

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

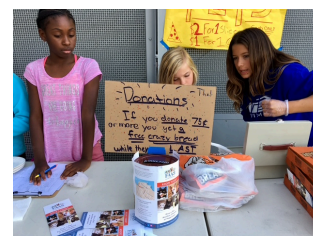
Let's Hold a Pastries For Pets Fundraiser!

Raise money and awareness for local shelter pets by holding a bake sale.

APPROX. TIME
Multi-Day**PLANNING NEEDED**
Advanced**GRADE LEVEL**
Grades 6 – 12**BEST FOR**
Groups or Whole Class
Scouts, cubs, families**ANIMALS HELPED** — All shelter pets at your local shelter or rescue

Purpose

Bake sales are a fun way to raise money and awareness for your local animal shelter or rescue. Every purchase helps provide food, medical care, and other essentials while showing how a simple community event can make a big difference for shelter animals.



Materials List

- ☐ **Planning checklist (see below)**
- ☐ **Baked goods (homemade or store-bought), paper plates, napkins, and optional drinks**
- ☐ **Cash box or payment method (small bills for change if accepting cash)**
- ☐ **Gloves for food handling (school cafeteria can often supply)**
- ☐ **Tables for actual fundraiser**
- ☐ **Poster board, butcher paper, markers, and craft supplies for signs**

Optional: "Did you know?" facts (ex: *Dogs use body language, facial expressions, and tail position to communicate.*)

Instructions

1. Plan your fundraiser. Decide:

- ☐ Which shelter or rescue you'll support
- ☐ Date, time & location of your sale- get permission if at school
- ☐ What baked goods you'll sell (homemade, store-bought, or both)
- ☐ Who will bake, purchase, or bring each item, along with plates, napkins, and other supplies
- ☐ Decide on prices and whether you'll also sell drinks

Teacher Tip: Local bakeries, grocery stores, or coffee shops may donate baked goods or supplies if they know it's a fundraiser. Capri Sun drinks work well because no cups are needed.

2. Spread the Word:

- ☐ Decide how you'll spread the word (posters, morning announcements, classroom visits, school social media, etc.).

3. Get Ready.

- ☐ Assign jobs (cashiers, servers, line people, cleanup, etc.)

Teacher Tip: If at school it's helpful to have a student/adult to help keep the serving line orderly.

- ☐ Create and hang posters or flyers. Include the date, time, location, and that it's a fundraiser for your local animal shelter or rescue. Add fun pictures of baked goods and pets!
- ☐ Create "Did You Know?" animal fact cards to hand out with each baked good.

Teacher Tip: Have students research interesting animal facts and create "Did You Know?" cards to hand out with each baked good. These facts turn your fundraiser into an animal awareness project—not just a bake sale. Toothpicks work well for attaching the fact cards.

- ☐ Make announcements, share on school social media with parent/teacher permission.

4. On Fundraiser Day:

- ☐ Set up tables.
- ☐ Arrange baked goods so they're easy to see and label each item with its price.
- ☐ Make sure everyone knows their job and is in place —from taking orders and collecting money to serving baked goods, restocking and serving drinks.

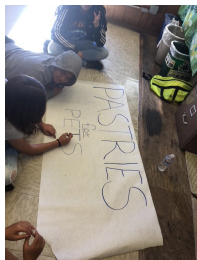
5. Celebrate and Deliver Your Donation!

Take photos during the event (if permitted). After the fundraiser, deliver the proceeds to your shelter or rescue (or invite a representative to accept the donation if possible). Ask how the funds will be used so you can share the impact with your class.

Standards Connections

Framework	Connection
Common Core ELA	Reading — Students read and follow multi-step directions to organize and complete the fundraiser. Speaking & Listening — Students collaborate to plan the fundraiser, assign responsibilities, present information, and explain the purpose of the event to others. Writing — Students create posters, announcements, informational materials, and "Did You Know?" fact cards to promote the fundraiser, educate others about shelter animals, and support an awareness campaign. (CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.3, RI.7.3, RI.8.3, RI.9-10.3, RI.11-12.3; SL.6.1, SL.7.1, SL.8.1, SL.9-10.1, SL.11-12.1; W.6.2, W.7.2, W.8.2, W.9-10.2, W.11-12.2)
Common Core Math	Operations & Measurement — Students determine pricing, calculate costs and proceeds, make change, estimate sales and quantities, and organize fundraiser results using tables, graphs, or charts. (CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.6.RP.A.3; 6.EE.B.7; 7.RP.A.3; HSN.Q.A.1)
SEL Competencies	Social Awareness — Students recognize how fundraising supports shelter animals and the people who care for them. Responsible Decision-Making — Students plan, organize, and carry out a community fundraiser while responsibly managing tasks and funds. Relationship Skills — Students collaborate to organize the event, promote participation, and work together during the fundraiser.
Service Learning	Community Need Identified (funding for local shelter or rescue animals); Students organize a community fundraiser that raises funds and increases awareness of the needs of shelter animals and the important work of local shelters and rescues.

Project Photos

Getting Ready for Fundraiser	Ready to sell!
 	 

Reflection & Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think fundraisers like bake sales are important for local animal shelters and rescues?
2. What skills did you use to help make your bake sale successful? How might those skills help you in other projects?
3. What was the biggest challenge your group faced while planning or running the bake sale? How did you work together to solve it?

Extension Ideas

- **Research Your Local Shelter**

Visit your local shelter or rescue's website to learn how donations are used and what other support they need throughout the year.

- **Track Your Impact**

Use the results from your bake sale to estimate how many additional baked goods you would need to sell to reach a larger fundraising goal. Consider pricing, expenses, and estimated number of customers.

- **Create a Public Service Announcement**

Design a poster, short video, social media campaign, or slideshow encouraging others to organize a fundraiser that benefits their local animal shelter or rescue.

- **Share Your Project**

Document your project with photos and share on social media — tag **@pawsupprojects** and your local shelter.

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