

Bringing Humane Education Lessons to your Classroom

- Dynamic standards-based curriculum approved by Greenville County Schools
- Free-of-charge instruction, all supplies included
- Good natured dog accompanies humane educator
- Hands-on, inquiry-based team activities for students
- Topics focused on practical academic and life skills

What teachers are saying...

“What a wonderful service! The lesson on pet safety and care was age appropriate and very useful for my students to know. They were engaged and enjoyed the live pet, role-playing, and matching game. Loved it!” — 1st Grade teacher, Greenville County Schools

“I loved your lesson. The info about the reproduction numbers of “not fixed” animals was a real eye-opener for everyone. I especially liked the game about placing animals....We have to start with the children to help prevent the terrible abuse we see and hear about every day.” — 4th Grade teacher, Greenville County Schools

“This presentation was phenomenal! You went above and beyond and did an amazing job with your STEAM connections!”

– 6th grade ELA teacher, Greenville County Schools



How can your school partner with us?

If your students would like to support the animals at the Greenville Humane Society, our four legged friends love donations from our Wish List! (www.greenvillehumane.com/wish-list)

For more information and scheduling:

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Humane Education Program





Education is the key to ensuring that animals are treated with compassion and respect. So, we are pleased to offer a dynamic curriculum that teaches children to think critically about proper animal care and the plight of homeless animals. Our lessons also prepare students to become responsible citizens through character development activities.

“This was a great lesson! The kids were able to tie it in with what we have been learning in science. What a great way to raise animal awareness as well as encourage and inform children about the responsibilities and requirements of pet ownership.” — 2nd grade teacher, Greenville County Schools

Interactive and Informative K-5TH Grade Lessons

Our lessons address the challenges and rewards of owning a pet, as well as the role of animal shelters in our community. Each session lasts an hour and includes a visit with a certified pet therapy dog or a lively shelter puppy. The curriculum focuses on a different topic for each grade level:

Kindergarten: “It’s a Pet’s Life”

Student teams explore and sort real items in a mini dog house to discover the needs of their pet. They also examine the concept of life cycle by engaging in a visual matching game of baby and adult animals.

First Grade: “Woof, Woof, No Ouch! Safe Interactions with Community Pets”

Through a team pairing activity, students become aware of a dog’s messaging through their expressions and postures and practice strategies for staying safe around pets.

Second Grade: “Are You Ready for a Dog?”

Students work in teams to classify animals and differentiate between dogs and wild animals based on physical and behavioral features; they analyze and solve a “real-world” dog ownership problem and test their knowledge with a fun summary activity.

Third Grade: “Helping Homeless Pets.....Literally!”

True mini stories allow students to investigate the problem of animal homelessness and the role of animal shelters. In teams, they read and write about these scenarios to figure out ways to prevent companion animals from entering shelters.



Fourth Grade: “Pet Overpopulation: Multiples Add Up!”

Students learn the causes and effects of pet overpopulation problems and observe a mock spay surgery performed on a stuffed animal, while honing their math and science skills.

Fifth Grade: “Your Pet in Dollars and Sense”

Students engage in a real-life team budgeting activity to learn that responsible pet ownership can be costly and requires financial planning.



Career Education

We’re prepared to engage students in a lively discussion of careers in animal care. We can staff an eye-catching table at your career fair or address small groups in the classroom. In either setting, students can connect with an adoptable puppy.