



SPCA Serving Erie County
Girl Scout Patch Program

Leader's Guide

Daisy Level Requirement



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Girl Scout Patch Program Description

The Girl Scout Patch Program consists of three levels: Daisy, Brownie, and Junior. At each level, girls do a variety of age-appropriate activities that teach them about being responsible animal advocates. All activities are done during troop meetings or at home. The last activity the troop will do is visit the SPCA for a tour.

To schedule a tour, the troop leader should call 716-799-8651. Tours are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Cost per girl is \$8.00. Troop leaders are free and family members are \$2.00 each. There is a minimum of six and maximum of twenty Daisies needed for a tour. Cash or checks (made payable to SPCA Serving Erie County) are accepted. Please call at least one month in advance to schedule tours. All programs include a special tour of our facility, including the dog kennels, the cat room, the small animals, and the Educational Farm. Tours last approximately 45 minutes to one hour. Special SPCA patches will be issued after all activities and the tour is completed.



In order for the girls to earn the SPCA Patch, the following must occur:

 The girls must complete three out of the six activities before coming for the tour.

- Activity 1: Staying Safe around Dogs
- Activity 2: What do Pets Need?
- Activity 3: Sharing the Same Feelings
- Activity 4: Wish List
- Activity 5: Making Treats
- Activity 6: Humane Poster and Creative Writing Competition

 The troop leader should completely fill out the Patch Program Evaluation Form and turn it in by the end of the tour.

Leaders: Please review the following with your troop before introducing the activities:

What is the SPCA Serving Erie County?

The mission of the SPCA is to create a caring and kind community that encourages fair and humane treatment of all creatures. Our knowledgeable, caring, and open-minded team of staff and volunteers achieves that mission through proactive efforts to address the current status of animals in our community, education of adults and children, rescue and sheltering of animals in need, and placement of animals into appropriate homes.

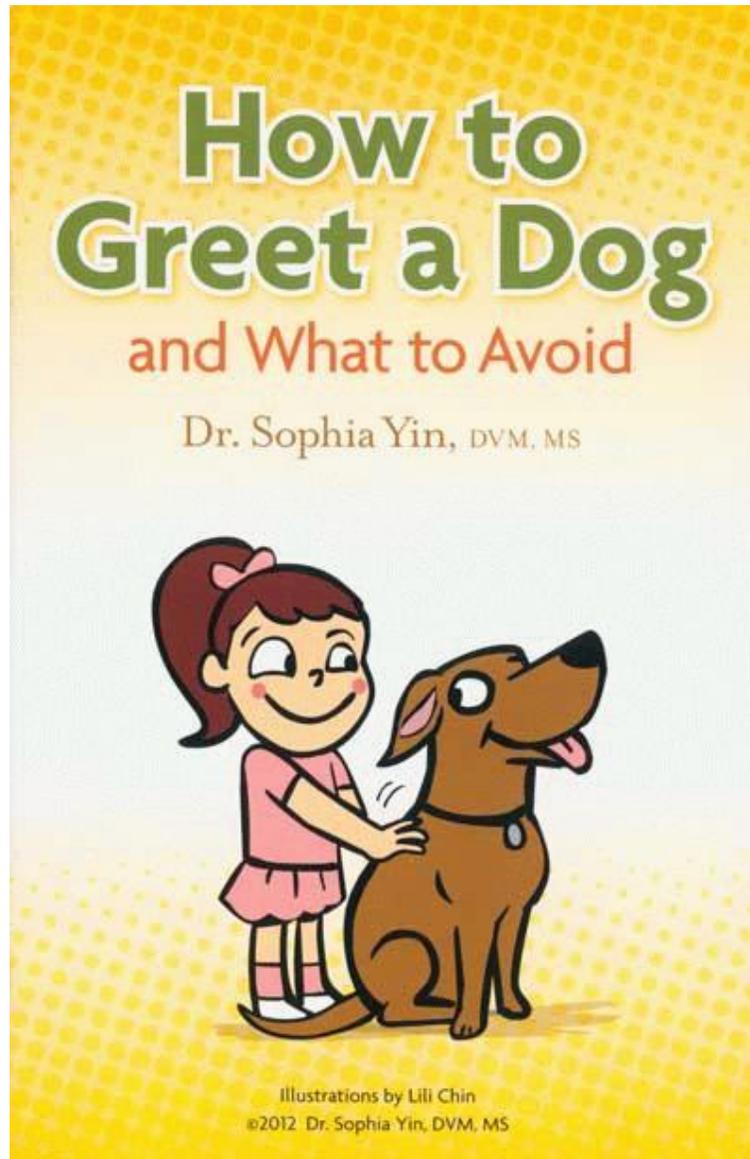
The SPCA does not receive any funding from the county, city, state, or federal governments. We do not receive tax dollars of any kind. We are only able to assist the people and pets in need thanks to donations. The SPCA cares for approximately 14,000 animals each year through programs that include adoptions, admissions, animal rescues, animal emergency transports, stray lost and found services, animal cruelty investigations and seizures, care for wildlife, reptiles, exotics, and farm animals, and much more.



