

# Comfort for Critters

*Comforting homeless pets, one blanket at a time*

## Thank you for wanting to help!

Thank you for your interest in making blankets, donating materials or sponsoring a shipment, to help comfort pets living in animal shelters. This packet contains all the information you'll need to get started today!

### *Who we are...*

Comfort for Critters is a **volunteer program** that creates hand-made blankets to comfort pets living in animal shelters. While these animals await adoption, the blankets provide a comfortable bed year-round. When they are adopted, their blanket goes with them, providing something familiar as they adjust to their "forever family."

We happily support **all animals** which may end up in shelters, including cats, dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits, fancy rats, fennec foxes, ferrets and more!

*May God bless you...as you bless others,*

*Linda*

*As of 12/31/16 we have delivered  
over 40,000 free blankets!*



*"Anna," adopted from the DuPage Animal Shelter in Wheaton, IL, inspired her new mom to start "Comfort for Critters" in 2007 to help all the pets she couldn't adopt that day.*

### *Why blankets???*

An animal's life can be challenging when they find themselves in an animal shelter. Despite heroic efforts by the staff and volunteers, it's extremely stressful as they lose their home, are moved from cage to cage, and are subjected to new sights and sounds on a daily basis.

Having something to call their own, which provides warmth year-round (even against A/C in the summer), familiar smells and a soft touch, can make all the difference.

Once the animal is adopted, this comfort object is a cushion against the (wonderful) stress of getting to know their new surroundings and family. Once again, their blanket provides something comforting and familiar.

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## 4 Ways you can help...

### #1 Make a blanket – it's fun!

Just **knit or crochet** a blanket using any pattern and any color of washable yarn. Feel free to mix and match colors, and create your own pattern. You can also make blankets using **fleece** material (two pieces sewn or tied together) or create **mini-quilts**. The finished blanket should be approximately 20" square. However, **we can find a home for any size blanket!** We also send blankets to comfort large dogs, so if you feel like tackling a larger blanket – please do!

### #2 Donate materials – even leftovers!

If you don't have the time or expertise, but do have some extra 4-ply yarn or fleece material, we can put it to good use. **Any amount of washable yarn, any color, would be appreciated.** All material is provided free of charge to area retirement homes and all of our volunteers. Every bit is used to create beautiful blankets for homeless pets.

### #3 Sponsor a shipment – it's cheap!

Check out our website to make a donation of any amount. Just \$20 will ship a box of 25 blankets, to a shelter in the US!

### #4 Buy a blanket – Ship a box!

As a non-profit we rely solely on the generosity of animal lovers to help us ship our free blankets to animal shelters across the US. We send **600-800** blankets each and every month! CFC's founder has made some one-of-a-kind blankets, which are for sale on the secure & popular Etsy and Amazon websites. Every blanket purchased, ships a box of 25 blankets to a shelter in need.

### Great Gift Idea!

An acknowledgement card (at left) is included with every blanket purchase. The blanket recipient will know that as their own kitty is comfortable, **many animal shelter pets** will be comfortable as well!



You have comforted 25 animal shelter pets!

The purchase of this handmade blanket has made possible the shipment of a **big box of 25 handmade blankets** to an animal shelter in need. The shelter pets use their blanket as a comfort object, and then take it home when they're adopted to ease their transition. The "critters" which will be comforted by a blanket, say "thank you!"

If you would like to learn more about Comfort for Critters, visit us at -

[www.ComfortForCritters.org](http://www.ComfortForCritters.org)



## Getting your blankets to a shelter...

We try to make it easy on our volunteers! Just follow these quick steps...

