

EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS



Pre K thru Grade 1

Story book readings. Readings are approximately 30 minutes and can include any of the following humane education or character education themes. Story time is best in groups of up to 25 children:

“Kamie Cat’s Terrible Night” – Sheila Hamanaka: Oh no! Someone forgets to put the screen back and Kamie jumps out the window. During her misadventure, Kamie gets a glimpse of how other cats live and comes to appreciate life with kind Mr. Wong.

“May I Pet Your Dog?” – Stephanie Calmenson: What’s the best way to meet a dog and make friends? In this book, a dachshund named Harry shows you. Harry’s advice begins with one simple rule: Always ask the owner, “May I pet your dog?”

“Buddy Unchained” – Daisy Bix : Buddy, a lovable mixed-breed dog, is happy in a new home; he tells the story of his former life and how he was rescued and came to live with a caring family.

“Max Talks to Me” – Claire Buchwald: Alex and his dog, Max, are true friends – the kind that share each other’s excitement, comfort each other when they are sad, wait together when parents are away, and have fun wherever they are. Alex is learning that every good relationship is a mutual one.

2nd Grade:

All in-classroom lessons incorporate the Houston SPCA’s mission and overview of services available to the community. Most presentations are 45-60 minutes and can be adjusted to your classroom schedule.

Session 1: Needs of All Living Creatures: Students will understand what a living creature needs to survive including the differences between plants and animals.

Session 2: Pet Care and Responsibility: Students will learn about the basic care required for a pet to be comfortable and happy in their home.

Session 3: How Much Does an Animal Cost?: This session shows students how much an animal will cost for the first year they live in a home with a family.

Session 4: Visiting the Houston SPCA: Classes have the opportunity to visit the Houston SPCA, meet some of the professional staff tour the new campus. Field trips are available to students in 2nd – 12th grade from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The maximum number of students per field trip is 40, with a minimum of 3 adult chaperones. Field trips are \$5 per student.

3rd Grade:

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Session 1: Pet Care and Responsibility: Students will learn about the basic care required for a pet to be comfortable and happy in their home.

Session 2: Why should you own a pet?: Students will understand how pets can positively affect happiness in an owner as well as numerous health benefits.

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4th Grade

All in-classroom lessons incorporate the Houston SPCA's mission and overview of services available to the community. Most presentations are 45-60 minutes and can be adjusted to any classroom schedule.

Session 1: A Day at the Shelter: Students explore what happens during the day at an animal shelter including veterinarian visits, cleaning, feeding, donations, fostering and adoptions.

Session 2: Animal Behavior: Students will learn about various types of animal behavior and what makes an animal safe to interact with.

Session 3: Project-A Look Inside: What Goes On at an Animal Shelter: Students will be given the opportunity to create their dream animal shelter on paper. Students will design the entire shelter to allow for admissions, adoptions, vet care, behind the scenes housing for animals, and any other needs the shelter might have.

Session 4: Animals Get Bullied Too: An overview of bullying activities, how bullying can affect animals as well as people, and how to be a voice to stop bullying.

Session 5: Visiting the Houston SPCA: Classes have the opportunity to visit the Houston SPCA, meet some of the professional staff tour the new campus. Field trips are available to students in 2nd – 12th grade from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The maximum number of students per field trip is 40, with a minimum of 3 adult chaperones. Field trips are \$5 per student.

5th and 6th Grade

All in-classroom lessons incorporate the Houston SPCA's mission and overview of services available to the community. Most presentations are 45-60 minutes and can be adjusted to any classroom schedule.

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Session 2: Project-A Look Inside: What Goes On at an Animal Shelter: Students will be given the opportunity to create their dream animal shelter on paper. Students will design the entire shelter to allow for admissions, adoptions, vet care, behind the scenes housing for animals and any other needs the shelter might have.

Session 3: Too Many Animals!: The overpopulation crisis is discussed and the benefits of spaying or neutering your pets. Students will go through a short simulation of overpopulation in a neighborhood to see its effect on the local environment.

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Session 5: Visiting the Houston SPCA: Classes have the opportunity to visit the Houston SPCA, meet some of the professional staff tour the new campus. Field trips are available to students in 2nd – 12th grade from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The maximum number of students per field trip is 40, with a minimum of 3 adult chaperones. Field trips are \$5 per student.

Grade 7 and up

Youth Volunteer Program: The Youth Volunteer Program will be made available to organized school groups such as honor societies, animal clubs, or individual classrooms. One day a month, school groups will be given the opportunity to come to our campus to volunteer from 12:00pm to 2:30pm. Only one group will be allowed to sign up each month, and the groups will be limited to 20 participants. Each group will also be required to bring at least one adult chaperone for every five students attending.

Visiting the Houston SPCA: Classes have the opportunity to visit the Houston SPCA, meet some of the professional staff tour the new campus. Field trips are available to students in 2nd – 12th grade from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The maximum number of students per field trip is 40, with a minimum of 3 adult chaperones. Field trips are \$5 per student.

Career Day Presentations: An overview of animal welfare and animal-related careers.

This presentation can be customized to your grade level and can be presented in classrooms or as a larger assembly. The presentation is about 30 minutes.



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