Activity 1 Staying Safe around Dogs!

Please visit this website to read Dr. Sophia Yin's book, *How to Greet a Dog and What to Avoid* online or print it out.

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After reading the book:

- Have your troop practice what they have learned using a stuffed dog. One person will pretend to be the owner while the other troop members demonstrate how to follow the steps to stay safe.

Activity 2

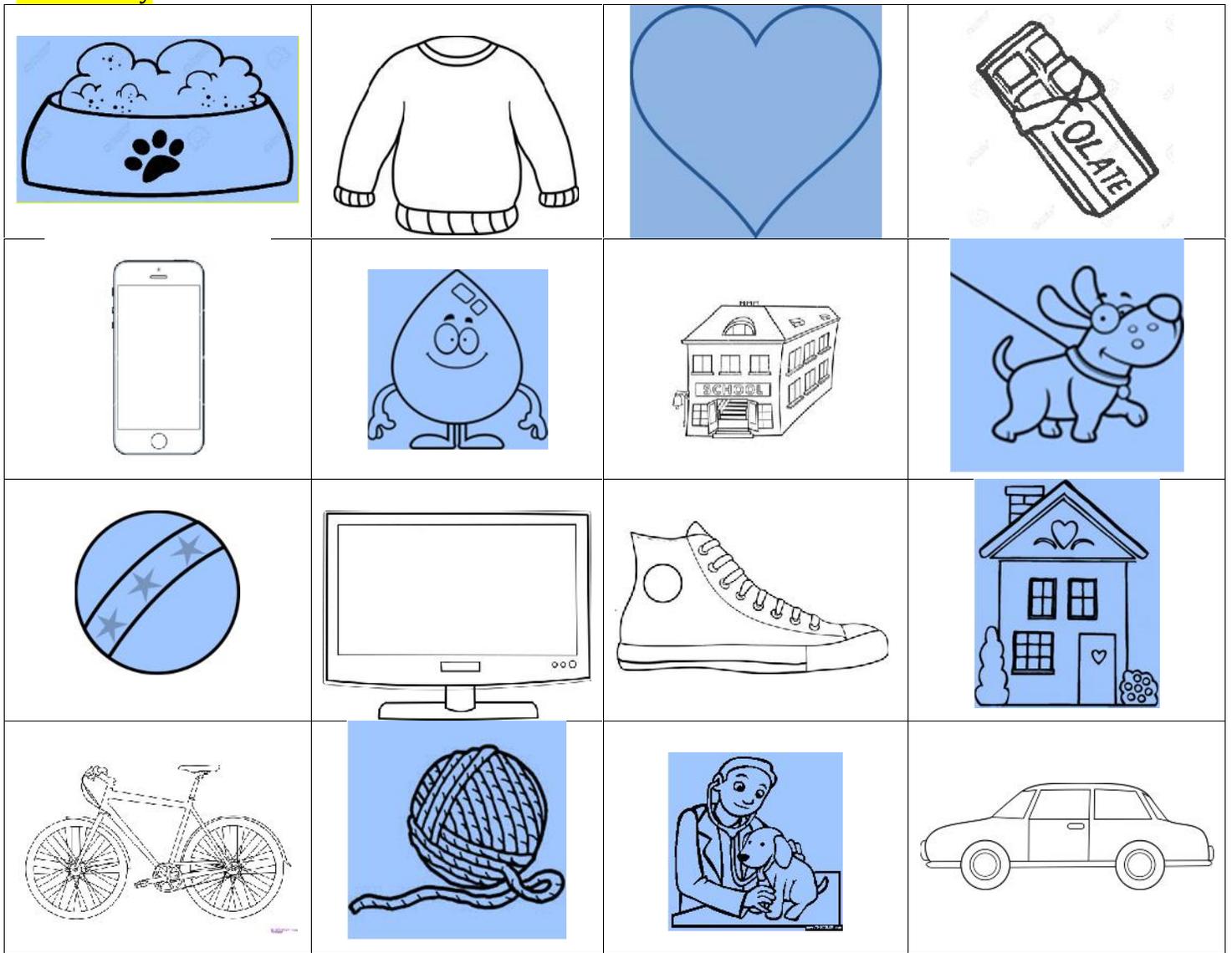
What Do Pets Need?

