psychological comfort to the animals awaiting new homes.

In most instances the animals are kept in areas with stainless steel braces or hard plastic flooring. It is our goal that each animal would get a Snuggle to cuddle up with to feel comfort as well as a bit of security during their stay. The Snuggles would allow them to have a little reprieve from the coldness of the cage they are kept in.

Do you love to crochet or knit or quilt or sew? If so, I would like to tell you about our Snuggles project. My name is Rae French and I am the founder and president of Hugs for Homeless Animals. I love animals and it breaks my heart when I see them suffering in any way ... and lack of respect and absence of love is absolute abuse in my mind.

For years I had been feeding any stray cat who came to my house for food and comfort. These cats were homeless, abandoned by their owners, or born feral. And as I knew that one day I may have to take them to the humane society in hopes of finding them a new home, my heart aches when I picture them waiting in their hard cold cells. It is this heartache that helped me create the Snuggles Project in 1996.

I am so very happy that it has become as popular as it has. My heart is overjoyed each time someone donates a Snuggle to a homeless animal. I hope that after you read this, you will want to help too.

MAKING SNUGGLES DONATIONS

We are asking you to donate a little of your time and leftover scraps of yarn or fabric to make Snuggles for your local animal shelters. Crochet, knit, quilt or sew cloth blankets in the following guideline sizes:

- 14" x 14" for cats and small animals
- 24" x 24" for cats and small to medium dogs
- 36" x 36" for medium to large dogs



These sizes are just guidelines. The actual Snuggles don't have to be exact. They could be made out of acrylic yarn or cotton in any pattern or color that you choose. The ends should be double-knotted and fastened off long and woven through the work to prevent unraveling from washing and wear. Make them thick for comfort and warmth.

Many of our participating animal shelters and rescue groups also accept donations of blankets and towels. All blankets and towels should be cleaned before sending.

If you prefer, you can send Snuggles to our headquarters at the address below. You may also send yarn to our headquarters and we will distribute it to Snuggle groups, such as senior centers, nursing homes and

schools who wish to help with the project but do not have the funds to buy yarn. Do not send yarn to your local shelters unless they have specifically requested it. Very few have the volunteers or the resources to convert it to Snuggles.

Mutual Benefits

The Snuggles Project is a very good project for the elderly as it gives them worthwhile work that they can do to keep them active. It is a very good project for kids and people learning how to crochet, knit or quilt because the Snuggles don't have to be perfect. The animals love them any way they can get them. All that is required is that they be *made with love*.



How to Make a Snuggles Donation to a Local Shelter

Snuggles may be donated directly to any of the participating shelters listed in our **Worldwide Shelter Directory** which is located on our website at www.h4ha.org/shelters/. The participating shelters are marked with a Snuggle Kitten icon.

You can feel confident donating directly to the participating shelters as they have specifically requested to receive Snuggles and understand how they should be used. If your local shelter is not listed, please let us know by either filling out the online Add a Listing form or by sending us a note including the shelter's name, address, telephone, fax, as well as email or website, if available.

You will find within this information packet a Snuggles Donation Form to be used whenever donating directly to

any local shelter. You can get more copies from our website.

Donating to shelters without a Snuggle Kitten icon

Before delivering to them, ask them if they accept Snuggles security blankets for the animals. There are still many shelters who do not know about the Snuggles Project or do not have the facility to wash them. The key question to ask your shelter is if they use towels and blankets in their cages and kennels. If they answer "yes" then more than likely they will want to receive Snuggles for their animals.

Reporting your Snuggles Donation

Whenever you donate Snuggles to your local shelter, please make a copy of the **Snuggles Donation Form** and send it to us so that we are able to keep track of the work that we are able to accomplish. For your convenience, you may report your donation on our website. These reports help us keep our records accurate. This is important so that we can continue to help the animals. Donation reports receive a tax-deductible receipt by email. If you require a return receipt by regular mail please include a SASE.

SNUGGLE PATTERNS

"Quick and Easy" Crochet Snuggle

This is an easy pattern that even the most novice crocheter can make. It is a great teaching pattern for beginners as well as a good exercise pattern for the elderly with hand/arm disabilities.

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, size M (13) hook.

DIRECTIONS: With 2 strands, chain to desired width (add 1 for turning chain).

Row 1 (right side): Ch in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch st across, ch1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each st across, ch1, turn.

Repeat Row 2 for pattern until desired size. Finish off.

If you like, you can work a border around the snuggle to give it personality and to stop the piece from curling. *For best results, leave ends long and weave through the work using a tapestry needle; or weave through as you crochet.*

"Seed Stitch" Knit Snuggle

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, size 10 knitting needles

DIRECTIONS: With 2 strands, cast on a multiple of 2 sts + 1 + 2 edge sts.

Row 1 (right side): K1 (edge st), K1, P1*, repeat from * to * ending with K1 and K1 (edge st).

Row 2: Exactly in the same manner as Row 1.

Repeat Row 1 and Row 2 until desired size. Fasten off. Weave in ends. *For best results, leave ends long and weave through the work using a tapestry needle; or weave through as your knit.*

Quilted or Sewn Snuggle

Quilt Snuggles must be able to survive multiple machine washings. Use cotton or any washable material. Machine quilt rather than hand quilt or tie.



