



# Puppies & ICE CREAM

## Activity







**A relaxing, group activity playing with shelter pups and enjoying sprinkle-coated ice cream cones, is an unexpected afternoon break that reduces stress while giving back to the community—guaranteed to leave your attendees saying “WOW!”**

Begin with these pre-planning steps:

- Determine if the hotel will allow animals on the property. If so, an outside space with a nearby entrance is ideal, but establish a Plan B location in case of rain.
- Ask the hotel Events Manager for help finding your puppy partner, and request a list of no-kill animal shelters such as ASPCA or Abandoned Pet Rescue.
- Consider presenting a donation check to the shelter during the event in exchange for their time.
- Plan your ice cream menu with the hotel catering department.
- Schedule a hotel walk-through with shelter volunteers the day before the activity. Request that puppies and volunteers arrive at least 30 minutes early the day of the event to set up.
- Make parking arrangements for all volunteers prior to the walk-through and event.
- Book at least 1 dog for every 10 attendees and reconfirm with the shelter prior to the event the number of dogs they plan to bring.
- Prepare for the activity to last about 30 minutes, bring a camera and have fun!

### HANDY SUPPLIES:

-  Lint rollers
-  Hand sanitizers
-  Pet waste bags
-  Pee pads (if held indoors)

**woof** Service dogs versus shelter dogs? Service dogs are well-behaved, but the event isn't as interactive. Shelter dogs allow for more interaction, but may cause guilt if attendees don't want to adopt. Consider which puppy partner is the best fit for your group.



**Keep in mind, the unexpected can occur when dealing with these little guys so follow all steps to best prepare yourself.**

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