Discuss what our pets need to be happy, healthy, and safe.

- What are the needs of our pets (food, water, shelter, love, exercise/playtime, vet visits)? How are pets' needs the same as ours? How are they different?
- Ask the scouts to complete the activity, "What Do Pets Need?" by themselves or with a buddy.

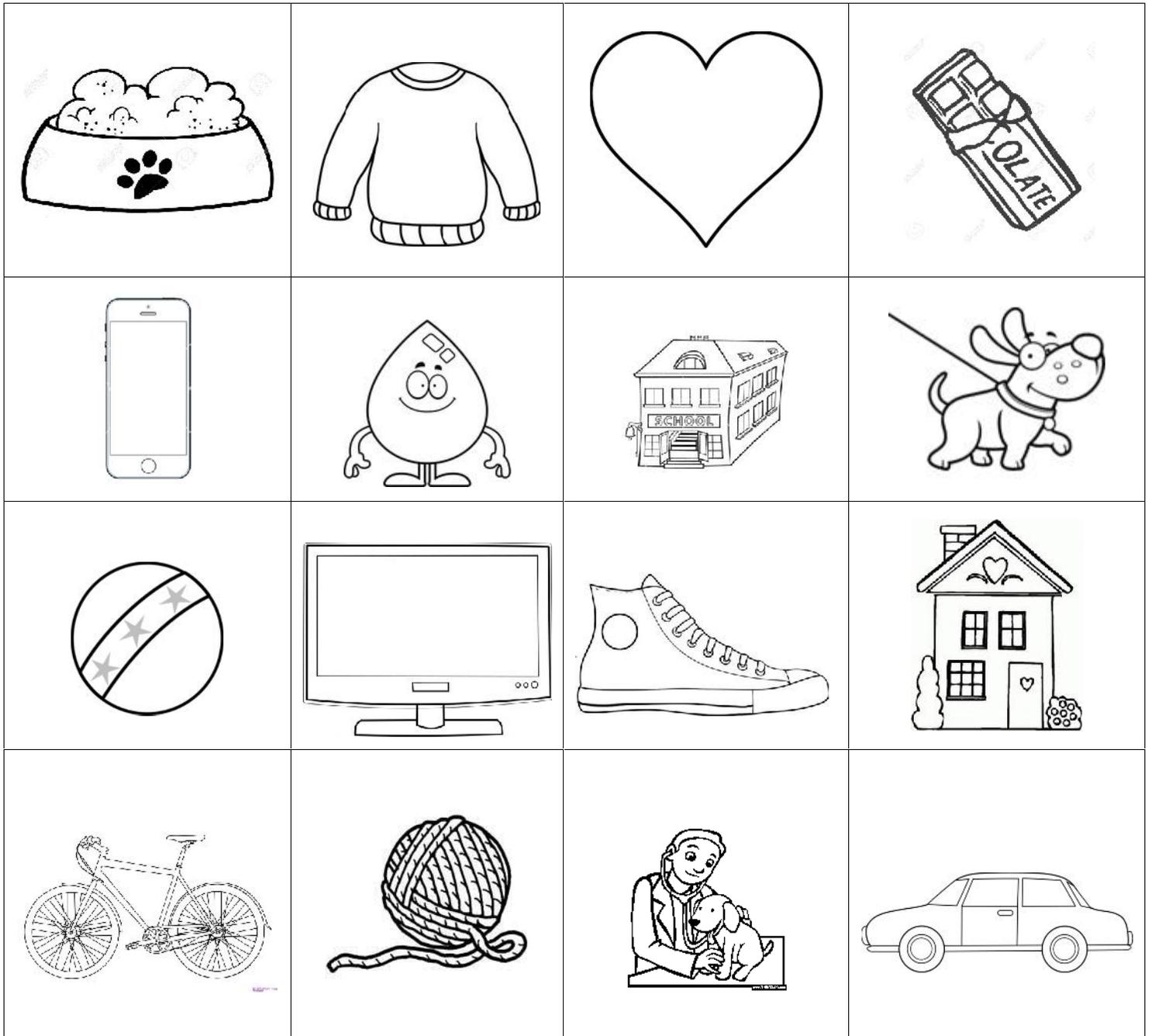
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Cross out the things that pets don't need with an X over it.

