



pasadena humane society & spca

KIDS FOR ANIMALS



Welcome,

If you are one of many kids or young adults 18 and under in our community who love animals and want to help them, Kids for Animals is the perfect program for you! By joining, you pledge to help animals by volunteering to complete a project and spreading the word to your friends, schoolmates and family about ways to help. Read this packet for great ideas about how you can make a difference. We recommend that you review it with your parent, guardian or teacher before you get started. Remember, your help will go a long way to help the animals!

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THANK YOU FOR BEING A KID FOR ANIMALS!

Before you get started, take the Kids for Animals Pledge. This pledge begins your commitment to Kids for Animals. Please read it out loud to be sure you can meet the requirements. If multiple kids, a class or a group is working on a project, read the pledge out loud together.

KIDS FOR ANIMALS PLEDGE

I pledge to:

- 1 Work hard and give time to help animals at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS).
- 2 Be respectful and kind to all animals.
- 3 Share my experiences about PHS with others.
- 4 Complete at least one service project a year.

Your Membership Includes:

- Email notifications about Kids for Animals volunteer activities and projects.
- A special acknowledgement of your completed project on our website and/or social media when possible.
- A certificate of appreciation when you submit proof of project completion.
- Signed community service forms, if appropriate, when you submit proof of project completion.
- 10% discount at the Shelter Shop.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Now that you have made your pledge, you are ready to begin your commitment to complete at least one service project this year that will help animals at PHS. You don't have to work alone! Recruit your friends, family, classmates or teammates to help!

Begin by liking PHS on social media and asking your friends to follow us too. Sign up for our quarterly newsletter and weekly emails by going to our website and adding an email address in the box at the bottom of the page.

Kids can help animals in many ways. This pamphlet includes sample projects, but we hope you will think creatively and discover new ways to help. We want to hear your ideas!

Make Sure We Are Aware of Your Project.

PHS wants to help you succeed. Email us with questions about your ideas or ways PHS can help. Send us proof of your completed project and any community or school service forms you need and we'll complete, sign and return them.

Proof of Completion Examples:

- Stop by or arrange an appointment to drop off donations to PHS.
- Email us a picture of events or activities.
- Post your project on social media with #PHSKids.

Contact Information:

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA
Attn: Kids for Animals
361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105
626.792.7151

kids@pasadenahumane.org
pasadenahumane.org



WAYS TO HELP

Donations help support the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. Service projects can raise money and/or pet supplies that help animals in our care.

WISH LISTS

We use a “wish list” to let people know what we need most. You can find it on our website at pasadenahumane.org/wishlist.

Some items are on our Amazon Wish List. Go to Amazon.com, click wish list and search for Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. This allows you to purchase your donation online and have it shipped directly to us. Please let us know that you have ordered something from our wish list through Amazon so you will get credit.

Fundraising Drive Examples:

- Ask friends and family to buy wish list items.
- Ask local businesses for wish list items.
- Request donations, gift cards or wish list items instead of gifts for birthdays, holidays or other events.
- Donate part of your allowance to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA.
- Lead a fundraising drive at school.
- Work with your scout troop to raise money for PHS during cookie sales and badge projects.
- Set up a lemonade or cookie stand or have a garage sale and donate proceeds to PHS.





HOST AN EVENT

You can create, organize and manage special events to raise money and awareness for PHS. Encourage family, friends, school groups, teams and others to help.

Please review event requirements with your parent, guardian or teacher.

Event Ideas:

- Have a movie night, car wash, dance marathon or sporting event and ask for a donation to PHS as the admission charge.
- Ask for a donation to PHS as the price of admission to a school/club sporting event, play, etc.
- Organize a pet adoption event by scheduling a visit with our Wiggle Waggle Wagon.
- Offer to babysit, walk dogs, mow lawns, wash windows and do chores to earn donations.
- Organize a fundraising event to meet the requirements of a school, service or religious project.
- Coordinate school clubs to host and assist with an event benefiting PHS.
- Ask local restaurants if they participate in regular fundraisers. If they do, ask them to host a fundraiser that benefits PHS.
- Start a Kids for Animals Club.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are an essential part of the PHS team! They make a difference by interacting with animals, working in the offices, or assisting with a fundraising or outreach event. Opportunities for all ages are available. Fetch information at pasadenahumane.org/volunteer.

