

WILLAMETTE HUMANE SOCIETY'S Humane Education

Creating Compassionate Citizens

Willamette Humane Society's humane education programs weave character education into entertaining and important lessons on respectful, compassionate, and responsible treatment of animals and people.

Serving all of Marion and Polk Counties, we bring age appropriate humane education lessons directly to your classroom.



Our specific instruction in the humane treatment of animals helps schools meet "Instructions in Ethics and Morality" under ORS Statute 336.067. All lessons teach the importance of showing kindness, compassion and responsibility for animals.



Learn about:

- Responsible Pet Care
- Community Service Projects
- Safety Around Animals
- Critter Fun

Critter Kit Fun

Preschool/Kindergarten

Character Concept:

Teaches the importance and value of showing kindness, respect, and responsibility toward people and animals.

Lesson Overview:

Learn how to safely and happily live with cats and dogs and be responsible pet owners.

Vocabulary:

kindness, responsibility, safe play, respect, veterinarian

Interactive Activities:

Guided play activities using stuffed animals.

Class size:

Up to 25 students

Length:

30 minutes



DOGS! Responsible Care and Safety

Character Concept:

Teaches children to respect dogs and make wise decisions in meeting, caring for and owning a dog.

How to Meet a Dog Lesson Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Learn the simple steps in safely meeting a dog, then practice with our stuffed dog, Buster. Learning how to care for dogs is an important lesson in responsible pet ownership.

Length:

30 minutes

Dog Bite Safety Lesson 3rd through 5th Grade

Children encounter dogs at the homes of their friends, on the street, or at a park. Dogs share our lives and accompany people on many outings. How to safely meet a dog is an important lesson for every child to know. What dogs need is an important lesson in responsible pet ownership.

Vocabulary:

respect, kindness, ownership responsibility, safe play, permission, adoption

Interactive Activities:

Flannel board storytelling, guided play activities using the stuffed dog, Buster. This lesson includes an 11 minute video.

Class size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

45 minutes

CATS! Responsible Care and Safety

Character Concept:

Teaches children to respect cats and make wise decisions when meeting, caring for and owning a cat.

Our Furry Friends Lesson Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Learn how to safely handle a cat with our stuffed cat, Scooter. Learning to care for cats is an important lesson in responsible pet ownership.

Length:

30 minutes

Cat Facts! Lesson 3rd through 5th Grade

Understand the behavior and body language of cats. Learn one to twenty amazing facts about our furry friends.

Vocabulary:

opposites, retract, kindness, responsibility, spay/neuter, adoption, foster.

Interactive Activities:

Flannel board storytelling, guided play activities using the stuffed cat, Scooter.

Class size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

45 minutes

Safety Around Animals

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Character Concept:

Teaches children to relate to others in a safe and respectful way.

Lesson Overview:

Teaches children safety around domestic cats, dogs, and wildlife in our backyards and parks.

Vocabulary:

safe play, protect, respect, permission, environment

Interactive Activities:

Colorful posters, stuffed snakes and rabbits

Class size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

30 minutes

Responsible Pet Care

3rd through 5th Grade

Character Concept:

Teaches children to respect pets and make wise decisions in meeting, caring, and owning a pet. Also teaches children empathy for animals when they discover they have the same needs as we do.

Lesson Overview:

Learn nine essential needs of every pet and how to develop a strong bond.

Vocabulary:

bond, needs, adoption, spay/neuter, overpopulation

Interactive Activities:

Posters and classroom interaction

Class size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

30 or 45 minutes (optional 15 minute video)

Pocket Pets

3rd through 5th Grade

Character Concept:

Teaches the importance of making good decisions when choosing a pet, including the consideration of costs, time, and space requirements. Helps children understand the responsibilities of owning small pets and providing for their needs.

Lesson Overview:

The small pet or “Pocket” pet is perfect for many children or families — but which one? Birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, fish, or those incredibly intelligent rats! Learn how to handle, care for and love our “other pets”.

Vocabulary:

pocket pets, life expectancy, nocturnal, responsibility

Interactive Activities:

Visuals, bird or fish video

Class size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

45 minutes

Willamette Humane and the Community

6th through 8th Grade

Character Concept:

Teaches students compassion, the importance of community service, and the responsibility of helping others.

Lesson Overview:

Lesson covers responsible pet care, the affects of pet overpopulation, careers with animals, and volunteer jobs with animals.

Vocabulary:

overpopulation, careers, volunteer, responsibility, nonprofit

Interactive Activities:

Informal group discussion

Class size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

45 minutes



If you are
interested in becoming
a volunteer, please visit
willamettehumane.org
to learn how you
can help.

Pet Clubs

1st through 6th Grade

A classroom that becomes a Pet Club Member receives four grade appropriate lessons spaced throughout the school year.

Club 1:

Willamette Humane Society and Responsible Pet Ownership.

Club 2:

DOGS! Responsible Care and Safety.

Club 3:

CATS! Facts and Fallacies of our Furry Friends.

Club 4:

Other Pets and Animals in our homes and in our yards!

Class Size:

Up to 60 students

Length:

45 minutes



About Our Instructor

Teri Schmidt, the Willamette Humane Society Humane Educator, has seventeen years of experience teaching pre-school and grade school students all about humane treatment of animals. Camp Paw Paw, the Willamette Humane Society's summer day camp, is also under her leadership. Ms. Schmidt holds a masters degree in Elementary Education and 30 years of classroom experience. In addition to her work for Willamette Humane Society, she operates a cooperative pre-school in Silverton, Oregon. Through her popular programs, she has watched students grow up, adopt, and become responsible pet owners in this community.

Education Tours of the Willamette Humane Society

Visit our shelter to see the many pets available for adoption and to learn about the services offered to our community. All tours include a mini safety lesson, visits with the animals, and time to explore the many hands-on activities in the Learning Center. All educational tours cost \$1 per person and are scheduled for groups of 8 or more. We can accommodate up to 58 people. All tours are one hour in length.

KIND News

This award winning elementary grade newsletter is published by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). It is available in three editions:

- Primary (grades K-2)
- Jr. (grades 3-4)
- Sr. (grades 5-6)

Each month of the school year, September through May, teachers receive 32 copies of the newspaper — enough for every student in the class — and a teacher's guide.

A subscription to *KIND News* and *KIND Teacher* is \$30 and available directly from HSUS at 860.434.8666 or via the internet at:
http://www.humanesocietyyouth.org/Adopt_a_Classroom/

KIND News can be purchased anytime throughout the year, however, for *KIND News* subscriptions to begin at the start of the upcoming school year, orders must be received by June 15.

Scheduling Your Classroom Presentation

Fees:

Each individual classroom program can be brought to you for a one-time fee of \$25. A single Pet Club (4 visits) can be scheduled for \$75. We encourage you to become a "Kind Kid School". For one flat rate of \$250, a single school can schedule unlimited presentations or Pet Clubs. Consult with your business partner or PTA to sponsor this activity for your school.

Payment instructions:

We accept bookings from teachers without payment but request a purchase order number for each booking and payment within 30 days of invoice. Credit card payments are also accepted.

Contact:

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