

WHAT IS THE HUMANE TEEN CLUB?



The Humane Teen Club is for teens aged 13 to 17 who have an interest and passion for learning about animal companionship. The program focuses on service learning and teen development through humane education 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 a service ethic in a supportive environment
- Receive training and preparation for volunteer service opportunities at the Seattle Humane Society
- Become aware of issues facing companion animals and explore related animal welfare topics

The Humane Teen Club meets for three 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, or have been approved through our pet friends program.

Humane Teen Club Participants will also be required to volunteer for at least three Seattle Humane Society Events, as well as participate in individual and group service projects through the course of the program. We hold weekly service workshops after schools on Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30. Participants should plan to devote an average of 5 hours per month in addition to the two hour meeting so think carefully about your availability before you commit to becoming a humane teen.

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 however is not a guarantee of placement. Just as with all 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. After a brief phone interview you may be selected for the program. **Fifteen people will be chosen from the range of applicants.** Due to the nature of a non-profit, we charge a 125.00 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 is August 31st.



HUMANE TEEN CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2008-2009

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	September 20 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	October 4 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	October 18 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	November 1 st	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	November 15 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	December 6 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	December 20 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	January 3	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	January 17 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	February 7	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	February 21 st	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	March 7	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	March 21 st	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	April 4 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	April 18 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	May 2 nd	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	May 16 th	9:30 – 12:30
Saturday	June 6 th - Graduation	9:30 – 12:30





2008-09 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	
Parent Signature	



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 and coursework for The Humane Teen Club requires a commitment of at least 5 hours per month on top of our monthly two hour meeting. 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 2008-2009 season.
- C. Describe three strengths, skills or personality traits that would make you valuable to the Humane Teen Club Team this year.

Mail your application by August 31st to:

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