In-House Volunteers

In-house volunteers help homeless animals by providing them with toys and treats, keeping their kennels clean and helping with their adoption. Kids 15 and older can volunteer with animals without a parent. If you're under 15, you can volunteer with your parent at a scheduled time in a program that does not include animal handling.

Sunday Morning Helpers is a program for kids 6-14 who volunteer with their parent to help tidy up the shelter or make craft toys for the animals. Kids and parents also help by doing laundry and providing clean, sanitized bedding and towels. No training is required. Sign up at pasadenahumane.org/volunteer.

Group Volunteers

Groups, like schools, businesses, scouts, clubs and churches, are encouraged to get involved by volunteering for a one-time event for the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. For more information, contact our volunteer department at pasadenahumane.org/groupvolunteers.

Foster Care

Your family can foster a special animal in your home. Moms with babies, orphaned kittens and puppies, and pets that must have extra TLC often need foster homes. Get started at pasadenahumane.org/foster.

Adoption and Outreach Activities

PHS regularly hosts adoption events, fundraising activities, outreach programs and more. We need volunteers to:

- Distribute information at our mobile vaccine clinics.
- Make ID tags at our mobile clinics.
- Set up and tear down at events.
- Make favors and stuff bags for events.
- Volunteer at fundraising events like the Wiggle Waggle Walk.
- Fetch information at pasadenahumane.org/volunteer.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Make Something To Give To A Shelter Pet.

Below are instructions for making a toy that our cats enjoy, but you can fetch more projects at pasadenahumane.org/petprojects.

Deliver your projects to the Main Office at PHS every day but Monday and holidays.

Cats, dogs and rabbits in our shelter are patiently waiting for new homes. You can help entertain and keep them happy by making toys or treats.

TOYS FOR SHELTER CATS

Supplies:

- White socks
- Stuffing, fiberfill or newspaper
- Dry catnip

MESSAGE FOR ADULTS: While making the toys, you can discuss why animals end up in shelters, how to be responsible pet owners and ways to make a difference to homeless animals.

Instructions:

- 1 Take a sock and fill from toe to heel with stuffing (stuffed portion of sock should be no longer than 2").
- 2 Add a pinch of dry catnip.
- 3 Pinch the sock around the heel and ankle, then stretch the ankle and cuff and tie the sock closed in a knot (do **NOT** use ribbon or string to tie sock closed).
- 4 Decorate the sock.
- 5 Finished toy should be **3 inches or less**.

ART PROJECTS

Art projects are wonderful ways to let others know why they should be kind to animals.

Display your work in places where it will be seen, like your school, community center, church or at PHS. If you want to display your work at PHS, drop it off during business hours and we will find a special place to display it.

Here's one activity that is a creative way to teach a humane message.

MAKE AN ANIMAL MASK AND TELL A STORY

Supplies:

- Glue
- Heavy construction paper
- Hole punch
- String/yarn
- Washable markers
- Decorations: sparkles, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, fabric scraps, etc.

MESSAGE FOR ADULTS: Storytelling helps children learn about responsible pet ownership. Consider making a mask about a dog or cat living in a shelter and discuss how finding a new home can be a happy ending for the animal.

Instructions:

- 1 Ask your parent or guardian to trace your face on construction paper and then cut it out. Or, cut the mask into the shape of an animal's face.
- 2 Decorate the mask.
- 3 Punch a hole on each side of the mask.
- 4 Tie the yarn through one side of the hole. Have your parent or guardian measure the yarn around your head to find the right length. Cut the yarn and tie it to the other side of the mask so it stays on your face.
- 5 Tell a story about the animal by finding an audience of your friends, family or school group. Wear your mask as you explain about the animal and how it likes to be treated.