Answer Key



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Activity 3

Sharing the Same Feelings

People and animals share a lot of the same needs. Did you know we share a lot of the same feelings too? This activity will help the scouts to understand that animals and people have the same types of feelings and how we can help our pets to make sure they are always happy.

Talk with the scouts about emotions. Ask them what kinds of emotions they had today. You can write them down as they brainstorm.

Play a game of charades. You can print these cards out and call the scouts up one by one to act out the emotions of the card. Remember the person who is acting cannot talk. After each emotion, ask the scouts how they knew what was being acted out (body language- smile, open/closed/averted eyes, arms crossed, frown, clenched jaw, stomping feet, happy hands, etc.)

Happy 	Sad 
Mad 	Excited 
Sleepy 	Bored 

After the game, ask them to think about their dog or someone else's dog. What do dogs do when they are tired? Explain how animals feel tired and need sleep just like us. Go through other emotions and review how the scouts might feel and how an animal might feel.



Activity 4

Collect Donation Items from Our Wish List

Ask your parents, friends, and neighbors to donate one or more items from our list, something that helps us care for the animals and then bring the items you collected with you when you come for your tour.

Wish List

Always Needed Items

- Cat Food
- Fancy Feast Appetizers
- Purely Fancy Feast Natural White Meat Chicken Entree in a Delicate Broth (used for critical care cats and dogs)
- Friskies canned cat food (any flavor with gravy and sauce preferred)
- Pooper-Scoopers....long-handled, please!
- Paper towels
- Washcloths
- Newspaper
- Light blankets (no comforters, electric blankets, knitted or crocheted pieces, sheets, or rugs, please)
- Hand and bath towels
- Pillowcases
- Small fleece cat beds
- Dog biscuits (small or medium size)
- Plastic pet carriers (medium size)
- Stuffed animals (6" or larger)
- Baby receiving blankets
- Feliway Spray
- Dog collars of any size

Kennels

- Gift cards to Home Depot in any amount!

Volunteer Department

- Colored and photo paper
- Fleece
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Rubber stamps & ink pads
- Stickers
- Pens (blue or black ink)
- \$5 & \$10 gift cards to be used for volunteer appreciation gifts

Cruelty Investigations Department

- Assorted rechargeable batteries for flashlights

Educational Farm Wish List

- 4' X 6' Rubber stall mats
- Plain (4 lb.) salt bricks
- Bagged shavings
- Loads of hay/straw
- Reams of colored copy paper or card stock

Animal Rescue Department

- Three hard hats with lamp
- "Snake" cam
- Mountable double lock safe
- Rubbermaid equipment holders
- Crowbars

Maintenance

- Gift cards to Home Depot

Information Technology

- Optical Mice
- SD type memory cards
- Flat panel monitors over 17"
- USB drives 4 GB or larger

Veterinary Cat toys for recovering cats

- Blue and black pens
- Yellow and pink highlighters
- Red and black fine point Sharpies
- Sticky note pads
- Expo thin dry erase markers
- 1 1/2 inch binders
- Avery Removable Color coding round labels 3/4" blue, green, yellow, orange, white and black
- Pressure IV bag holder



Cat Enrichment

- Laser pointers
- Washable interactive cat toys (wands, feathers)
- Yards or scraps of fleece material (at least 2" x 4", cut or uncut)
- **StretchAndScratch.com** - You can help the cats at the SPCA by purchasing scratching posts to go on their cage and then it can be given to their new owners to go home with the cats! You can have your order directly shipped to our shelter in care of the Cat Enrichment team and we will make sure the cats have them!
- Feliway Spray
- Puzzle toys
- Plastic spring toys
- Stage feeders
- Plastic rings from milk containers

Humane Education Department

- New training/treat bags
- Batteries (assorted sizes)
- Small, shoebox-size plastic totes
- 2-drawer filing cabinet with locks
- Teacher resource books
- Laminating machine
- Good condition pre-school story books
- Large Post-It pads (used for presentations)
- Large butcher roll paper in any color
- Colored Sharpies
- Construction paper
- Contact paper
- Large storage containers
- Plastic file totes/organizers
- Certificate holders
- Puffy Paint
- Colored bandanas
- Top-loading name badges
- Animal puppets
- Animal stickers
- Google eyes
- Puff balls
- White card stock
- JoAnn Fabric gift cards