- **Locate your closest participating shelter** using our website (look under “Shelters Supported”). Click on the link to the shelter, to get their full address and hours of operation.
- **Drop off your blankets** during the shelter’s hours, or at the director’s home (for foster-care systems) any time, if they’re nearby. If they’re not quite driving distance, just mail your blankets to the shelter at your convenience. You may also use the enclosed “Drop-off Memo” when you send your blankets (bottom half of page 8). Otherwise, just include a note to tell them they’re part of the CFC program. This will ensure that the blankets are sent home when the pet is adopted.
- **Send me an email** with the number of blankets and the name of the shelter you chose. I keep track of what every shelter receives, so that I know what to ship from headquarters.
- **Or ... send me the blankets.** If you prefer, you can always drop-off or mail the blankets to CFC headquarters in Glen Ellyn, IL (the complete address is on page 8) and we’ll send them out to a shelter from here!



## Resources Just For You!

Our website has these items to help you make blankets, find a nearby shelter and more:

- Patterns to knit & crochet blankets.
- Directions for making tied-fleece blankets.
- List of participating shelters.
- Pictures of finished blankets, as idea starters.
- Lots of craft information!
- Our blog and fun pet information.
- Monthly newsletter - subscribe on the website, it’s free!

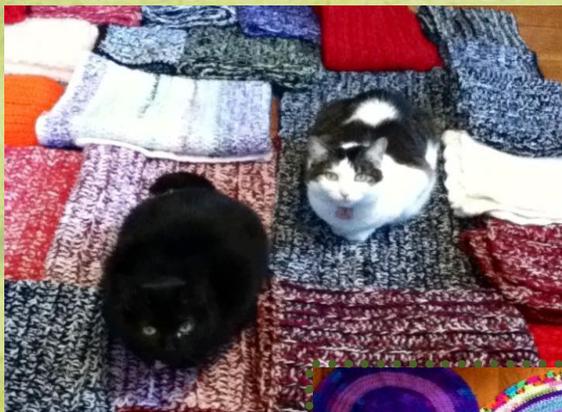
## Questions???

I’d be happy to answer any question – just send me an email at [info@ComfortForCritters.org](mailto:info@ComfortForCritters.org).



**Thank you** for wanting to make a difference in the lives of these homeless pets. One blanket might not change the world...but it will **change the world for one “critter”!**

**What the shelters say about CFC...**



*"On behalf of our shelter animals, those in our foster homes, and our entire organization, THANK YOU very much for the past two boxes of comfort blankets and toys you have shipped to us. The blankets are beautiful and our animals love to snuggle in them. It is really nice to be able to provide handmade blankets to the animals, knowing that they were made with love! We appreciate your support!"*

*~ Animal Service League*



*"We are the happy recipients of 50 handmade soft cuddly blankets. These blankets are so soft, warm and beautiful – our foster caregivers are thrilled to provide these lovely blankets to our foster kittens, cats and puppies. The blankets will then be sent home with each animal to their 'forever' homes. Thank you to your great organ –*

*~ Castaway Critters*



*"Thank you so much for the amazing box of blankets and toys. The cats are napping on them right now! We are so fortunate to have amazing people like you supporting what we do. We cannot thank you enough."*

*~ Wabash County Animal Shelter*



*"I just wanted to thank you again for your kindness to our animals! Your gift has been put to immediate use and the critters would also like to thank you as they snuggle into something soft and warm."*

*~ Grace Animal Rescue*

*"Our adopters and animals are loving the blankets and the purpose of them. Every animal that has been adopted has gone home with one. They are so colorful. Thank you for reaching out to us and getting us involved in your mission."*

*~ Humane Society of Harrisburg Area*



*"Thank you SO much!!!! Now all the kitties have a blanket to keep them warm while they are in the cubes at Petco. The best part is that they get to take them to their forever homes!!! You guys are a very special group that takes care of a very important, and all too often forgotten, need. God Bless You All!!"*

*~ Magnificent Mutts Rescue*

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*Drop off memo to use when sending or dropping off blankets at a shelter...*



**We're pleased to present you with these handcrafted blankets,  
designed to comfort homeless pets living in animal shelters.**

**Created by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of volunteer)

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