



Welcome to your Official Party Animal Guide!





Thank you for your interest in supporting Our Companions by hosting a benefit party. This guide will give you many ideas and resources so you can make your party best support the life-saving work of Our Companions.



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# Party Theme Ideas

Here are some Party Themes that are sure to gather a crowd!

- ☺ Pool Party (for people or canines).
  - Pool parties make the perfect summertime theme. Don't have a pool? Kiddy pools make an excellent centerpiece for a fun and sloppy canine pool party. Raise funds by holding a raffle and charge a fee per Kerplunk!
- ☺ Poker Party:
  - I'm not bluffing! Poker Parties are hot right now. Raise funds for Our Companions by donating the night's "win". Ahh, winning never felt so good.
- ☺ Dirty Dog Party:
  - Invite your friends (and their human companions) for a dog-wash party to benefit Our Companions. Ask your guests to make a donation to Our Companions as the fee for their dog's wash.
- ☺ Fondue Party:
  - Groovy, Baby! Fondue parties are the perfect way to celebrate just about anything. Hold a raffle or vote on the best fondue recipe (charge a donation to Our Companions per vote)
- ☺ Martini Party /Margarita Party:
  - Ah, the perfect way to attract friends (and raise money) is to have a cocktail party. Raise funds by providing a "cash bar" and donating the night's sales to Our Companions.
- ☺ Hello Kitty Party:
  - Can't get enough of that Japanese feline legend? This is a great idea for a birthday party for children or those cat-loving adults who simply do not want to grow up. Either way, consider collecting cat food instead of gifts.
- ☺ Cook-Out for the Animals Party:
  - Veggie burgers, corn on the cob and cole slaw. Mmmmm. I'm getting hungry already. Transform your regular weekend cook-out to become a benefit for Our Companions. Raise funds by holding a raffle, auction or by simply asking for a donation per plate.
- ☺ Champagne and/or Chocolate Tasting Parties :
  - What's more satisfying than champagne and chocolates? It's a sure way to meet new friends and have an indulgent time. Check out Divine Treasures in Manchester for awesome vegan chocolates. Charge a fee per taste and send the decadent donations to Our Companions.
- ☺ Salty Dog Party (beach party with your dogs)
  - Nothing says summer like a good old fashioned beach party. Invite your canine and human friends and enjoy a day at the beach full of Frisbee, wave diving and volleyball. Raise funds for Our Companions by betting on the games or charging an admission fee.
- ☺ Tag Sale/Garage sale:
  - Spring and summertime is the perfect time to "purge for a purpose". Donate the funds generated to Our Companions. Be sure to advertise that it's an Our Companions charity tag sale to spread the word about Our Companions and encourage visitors.



## Invitations

Our Companions will be happy to provide you with invitations that you can customize for your party. (see enclosed sample).

To order invitations, please contact Susan Linker at [SusanL@OurCompanions.org](mailto:SusanL@OurCompanions.org) or (860) 242-9999, ext 301, and let her know:

- 1) How many invitation you would like
- 2) The address to which you would like to have them sent

Invitations will be sent out in 5-7 business days.

## Party Favors & Information

All good parties deserve party favors.

When you contact Susan Linker about the invitations, please let her know how many party favors and pieces of literature you would like to have sent as well. Enclosed is a sample of our Pet Alert decal that we will provide to your guests as a parting gift. This decal, which can be placed prominently in windows, will alert Fire and Emergency Rescuers that animals are inside the home.

Based on your number of guests we will also send you brochures and editions of Our Companions News Magazine so your guest can learn more about the organization the party is benefiting.

## Follow Up



We would love to feature photos of your party on our website.

Please email photos to [SusanL@OurCompanions.org](mailto:SusanL@OurCompanions.org) and let us know how the party went. Your party can inspire others to join you in partying for the animals.

Donations can be sent to:

Our Companions Animal Rescue

Attn: Susan Linker

P.O. Box 956

Manchester, CT 06045

Our Companions will send receipts for tax purposes for all donations in the form of personal checks (of an amount of \$5 or more). If your guests donate cash and they would like a receipt for tax purposes, please let us know the donor's name and address so we may acknowledge them as well.

If you provide Our Companions with your guest list, we will add them to our mailing list so they will receive our publication, Our Companions News (see enclosed sample) free of charge for 2 years.

If you came up with an original party idea, please let us know so we can add it to our Guide and encourage others to party your way!

**Thank you again for caring about the animals and Party On!**