- Party City gift cards
- Wegman's gift cards
- BJ's gift cards
- New notebooks
- Magic modeling clay
- Glue sticks
- Kid-friendly scissors
- Ziploc baggies
- Clickers for dog training
- 32g memory card
- Fabric markers
- Camera bag

Wildlife Department

- Heating pads without automatic shut-off feature
- Ceramic food dishes
- 1-quart and 1-gallon Ziploc bags
- Digital weight scales
- Large guinea pig cages
- Coffee mug warmers
- Cabin kennels with wire tops
- Red, black, green and blue dry-erase markers
- Dry erase board cleaner
- 9" x 6" clip boards
- Small-sized legal pads
- Pens
- Black Sharpie markers
- Fleece blankets
- Baby receiving blankets

Training/Behavior Department

- Stuffed animals (without beans as stuffing)
- Kongs
- 6' non-retractable leashes
- Buckle style collars
- Martingale collars
- Kong Wobblers
- Bil-Jac small training treats
- Sensation harnesses
- D.A.P. calming dog spray
- Super Galileo Nylabones
- Clickers for training
- Bait/treat bags



- Kibble Nibble dog food dispensers (original size)
- Busy Buddy Bouncy Dog Bone (large sizes; no bristles)
- Replacement gnawhide treats which go onto Busy Buddy Bouncy Dog Bones (medium and large sizes)
- Small, soft dog treats

Admissions Department

- Universal animal microchip scanner
- Ink pads for paw prints
- Feli-way spray
- Computer wrist supports
- Tomahawk large wire cat carriers
- Color paper (light green, light purple, orange, pink)

Adoptions Department

- Fine-pointed dry erase markers
- Pens
- Sharpie markers
- Sheet protectors
- Scissors
- Staplers
- Feliway

Off-Site Adoptions Department

- Washable cat toys (ex. plastic balls, small stuffed toys, etc.)
- Fleece for cat beds
- Three laser pointers
- Nail clippers
- Digital photo frames (10", preferably new, with USB port for flash drives)
- 4GB jump drives

Foster Care Department

- Medium size litter pans
- KMR Kitten formula

- Snuggle Buddies heating discs
- Ethical thin colorful springs cat toy
- Mylar crinkle balls cat toy

Petique

- New pet toys for resale
- New or gently used pet-theme gift items, jewelry, etc.
- Unchewed rawhides and unexpired biscuits
- Unopened, unexpired cat treats for resale
- Large paper shopping bags with handles

Development Department Wish List

- Boxes of mailing seals (small, clear dots)
- Postage stamps

Eastern Hills Adoption Site

- Cat wand toys
- Sentry: Calming Collars
- Feliway Spray
- Assorted color printing paper
- Small bags of Miracle Grow potting mix

New Leash on Life

- Small and medium sized dog collars 6' leashes
- Soft training treats
- Durable dog toys

Rabbit Enrichment

- Adult Rabbit Food with just Timothy Pellets (ex. Oxbow)
- Young Rabbit Food with just Timothy Pellets (ex. Oxbow)
- Rabbit Toys
- Rabbit Houses
- Oxbow Rabbit Treats



Activity 5 Making Treats

Treats are a great way to show our animal friends that we love and care for them here at the shelter. Try one of these recipes or another favorite recipe to donate to our shelter dogs.

If making dog treats, please make them fresh. They will not keep too long because there are no preservatives.

Make sure to write down the ingredients used, our animals can have allergies too!

Bacon Cookies

- **Yield:** Makes about 40 round treats

Ingredients

- 3 slices uncured bacon
- 2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup toasted wheat germ
- 1/2 cup flax seed
- 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1/3 cup chopped parsley

Preparation

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line 2 large shallow baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Heat a medium nonstick skillet over medium and cook bacon until crisp, turning once or twice, about 6-7 minutes. Drain bacon, transfer to a cutting board, and finely chop it. Reserve 1 tablespoon bacon fat.
3. Combine the chopped bacon, flour, wheat germ and dry milk in a medium bowl. Whisk together reserved bacon fat, egg, broth and parsley in a separate bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and stir with a spoon or rubber spatula until a rough dough forms. Knead the dough in the bowl 5-6 times until it comes together.
4. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and roll out to a 1/4-inch thickness. With a 2-inch round cookie cutter, cut out treats and transfer to the prepared baking sheets. Press all the scraps together, kneading once or twice, then roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut out more treats; repeat if necessary.
5. Bake treats until lightly browned and fairly hard, rotating the pans from top to bottom once, about 35-40 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely; biscuits will harden as they cool. Store in an airtight container.



