

# BATH IN THE PARK

## OUTREACH IDEA



Hold a dog bathing event to connect with residents who live in the area of your church. This is designed to provide a fun service for people in your community and an opportunity to get to know people. You provide supplies and an opportunity for owners to bath their own dog.

Location requirements	Water hookup for hoses, good drainage, public access, near park or dog walk area
What you need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers to be on hand to meet people to show people around</li> <li>• Church promotional pamphlets and ads for Rally Day or other upcoming special event. Make sure you include on your literature -             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. times and location of your weekly church service,</li> <li>2. hours and location of your food bank, thrift store or other community service,</li> <li>3. contact information, volunteer opportunities</li> <li>4. website url</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Hoses, buckets, dog shampoo, doggy treats</li> <li>• Clip board, pen, and volunteer to collect email addresses - for future information about events, fund raisers, news</li> </ul>
Optional Ideas	<p>Have a coffee/tea table or water bottles available depending on the time of day (involve your women's group, adult fellowship or men's group)</p> <p>Advertise Dog Food collection or other pet supplies for your Food Bank shelves</p>

Three- Four Weeks Before	<p>Decide on the date and location for your event. Scout out the parks in the area to get an idea of how many dog owners visit frequently.</p> <p>Keep in mind that you need a place to hook up your hoses. Your church parking lot or a church member who lives near a popular park might be suitable options. If you are wanting the use of a park that has water access, make sure you connect with the park management before you move ahead with your planning.</p> <p>Design and print your advertising for the event. Target light posts and fences in the area, local newspapers, convenience stores, pet stores, veterinary offices, websites to advertise your event. Consider an advertising page with a tear off section at the bottom, with the date, time and location of the event.</p>
Two Weeks Before	<p>Advertise! Contact your local vet's office, grocery stores, convenience stores to see if you can post an ad on their bulletin board.</p> <p>Have coffee with your volunteers to designate tasks, and tie down details.</p>
One Week Before	<p>Buy supplies - dog shampoo, disposable drying cloths or rags, coffee, juice, water.</p> <p>Secure items your borrowing - buckets, hoses</p> <p>Print literature - corps advertisements, family services information, etc.</p> <p>Arrange transportation for any equipment, such as tables for literature and refreshments.</p>