



Kongs are an important enrichment tool here at Women's Animal Center. Giving the dogs some extra mental stimulation while they're in their cages allows us to convert more time to positive energy. Though we make the Kongs simple for the dogs to unpack (they're filled with dry food and sealed with wet food), it takes them longer to eat them than it would to eat out of a bowl.

We strive to provide enrichment in as many ways as possible for our dogs. That means things like walks, playtime, training, cuddling, and Kongs are all equally important.



The shelter is a stressful environment for dogs. Enrichment allows us to offset that stress in very meaningful ways. Dogs that are less stressed are less likely to have behavior problems. Dogs that show fewer behavior problems are more likely to get out of their kennels for walks, more likely to be seen favorably to adopters, and face less of a risk of euthanasia.

We appreciate your cooperation with our efforts to provide dinner Kongs for our dogs every day! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out the Volunteer Coordinator.

KONG STUFFING PROTOCOL



STEP 1

Open the blue barrel!



STEP 2

Scoop the dry food out; if it's too low, use a bowl to scoop and fill the Kong from there.



STEP 3

Fill to the inside ridge at the top of the Kong



STEP 4

Use a spoon or knife to seal the Kong with as much wet food as you can stuff into it.



STEP 5

Kong is filled!



STEP 6

Put the filled Kong at the bottom of the freezer, underneath any that are already there.