

## INTRODUCTION TO ANIMALS:

### SAFETY AND CARE

Lessons about animals and what they need designed to teach children empathy and responsibility.

- ❑ **Pet Care Basics:** Programs include a discussion of what HSCC does for the community, what it means to be a responsible pet owner, and being safe around all animals.
- ❑ **Pet Safety:** Learn the “Do’s and Don’ts” of safety around our animal friends. Students will recognize the body language of dogs and cats and learn how to respond in various situations. Videos, visual aids and role playing activities can also be provided.

## FARM ANIMAL SERIES:

Your educator will call prior to the visit to discuss which program is available at that time

1. **Animals on the Farm:** An introduction to farm animals; the products and services they provide. This program can also be adapted (for older groups) to include current trends in farming and their effects on consumers and the small local farmer.
2. **“Getting your Goat”:** Goats are very important to humans throughout the world as dairy animals, meat, for pack animals and for browsing shrubs, vines and clearing land. These versatile, gentle and curious farm animals can also be fun loving pets. Students can learn facts about goats, their behavior, life cycle and care. A chance to meet and milk a real Nubian Dairy goat that can still produce milk every day. (30 students maximum, outdoors only (weather permitting) an morning programs only.
3. **“Egg-citement”:** Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Learn all about eggs and the creatures that lay eggs (hint: chickens are not the only ones!) Students become “egg-sperts”, “eggs-ploring” the uses of eggs for hatching or eating while learning about diversity as they meet chickens from all of the world. Classes may choose to learn about egg incubation in the classroom.
4. **Talkin’ Turkey:** Turkeys are not just for Thanksgiving Dinner! Learn the history of this truly American bird, life cycle, behavior, and special characteristics of both the wild and domesticated barnyard gobbler. Hear a children’s Thanksgiving story and have an opportunity to feed and touch a real “Tom Turkey” of a rare heritage breed.

## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ANIMALS:

Lessons in Kindness  
All Grades

- ❑ **Getting a Bat Attitude:** Bats are often one of the most misunderstood and feared animals, but are also really amazing, helpful and important creatures. Learn fascinating bat facts, their adaptations and role in our local habitat. .
- ❑ **Deer, Oh Deer:** The White-Tailed Deer population in Charles County is robust despite shrinking habitat. Learn the biology and life cycle of our native deer. Discuss issue about population control from a variety of perspectives.
- ❑ **Black Bears:** This program is a hands on introduction into the world of the black bear. Learn about the native wildlife species that has made a remarkable comeback.
- ❑ **Groundhogs:** Learn all about groundhogs...their habitat, hibernation, what they eat, anatomy, whether they really can predict when winter will end and much more.
- ❑ **Wild About Worms:** Vermicomposting is a great way to help the environment by recycling your kitchen trash into wonderful fertilizer for your plants. We will learn about amazing earthworms...the most useful, undemanding pets. Students may choose to establish their own vermicomposting bins.
- ❑ **Raising Rabbits Responsibly:** Think carefully before you bring home that adorable Easter Bunny! Students will learn all about rabbit breeds, care, nutrition and life cycle.
- ❑ **Wildlife in our Backyard Series:**
  1. **Animals in Winter:** A flannel board presentation which helps students understand how local wild creatures’ unique adaptations help them survive the cold season.
  2. **Wild Birds in our Backyard:** teaches the audience to recognize common feeder bird species and learn about their anatomy and adaptations.
  3. **Summer Safety Outdoors:** Practical information about safety around domestic or wild animals. Discussion will also include facts about rabies, ticks and Lyme Disease, bee stings, snakes, spiders, West Nile Virus and even poison ivy..

## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ANIMALS:

The Spectrum of Caring  
Lessons about animals and the role of humans

- ❑ **The Spectrum of Caring:** This curriculum will explore the religious, political, social, and cultural influences that formed our attitudes toward each other and all living organisms on the planet
- ❑ **Foster Kittens:** Learn what to do if you discover a litter of kittens, the initial and vital steps to keep them alive once found; and, if willing, the procedures to “hand raise” them until they can be put up for adoption. Become HERO to a litter of orphans while undertaking one of the most rewarding experiences of your life!
- ❑ **Endangered Species:** Some rare and endangered species of animals may become extinct before students reach adulthood. This presentation examines some of the reasons that wild creatures become threatened. Should we care? What can we do to help them survive?
- ❑ **Talking Bones:** Students can learn to be “forensic” investigators by observing skulls of animals to discover characteristics that will reveal whether the animal is herbivore, carnivore or omnivore. The size, shape, teeth, brain size and nasal cavities give clues about the habitat and life cycle of native Maryland species.
- ❑ **Jeepers Creepers:** Creeping Crawlers are all around us! Students will learn why even the creepiest creature is essential to our world. Discuss ecosystems, food web, adaptations and habitats.
- ❑ **Careers:** Learn about the many job/positions available working with animals. From humane educator to pet groomer or a veterinarian, many career paths are available...let us discuss the possibilities with your class.

### 2016/2017 School Year

All Charles County Groups are offered 1 presentation annually free of charge.  
Additional presentations: \$30 Educational fee required.  
Out of county Groups: \$80 per presentation.

### Come Visit Us

Onsite activities and educational  
Lessons at  
the Humane Society of Charles County  
(Contact shelter for more information)

#### HSCC Shelter Tour and Program:

Bring your class or group to visit our shelter for a special tour of our facility accompanied by Pet Care & Safety program. Participants will spend some hands on time with a shelter pet. At least one hour should be allowed for this visit. Please call no less than 2 weeks in advance for a tour request. \$30 Educational Fee required.

Birthday Parties: Party with the Pets- you and Your guests have a great time learning and Meeting animal visitors, have fun games and Crafts and take a shelter tour. Reservation required.

Summer Camps: Spend a fun filled week With the animals. Educational lessons and Crafts, special visitors and activities all about animals.

#### All Things Animals Home School Programs

Animal Themed monthly "Day Camps" designed for the home school community. Grades K-8 spend Day full of animal focused educational lessons that incorporate Social Studies, Language Arts, Geography, Animal Science, Animal Welfare, Environmental Science and Arts and Crafts.

10am-3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
Registration fee \$15/session in advance.

Due to inclement weather or other  
emergencies, we will follow the  
Charles County School

WE DO BRING LIVE ANIMALS TO  
PROGRAMS!!

### PAWS Clubs:

#### Pets and Wildlife Service Clubs

(Monthly registration fee applies)

#### Tiny Paws Club: 3-5 years

Each week, children learn all about animal in a fun and educational club, making animal themed crafts, interacting with animal visitors and touring the shelter.  
Meets every Thursday from 10:00am -12:00pm

#### Jr. Paws Club: 6-10 Years

Students learn about animals, care for and socialize Shelter animal.  
Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm

#### Paws Club: 11-15 Years

Youth volunteers learn about animals and animal welfare, care for shelter pets, earn service hours.  
Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 6-8pm

#### Humane Educational Adult Trainings:

Humane Education programs introduce concepts of Kindness and Empathy to children and provide them with the tools necessary to successfully navigate through the complex social situations in todays communities. Daily incorporation of humane themes into lesson plans throughout the year, help to achieve a lasting impact on level of empathy and kindness that the students show toward each other. Learn how to incorporate Humane Education into your classroom. (Contact shelter for more information)



**HUMANE SOCIETY**  
**OF CHARLES COUNTY**

## Humane and Environmental Educational Programs

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