Use layers of material (such as flannel or terry cloth) for filling. Polyester or cotton batting is not recommended as the batting is easily torn out by a hyperactive animal. Most shelters will not accept Snuggles filled with batting as it is too messy and may cause health problems for the animals if the animal should get at the batting. But we have found a nice way around this: double stitch the hems and stitch over the snuggle with a cross-hatch or other pattern. This will hold the snuggle together and the shelters will accept these without a problem.

These quilt Snuggles don't have to be complex pieces of work. There is no need to go out and get expensive quilting fabrics. Polar fleece, cotton flannels and terry cloth work wonderfully and wear very well. Even old clothes can be converted into Snuggles this way.

More Snuggles Patterns

<http://www.snugglesproject.org>

H4HA MISSION STATEMENT

As an advocate for companion animals, our mission is:

- ♦ to provide comfort to those animals who are awaiting placement into good homes
- ♦ to work with animal caring organizations to assist in increasing the availability of good permanent homes
- ♦ to address the middle ground issue of temporary housing and health care for animals
- ♦ to educate the public in proper care and ownership
- ♦ to provide outreach programs to bridge the public and animal caring organizations
- ♦ to provide resources and support programs for animal caring organizations to strengthen their animal care programs

Please Make a Monetary Donation

Monetary donations would be greatly welcomed in any amount to help pay our overhead costs and advance our programs, such as the Snuggles Project, our adoption program, our lost and found pet program, etc. We provide many programs to help the animals directly or through our animal caring network. Please make a monetary donation to *Hugs for Homeless Animals* today. Our need is great. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Hugs for Homeless Animals

PO Box 320245

Franklin, WI 53132-6031

Check out Hugs for Homeless Animals at

<http://www.h4ha.org>

- Worldwide Pet Adoption Service
- Worldwide Lost and Found Pets
- Worldwide Shelter Directory
- Worldwide Veterinary Directory
- And lots more.

**"All I want is a Snuggle ...
and a place to call home."**

Please make duplicate copies of this page to reuse. Complete and give to shelter with your Snuggles donation. Mail or fax a copy to us. You may also submit your report on our website. Thank you for your support.

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and a place to call home."*



Snuggles Donation Form

Dear Shelter:

Please accept this donation of _____ [insert number and size *] Snuggles which are donated to you by the Donor listed below as part of the Snuggles Project. The Snuggles Project is an exclusive project of Hugs for Homeless Animals, a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to homeless and displaced animals. Through our work with the Snuggles Project we have been able to make shelter animals more comfortable by our donations of security blankets for them to snuggle into. If you would like more information about the work that we do, please write to us or visit our website. **You can further our efforts if you would please complete the form below and return it to Hugs for Homeless Animals so that we can keep track of the work that we are able to accomplish with this program.**

Shelter	Donor
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
Telephone: _____	
Manager: _____	Phone: _____
Date: _____	Email: _____ _____

Shelter, are you online?

(please print clearly)

Email: _____
Website: _____

* Size guidelines: **Small** = between 12x12 - 20x20; **Medium** = between 20x20 - 32x32; **Large** = 32x32 and up.

By completing this form, you will make sure that your shelter is listed correctly in our Worldwide Shelter Directory and receives a Snuggle Kitten icon to indicate your participation in the Snuggles Project. We will send the Donor a tax-deductible receipt as soon as we receive this report. Thank you.

Please send to: **Hugs for Homeless Animals**
PO Box 320245, Franklin, WI 53132-6031
Or fax to (888) 483-8079
Email: snuggles@h4ha.org

For more information about Hugs for Homeless Animals visit our website at www.h4ha.org
Snuggles Project website: www.snugglesproject.org

Please Help...we need your help to keep our programs running strong



Please help
Donate
Now!

We need your financial support so that we can continue to provide our many programs to help the animals, pet guardians, and our network of shelters and rescue organizations. Our programs touch many people at the very same time that they help the animals. There is a constant need to provide these programs to impact the problem of homeless and displaced animals around the world.

Some of our programs include: the Snuggles Project which provides security blankets to shelter animals; our Outreach for the Animals Program helps get lost pets back home again to their families safe and sound and helps to find homes for homeless animals but it needs more funding to continue to reach out to more shelters, animal control agencies, rescue organizations; our websites and educational programs reach people of all ages and walks of life. We need your help so that we can continue to reach more people to teach the value of animals in our society and in our lives.

Please give what you can today.

Enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1,000 \$_____

monthly recurring donation of \$_____ (\$10 minimum)

by electronic checking (include first payment by check enclosed)

by credit card: MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express

Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Please type or print clearly

Authorized Signature _____

My employer, _____, will match my donation.

Matching Gift form is enclosed will be sent separately

Your Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Thank you so much for your support.

Purpose: General Donation* Snuggles Project Support** H4HA Membership*

Donation made: in honor of _____

in memory of _____

* General Donation and H4HA membership of \$25 or more annually receives a free HugsMail email account (yourname@hugsmail.com). Mailbox size relative to donated amount. Complete the following, if this applies to your contribution.

Desired Username: _____

** Snuggles Project Support of \$10 or more annually receives access to the Snuggles Project Members Area and other available member privileges.

Additional Comments:

Send to: Hugs for Homeless Animals, PO Box 320245, Franklin, WI 53132-6031

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