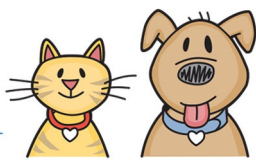


PET EDUCATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER





Humane Education Program

Brought to you by our Pet Education Team

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

Interactive and Informative K-8th Grade Lessons

Our classroom programs offer interactive, educational presentations about specific subjects in animal welfare, and can be provided offsite or at Pima Animal Care Center. Presentations are tailored to the audience's age level and interests and are available to groups of any kind, including schools, clubs, home school groups, and community organizations

All programs are 45-60 minutes unless otherwise specified. Offsite classroom programs require presentation space, a small table for materials, and a screen for a PowerPoint presentation. Max classroom size is 50 students, unless noted.

While some programs include an appearance by an animal companion (small mammals, dogs etc), participants should not expect significant animal contact as part of *some* of these presentations.

All lessons include verbal instruction and hands on activities

K-2nd Grade:

- My Pet needs to Know
- Bite Safety and Body Language around domestic pets
- Kindness Rules!
- Are You Ready for a Dog?

3rd-5th:

- Helping Homeless Pets
- Pet Overpopulation
- Your Pet in Dollars and Sense
- Veterinary Science
- Kindness Rules!
- Dogs with Jobs

6th-8th

- Career Education
- Circle of Compassion
- Pet Overpopulation
- Veterinary Science
- Animal Welfare Debates
- Create a Humane Project

Our P.E.T. Teams can accommodate a one-time visit or do multiple lessons over a 3-4 week period.

Bringing Humane Education Lessons to your Classroom

- Free of Charge Instruction
- Good natured pets can accompany humane educator
- Hands-on, Inquiry-based Team Activities
- Topics focused on practical academic and life skills
- All classroom programs presented at PACC include a [shelter tour](#) for an additional fee



How can your school/group partner with us?

If your students, teachers, school or group would like to support the animals at PACC, our four legged friends:

- Love donations from our wish list
- Can set up a tour
- Can set up a group project onsite
- Can set up a donation drive or project at your school
- Join our PACC Tales Reading program

For more information or scheduling:

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K-2nd Grade:

- **My Pet Needs to Know:** This program shows students that just as they have needs, so do their pets. Students will work in small groups, using a variety of pet care items, and learn the nine basic needs that all pets share.
- **Understanding Pet Language:** This program teaches students basic information about the many ways that animals (and people) communicate their needs and emotions. Understanding what an animal is saying increases empathy and respect and can also keep children safe. Students will use their observational skills to interpret animal body language and vocalizations
- **Kindness Rules!** Spreading messages of being kind to each other and to animals. Fun activities fill this presentation
- **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.

3rd-5th:

- **Helping Homeless Pets:** 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.
- **Pet Overpopulation:** 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.
- **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
- **Kindness Rules!** Spreading messages of being kind to each other and to animals. Fun activities fill his presentation
- **Dogs with Jobs:** Students learn about all the different jobs that dogs can have. Our team typically will bring a pet to this presentation for students to meet and learn about.
- **Animal Related Careers:** This program helps students explore a variety of animal-related careers, including the veterinary field, shelter work, animal behavior and more. Students will discuss the benefits and challenges of these careers and learn more about the training and education required to pursue them

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- **Circle of Compassion:** The Circle of Compassion shows us how the treatment of animals and people is interconnected. While this program uses examples of abuse and violence, it also shows that with compassion, empathy, and respect, we can make the world a better place for both people and animals. Students will learn what to do if someone finds an animal in distress, how to work together with law enforcement and social service agencies, and how to protect both animals and humans from further violence. This program includes sensitive content that may be upsetting to some students.
- **Pet Overpopulation:** 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.
- **Veterinary Science:** Students dive deep into the world of veterinary science by learning about what types of illnesses and injuries pets come in with, learn about X-rays and foreign objects, and more!
- **Animal Welfare Debates:** Students will split into teams and be given topics about animal welfare and have a friendly debate. This gives students a chance to learn both sides of animal welfare issues.
- **Create a Humane Project:** Students will come up with and manage their own humane project that can benefit