



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY**
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EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUEST – Community & Youth Groups

Due to space limitations at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, **educational programs are offered at the requesting organization's regular meeting place** or a mutually convenient location in Montgomery County.

Groups that wish to see the animals currently housed at the shelter should schedule a time to visit *IN ADDITION TO* the educational program. **Maximum group size = 10 people.** To help care for the homeless animals and to support humane education activities, **the charge for group visits to the shelter is \$30 for any size group up to 10 people.**

Please note that the shelter environment is NOT a "petting zoo." By itself, a shelter visit does not qualify as either a Community Service or Service Learning project.

Please complete the following information **at least six weeks in advance of your preferred date(s)** and return to b j Altschul by fax, 301-279-1998, scan and e-mail, or snail mail: Montgomery County Humane Society, 14645 Rothgeb Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Questions? Call 240-773-5967 or email bj@mchumane.org.

Today's date _____

1st choice

Preferred day (circle one) M T Th F and **date** _____ of visit at least four weeks from today's date

Preferred **time** _____

2nd choice

Preferred day (circle one) M T Th F and **date** _____ of visit at least four weeks from today's date

Preferred **time** _____

Please indicate the **address where your group meets:**

Please check if you would like the presentation to include a **visiting animal**

NAME OF GROUP requesting program at your location (Civic or Business Organization, Faith Community, Troop # for Scout groups, School, etc.)

in group _____ For children: Age range _____ Grade _____ # of accompanying adults _____

Contact person's name _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please complete the next page, too! →

All programs include a brief overview of the value and role of an animal shelter in the community, as well as service and volunteer opportunities. Topics can be tailored for age-appropriate content. Please choose one or two for your program, or suggest another topic:

- Rules to love by:** What's involved in caring for a pet
- Do's and don'ts around dogs:** Safety and bite prevention
- Wild things make my heart sing:** What humans should know and do about wildlife (basic)
- One little, two little, three little kittens/pups/etc.:** Managing a community's pet population; importance of spay/neuter
- Are you ready? What you and your family should do for your pets** to prepare for an emergency
- The long road home:** Lost & found program including common questions about microchips
- The right pet for me:** Choosing a pet
- Sit up nice!** Pet food and nutrition
- Baby comes home!** Preparing your existing pets for a new human baby in the home
- Beating the odds:** Triumph stories about special needs animals – *meet and greet based on volunteer availability*
- Wanna go for a ride?** Pet travel safety tips
- Holiday/seasonal safety tips, year-round
- Something different! Pros and cons of keeping exotics (wild animals) as pets

OPTIONAL

For children's programs, you may choose one additional **activity** from the following list:

- NEW! Read me a story!** (Recommended for K thru 5th grade – read-aloud stories about shelter and rescue animals, with focus on character development; meets Maryland Department of Education State Standards requirements; many titles available so program may be repeated with different stories throughout the semester)
- If I were a dog/cat/rabbit...**: Practicing empathy activities
- Why does my pet do that?** Understanding animal behavior
- I'm feeling artistic today!** Drawing cage signs
- Quiz time:** Test your knowledge of companion animal welfare
- Anatomy for kids:** Learning the parts of a dog
- Equipment demo** by an Animal Services Division officer or Humane Society field staff, with a look at a rescue car – *based on availability ONLY during tours at the shelter*

We also request that you complete a **Service Project** <<http://mchumane.org/ServiceProjects.shtml>> in conjunction with your program. Donations of cash and/or **Wish List** <http://mchumane.org/WishList_000.shtml> items are most welcome. Please indicate in the space below what you plan to do, and whether before or after your program:

Other special requests or needs:

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