

Got Plans?

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The kittens like playing soccer with ping-pong balls. The puppies are happy to crowd around you and give you celebrity treatment. The adult dogs wag their tails until you start to worry they might fall off. It's an unconventional way to entertain oneself over the weekend and bring in a whole lot of joy to many eager animals that want nothing more than a little human affection. Your company is top priority of course, but they won't say no to a pure vegetarian snack either. They prefer very simple foods like bread, milk and plain biscuits (chocolate is poisonous to animals, so please be careful about that and when in doubt, settle for good old Marie biscuits) and most of them can be hand fed.

If you're going as a group and food quantities are large, it helps to inform the shelter in advance so they can ensure that nothing is wasted. As for toys, odds and ends like shoe laces, a tiny ball of string, table tennis or bouncing balls and frisbees are their favourites. Steer clear of choking hazards like marbles that are especially dangerous around kittens.

Please remember to take some photographs, preferably with you in the frame and send them to pets@goergo.in. The pictures could even be taken with a mobile phone camera as long as they are of high resolution (file size of 300 kb or above). We'll feature the best of them with credit in next Thursday's issue. Have an awesome weekend!

Addresses

Animal Welfare and Protection Trust (AWPT): #3/ 140, Kalaignar Karunanidhi Street, Santhoshapuram, Velachery - Tambaram Main Road. For directions, please buzz Mrs. Padmavathy at 22781381.

Blue Cross: Old no 72, Velachery Road, Gundy, Chennai-32. If you're coming from Tata Concorde's side, keep going straight past the swimming pool and Ashram School until you see a bakery and Gilmohar Avenue and take the right after that. You'll see their board too, right next to the Madras Riding School and bang opposite the forest department nursery. Call 22300666 for more directions.