



Dog Days of Summer

Learn About Local Animal Shelters and Make Dog Biscuits

The purpose of this activity is to learn about animal shelters and their important role as caretakers of God's creatures. Show your love by getting messy and making yummy dog biscuits!

Set-Up, Prepare and Conduct Mission Activity:

Learn about and contact a local organization that supports and protects animals in your community.

Obtain free pamphlets, posters, and videos to educate and share with the children. (*Go online to www.KidsWithPurpose.org for more facts and animals treats.*)

Ask if your family can tour their facility and to see and learn first hand about their work.

Ask if you can bring homemade treats. (*Be prepared to list ingredients.*)

Discuss with your children the importance of animal shelters and how they can help.

Determine where and when to make dog biscuits.

Gather all the supplies and ingredients to make the dog biscuits.

To make the biscuits:

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Dissolve yeast in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup warm water. Add to vegetable or chicken stock. Combine all dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Then, add stock mixture. Knead mixture on a flour surface for about 3 minutes, working into stiff dough. Roll out dough to a thickness of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch. Cut the dough into bars or use doggie-bone cookie cutter. Beat one egg with one-tablespoon milk. Brush each biscuit with the egg/milk mixture and place on cookie sheets. Bake for about 45 minutes. Turn oven off; **leave biscuits in the oven overnight**. This makes them hard and crunchy. Package biscuits and deliver.

Kids With Purpose promotes children helping others in their local communities. To learn more: visit www.KidsWithPurpose.org.



Supplies:

- Pamphlets, posters, and other materials to educate children about animal shelters

Dog Biscuit Recipe

- 1 package dry yeast
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup warm water
- 1-pint vegetable or chicken stock
- 3 cups unbleached flour
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup rye flour
- 2 cups cracked wheat or wheat germ
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, optional
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon milk
- Measuring cups
- Large Bowl
- Rolling pins, several
- Doggie-bone cookie cutter(s) optional
- Baking sheet
- Disposable storage containers

Note: Makes 4-5 dozen. Recipe easily doubled.



- **Why do we need organizations that protect and take care of homeless animals?**
- **Why is it important that we take care of homeless or hurt animals?**
- **How is supporting animal shelters doing as God asks us as "ruler over the works of His hands"?**