STORIES, POSTERS AND POEMS

Whether you write a poem, draw a picture or tell a story, your message will be heard. Share it at school, with your family, your pet or your friends.

MESSAGE FOR ADULTS: Help start discussions about kindness to animals by having a conversation about a pet, especially your own. Have your pet around during the conversation to help stir your child's imagination. You can also read a book about an animal shelter or the relationship between a child and a pet.

Reading Books About Animals

- If you love reading, consider reading a book with a humane animal theme.
- Go to one of the libraries that host our Barks & Books program. You'll be able to read a book to a very interested dog. You can find information about this reading program at pasadenahumane.org/kids.
- Read to your family or a friend. Host a discussion about the book with your family and friends. Who was the main character? How did he feel? Which parts of the story showed kindness to animals and which didn't?
- Read to your pet.
- Read for a school project and then do a book report or class presentation about the theme.

MESSAGE FOR ADULTS: Not all books with animals have humane themes like pet adoption, appropriate animal care, respect and kindness to living creatures. Many books use characters that more closely resemble and represent people than animals. If your child reads a book with negativity or lack of compassion towards animals, talk to them about kindness and what a positive message could look like.

Finding a book with a humane theme will go a long way towards instilling kindness and respect for all creatures.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA?

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is a donor-supported, nonprofit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area. The organization is dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassionate care for all animals. The animals in its care come from 11 animal control contract cities, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles area and beyond. The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA also offers lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keep pets in homes. To learn more, visit pasadenahumane.org.

Where is PHS Kids for Animals located?

At the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA:
361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105
pasadenahumane.org/map

How should I contact PHS Kids for Animals?

Email kids@pasadenahumane.org.

Can someone come to my event or talk to my school or group about the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA (PHS) or the Kids for Animals Program?

Yes, email us about your project or request a speaker at kids@pasadenahumane.org.

Can I schedule a tour?

Yes, if you are a member of PHS Kids for Animals. Arrangements can be made in advance for a group tour after your project is complete.

Can items be donated directly to PHS?

Yes, see page 3 of this booklet for instructions. Please identify yourself as a PHS Kid for Animals when you drop off the items.

Can I hand deliver my items directly to the animals?

No. All donated items must be inspected for safety before given to the animals.

Are members of PHS Kids for Animals given credit for volunteer work?

Yes, PHS will sign any necessary service forms after your project is complete.

Can I use the PHS logo and name?

Please let us know in advance by emailing us at kids@pasadenahumane.org and telling us how and when you will be using our name and logo. If approved, we will provide you with written permission and usage guidelines.

Can I ask local businesses for donations?

Yes, PHS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our federal Tax ID # is 95-1643344.

My project is complete. What do I do next?

Email us at kids@pasadenahumane.org and tell us about your project. Include photos if possible. We want to hear about it so you can get credit. If your project raised funds or items, drop them off at the Front Desk.

How can my friends who helped me with my project become part of the PHS Kids for Animals program?

Ask each of them to recite the Kids for Animals Pledge. When your project is complete, let us know who was involved and we'll make sure all of you become official members.

How can I sign up to be a shelter volunteer?

It's easy! Just check out our upcoming volunteer opportunities at pasadenahumane.org/volunteer.



PHS HAS MANY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Animal Adventurers: The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA offers a monthly kids program called Animal Adventurers for ages 6 through 12. Fetch information at pasadenahumane.org/kids.

Critter Camp: The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA hosts weeklong camps for ages 9 through 12. A variety of shelter-based activities will teach kindness and humane care. After camp care is available for an additional charge. Fetch information at pasadenahumane.org/kids.

Shelter Tours and Presentations: If you want to arrange a tour of the shelter or a presentation to your group, email us at kids@pasadenahumane.org.

Barks and Books: Barks and Books is a reading program for kids ages 5 to 12. Kids read a library book about animals to a trained dog. This makes reading lots of fun. Barks and Books is currently available at local libraries. No reservation necessary. Check the schedule at pasadenahumane.org/barksandbooks.

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