Peanut Butter and Banana Biscuits

- **Yield:** Makes about 86 (1 3/4-inch) treats

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/4 cup natural creamy peanut butter
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar

Preparation

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a large shallow baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Combine the flour and oats in a medium bowl. Whisk together the peanut butter, banana, egg, sugar and oil in a separate bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and stir with a spoon or rubber spatula until a rough dough forms. Knead the dough in the bowl 5-6 times until it comes together.
3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and roll to a 1/4-inch thickness. With a 1 3/4-inch bone shaped cookie cutter, cut out treats and transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Press all the scraps together, kneading once or twice, then roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut out more treats; repeat if necessary.
4. Bake treats until lightly browned and fairly hard, rotating the pans from top to bottom once, about 20-25 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely; biscuits will harden as they cool. Store in an airtight container.





Activity 6

Humane Poster and Creative Writing Contest

Contest Overview

Since 1892, students throughout Erie County have spoken up for animals, people, and our community by participating in this contest. Lucy Lord, founder of the SPCA's Humane Education Department, oversaw this contest for many years. Today, ancestors of Lucy Lord still participate in, and support, this contest. A family tradition for generations and a historic piece of the SPCA, we are honored to conduct this contest annually.



Community Partners

All first-through eighth-grade students in Erie County are encouraged to participate. With a chance to win prizes, students will demonstrate how they are compassionate, empathetic citizens while promoting the humane treatment of others and creatively solving real-life issues.

The Contest

Students can enter either a humane poster or creative writing piece by division and grade. With three chances to win in each division, students challenge themselves by exploring real-life issues.

Teachers can also honor each other and their kind students through our Ambassador of Kindness and Judy Silver Humane Educator of the Year Contests.

The contest also includes:

- The Ambassador of Kindness
- The Judy Silver Humane Educator of the Year Award
- The Anderson/Lowe Award for Artistic Ability
- The Stevens/Barrett Award for Creative Writing

An awards ceremony will take place celebrating all of the humane accomplishments of the honored students and educator.

To Learn More

Contest brochures are mailed to all schools and after-schools programs. Also available online, anyone can download a brochure by visiting the Humane Education Department at YourSPCA.org or speak with Danielle Talbot at (716) 629-3538.



The More You Know!

There are a lot of great books out there that can help you learn all about animals, pet care, types of pets, kindness toward animals, veterinary medicine, etc. Visit your local library and check out books on some of these topics and you'll learn something new about pets! Below are some suggestions.

Mittens by Lola M. Schaefer

Mittens is a shy kitten in a new home. His search for security helps him discover a new friend. **Themes: changes, new experiences, friendship**

Ask Mr. Bear by Marjorie Flack

Trying to find the perfect gift for his mother's birthday isn't easy until Danny asks Mr. Bear and gets a special and unique present for her. **Themes: animals, friendship**

Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Frog and Toad stories encourage teamwork, cooperation and the values of friendship. **Themes: cooperation, teamwork, kindness, compassion, friendship**

The Stray Dog by Marc Simont

A family falls in love with a stray dog during a family picnic. Will they be able to catch him and give him a new home? **Themes: dogs kindness and compassion**

Before you were Mine by Maribeth Boelts

A little boy imagines what life was like for his new dog before he adopted him from a shelter. Maybe he had a boy who loved him, but the family had to move and couldn't keep him. Maybe he belonged to someone who didn't appreciate how mischievous puppies can be. Maybe he was treated badly, and now he can be shown all the love he's been missing. This boy wonders about all of these things, but maybe they don't matter. Because now, his dog is *home*. **Themes: kindness, understanding, love, compassion**



Evaluation Form Daisy Level

Troop Number: _____ Troop Leader's Name: _____

1. Which 3 activities did you / your troop complete?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

2. What was your favorite activity and why?

3. What is something you would like to make better about our Girl Scout program at the SPCA Serving Erie County?

4. How did you hear about our Patch Program?

Please turn in one evaluation form for the troop and your check made payable to:
SPCA Serving Erie County