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Birthday Party Fundraiser Plan

Description: Help pets find their forever home by requesting that guests bring donations for Second Chance Pets to your birthday party rather than gifts.

Audience: Any age. The invitation insert and plan are appropriate for any age. The sample invitation, thank you and party ideas are more appropriate for elementary and middle school students.

Time Frame of Event: Depends on type of party

Materials:

- 8.5 x 11 inch paper such as light card stock suitable for creating invitations or invitation inserts
- Mailing materials (Letter size envelopes, stamps, etc.)
- Scissors

Note: There may be additional materials depending on the utilization of Pet Party Theme ideas.

Steps:

- Contact Second Chance Pets at pets2adopt@yahoo.com to let us know you're interested in having a Birthday Party Fundraiser at least one week before the party. If you decide to include a brochure or business card from Second Chance Pets in your guest favor bag, you can request them in your email.
- Set a date and time for your party.



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- Determine how many people you plan to invite and make a list of invitees with their names and contact information (e.g., name, address, phone number and/or email address).
- Determine what decorations you plan to use or if you are making your own decorations what items you will need to purchase. Make a list of the party decorations you will need to purchase. You can utilize our included Pet Party Theme ideas, or make your own!
- Determine what party materials you will need based on number of invitees such as prizes needed for party games and favors for each guest. Make a list of party materials you will need to purchase. You may want to consider including a brochure that describes Second Chance Pets in your guests' favor bags!
- Select the menu you plan to serve as well as the paper plates, cups and napkins you will need. Make a list of menu items you will need to purchase including any items needed for serving.
- Send out your invitations using your list of invitees. There is an included invitation that may be personalized, printed, folded into thirds, and sent in letter sized envelopes. If you choose to use your own invitation, we strongly encourage you to use our invitation insert or copy and paste the short paragraph into your invitation.
- Based on the number of guests who have accepted your invitation use your lists to purchase and/or make needed materials for your party.
- Decorate your party space.



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- Have a great party! Take lots of photos to share with your family and guests.
- Email Second Chance Pets at pets2adopt@yahoo.com to arrange a time that you can come to Petco on a Saturday and present your donation.
- Remember to send your guests a personal thank you note!

Tips for Success:

- Pet Party Theme ideas included below can make the party lots of fun! Also, check out Pinterest for more fun dog/cat party ideas!
- Monetary donations and gift cards to Petco, Walmart, and Pet Smart are very useful for Second Chance Pets, as they can purchase those items that are most needed. Monetary donations and gift cards have the added benefit that as a tax-exempt organization Second Chance Pets does not have to pay state taxes on their purchases so if you make a donation of \$100 dollars that is equivalent to \$108.25 for Second Chance Pets!
- Any personal checks should be made out to “Second Chance Pets” with a notation of the person making the donation on the “memo” line of the check.
- A Second Chance Pets brochure may be included with the party favors to increase awareness and let your guests know more about how Second Chance Pets helps unwanted pets find their forever home.



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Invitation Insert

(If you choose to use your own invitations)

Instead of gifts this year, [name] has chosen to support a local animal rescue group, Second Chance Pets, who through volunteers and foster care seeks to help pets find their forever home. [Name] requests that rather than a gift, please bring a donation for Second Chance Pets--- preferably cash, check, or gift cards to Walmart, Petco, or PetSmart. (Checks to "Second Chance Pets".)

You can learn more about the organization at <http://www.secondchancepets.org/about.html>



**[Name] is turning [age x 7], in
dog years that is!**

Join us to celebrate [Name]'s [actual age] birthday!



When:

Where:

RSVP:



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We hope to see you there!

Thank you!

[Insert personal thank you message]

Your donated funds are going to help Second Chance Pets find homeless pets a forever home! Funds are going towards Second Chance Pets operating expenses, a large one being veterinary bills. Thank you so much!





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Optional ---- Pet Party Theme Ideas, depending on age of the guests

Decorations:

- Draw paw prints in chalk leading up to house or tape paper paw prints on the floor
- Draw dog and cat faces and/or paw prints on party balloons
- Serve snacks, ice cream and cake to your guests in new, clean dog bowls and allow each guest to personalize the bowls with permanent markers.

Activities:

- Pet coloring pages
- Dog and cat ear headbands
- Face paint (nose & whiskers)
- Candy in a pet themed piñata
- Each guest brings their favorite stuffed animal to show
- Pet themed movie especially if a sleepover is planned

Games:

- Pin the tail on the cat or dog
- "Copy Cat" (like follow the leader)
- "Cat, Cat, Dog!" (like duck, duck, goose)
- Fetch or Retriever Relays
- Four-legged race

Food:

- Hot "diggity" dogs with all the fixings
- Goldfish
- Puppy Chow or Cat Chow (cereal, trail mix, Chex mix or do an online search for a Puppy Chow recipe made of Chex cereal, chocolate, peanut butter and powdered sugar)
- Bone shaped birthday cake or Pup Cakes (cupcakes instead of birthday cake!)



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Party Favors:

- Refer to favors as “doggy” bags (use plain brown paper bags stenciled with paw prints to hold party favors)
- Put cereal such as Reese’s Puffs or trail mix in a baggie and label “Puppy Chow” and/or put Goldfish in a baggie and label “Cat Chow”
- Let guests “adopt” a stuffed animal from a basket used as a centerpiece
- Check online for dog/cat related items such as cat/dog figures, animal tattoos, puppy/kitten pencils and pads, and pet shaped erasers
- Second Chance Pets brochures