

# KIDS WISH LIST FOR THE NOBLE FAMILY ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTION CENTER

We always appreciate **GIFT CARDS** to the following stores to help purchase items that our animals need:

**Walmart, Staples, Dodge Grain, Dover Saddlery, Home Depot, Petco, Petsmart, Target & All Local Supermarkets**

**BLEACH** - Ever wonder how we keep our animal shelter sparkling clean? We use bleach to clean each animal room, every single day! Bleach is a chemical used for disinfecting materials and surfaces, which is very important at an animal shelter. Just like us, if animals are kept in unsanitary conditions, they will be unhappy with their living conditions, and are also more likely to get sick. With more than 12 rooms that house animals in the Noble Family Animal Care and Adoption Center alone, we need lots of bleach to keep our animals healthy and happy!

**CAT LITTER (clumping or non-clumping)** - With around 1,200 cats surrendered to Nevins Farm each year, we go through a lot of cat litter! At the adoption center, we use non-clumping cat litter for our cats, since spilled cat litter can collect in our floor drains and clog them. Litter boxes filled with non-clumping cat litter need to be completely emptied each day, since it is not possible to fully remove urine from the box any other way. In our cat foster homes and offices, we prefer to use traditional clumping cat litter, which allows for easy waste removal.

**TOWELS, BLANKETS, SHEETS & COMFORTERS (new or gently used)** - Every animal needs a comfy bed! We go through tons of blankets (comforters, afghans, fleece ect.), sheets (pillow cases, flat or fitted), and towels (bath & hand sized) every year, making warm and comfortable bedding for our animals in the adoption center. Donating your used bedding to the animals at the adoption center is a great way to "recycle" them for good cause. Gently used or new dog and cat beds are also OK to donate. No pillows PLEASE, as our animal friends tend to make a big mess with these

**LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT** - We do about 30 industrial sized loads of laundry a day at the adoption center, and washing blankets and toys for all of the animals at Nevins Farm uses a lot of liquid laundry detergent!

**CANNED CAT & DOG FOOD** - While the majority of our cats and dogs are happy to eat the Science Diet brand food that our veterinarians recommend, some of our residents can be very picky eaters! For those animals that may need a little bit of extra encouragement to eat during their shelter stay, we like to have a selection of other brands of food on hand that they may find more appealing.

**ANIMAL TOYS (new or gently used)** - One of the most important things that we do to help our animals be happy while they are here at the shelter is to exercise and play with them! Physical and mental stimulation is key to keeping pets from becoming bored or frustrated. While many people tend to donate toys to our cats and dogs, don't forget that our small animals (birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, etc.) need toys too! Stuffed animal toys should be made for animals, not people, as stuffed animal toys for people can have parts (buttons, eyes, mechanical parts, etc. ) that can be dangerous if our animals were to ingest them.

# KIDS WISH LIST FOR THE NEVINS FARM AND EQUINE CENTER

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**HAY** - an average horse eats half a bale of hay a day! Supporting our "Buy a Bale" program helps to raise the money needed to purchase hay to feed our horses. Running a "Buy a Bale" fundraiser with your friends is also a fun way to support our barn! You can make a donation towards hay online at <http://www.mspca.org/buyabale> . Hay is probably our number one needed item for the farm animals, and it is one of our number one costs at the barn.

**PINE SHAVINGS** - We use pine shavings as bedding for our horses stalls. Because certain types of wood can make horses very sick (like black walnut, cedar or butternut shavings), you will want to purchase bags of pine shavings specifically made for horses at your local equine equipment store (like Dover Saddlery or Dodge Grain). Most horses find pine shavings to be quite comfortable!

**THRUSH BUSTER** - Thrush is a common "foot fungus" ailment that affects horse's feet problems that range from mild discomfort to lameness. Thrush can be caused by lack of regular picking and trimming/shoeing or from horses being kept in overcrowded or muddy paddocks and dirty stalls. Thrush Buster, as the name implies, helps us to treat the horses that come in with this ailment. If you have horses at home, some of the things that you can do to protect your horse against thrush are keeping your horse stall clean and fresh, providing your horse with lots of turnout and exercise, not overcrowding paddocks, daily hoof picking, hoof trimming/shoeing every 6-8 weeks, and ensuring your horse eats a healthy diet.

**COTTON LEAD ROPE WITH CHAIN** - A lead rope is a rope with a snap on one end that attaches to the halter and is used to lead our horses from their stall to their paddock. Leads can be made of materials such as leather or synthetics, but we prefer to use the more ecofriendly cotton version.

**SUGAR IN A PLASTIC CONTAINER** - You will probably be surprised at how we use this at our equine center! When mixed with betadine, the sugar forms a solution that is used to horses with wounds on their feet!

**FAST ACTING DIGITAL THERMOMETER** - These thermometers are used to quickly take a horses temperature when they are sick.

**STRAW BROOMS, MANURE FORKS, & WHEELBARROWS** - Cleaning up after farm animals is hard manual work! We need a lot of brooms, manure forks, and wheelbarrows to do the job.

**DOUBLE SIDED CLIPS** - Double sided clips are used to secure our horses feed and water buckets in their stalls.