



WHAT IS THE HUMANE TEEN CLUB?

The Humane Teen Club is for teens ages 13 to 17 who have an interest and passion for learning about animal companionship. The program focuses on preparing teens to become responsible volunteers and representatives of the Seattle Humane Society and takes place at our shelter in Bellevue. The goals and objectives of the Humane Teen Club are as follows:

- 🐾 To celebrate and explore the power of animal companionship, and the importance and benefits of the human/animal bond
- 🐾 To learn current best practices in companion animal care and training
- 🐾 To develop leadership skills and service ethic in a supportive environment
- 🐾 To receive training and preparation for volunteer service opportunities at the Seattle Humane Society

The Humane Teen Club meets for two hours twice a month and is a combination of classroom, hands on with the animals, and service learning activities. While some of the activities in the Humane Teen Club include hands-on interaction with animals, it is important to us that young people have a safe and fun experience with companion animals. All animal interactions will be structured and supervised and will often include pets that have been behavior tested to enjoy interaction with children.

Successful completion of all of the requirements of this program enables the Humane Teen graduate to be eligible to apply for certain volunteer opportunities before turning 18, the age required to volunteer at the shelter. Graduation from the program is not a guarantee of placement, however. Just as with adult volunteers, the Volunteer Department matches people with available openings based on their skills, and the current needs of the shelter.

TO APPLY

To apply for the Humane Teen Club, fill out the attached application. Twenty people will be chosen from the range of applicants. Due to the nature of a non-profit, we charge a \$175.00 enrollment fee to cover the costs of running this program, but we are committed to making our programs accessible to all. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we have three scholarships available (See scholarship application available for download). Application Deadline: application must be received by August 31.



HUMANE TEEN CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011

Here are the meeting dates for the Humane Teen Club for this year. You are permitted one excused absence from a meeting during the year, so make sure to check the dates below and make sure they work with your schedule.

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	October 2 nd and 16 th , 2010	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	November 6 th and 20 th , 2010	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	December 4 th and 18 th , 2010	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	January 8 th and 22 nd , 2011	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	February 5 th and 19 th , 2011	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	March 5 th and 19 th , 2011	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	April 2 nd and 16 th , 2011	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	May 7 th and 21 st , 2011	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	June 4th, 2011 - Graduation	10:00 am – 12:00 pm

HUMANE TEEN APPLICATION FORM – PART I
Contact Information

Your Name	
Birth Date, Age and Grade	
Email	
Mailing Address	
Parent or Guardian's Name	
Work Phone	
Cell or Alternate Phone	
Parent Email	



HUMANE TEEN CLUB APPLICATION

Part 2 – Short Answer Essay Questions

Think carefully about your answers to these questions. We suggest you draft, edit and then re-write your answers. Final Drafts must be typed.

- A. Successfully completing the requirements for The Humane Teen Club requires a commitment of a two hour meeting twice a month plus some additional time for your community service project. Please give a detailed explanation of how you intend to fit Humane Teen Club into your busy schedule. Be specific.
- B. Explain **why** you want to be a member of the Humane Teen Club for the 2010-2011 school year.
- C. Describe three strengths, skills or personality traits that would make you valuable to the Humane Teen Club Team this year.

Application must be received by August 31st - mail to:

Seattle Humane Society
Education Department – HTC Application
13212 SE Eastgate Way
Bellevue, WA 98005