



Animal Adventure & Education Camp
A Week on the Farm Camp
Career Camp



**REQUIRED ORIENTATION
for
Parents and Guardians**

We look forward to meeting you.
Camp children are welcome but not required to attend.

In the Classroom at Sonoma Humane Society
5345 Highway 12 West, Santa Rosa, CA 95407
5 miles west of Hwy 101 on Hwy 12, almost to Sebastopol, Llano Rd closest cross street.

If you park in the front parking lot, please walk through the Adoption Center to the classroom at the north end of the building.

If you park in the rear parking lot at the back of our building, there is a door directly into the classroom

**Please attend one of the below orientations
BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S CAMP start date:
(whichever date works best for you)**

Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30pm

May 30 (Tuesday)	June 28
May 31	July 12
June 7	July 19
June 14	July 26
June 21	

Please RSVP prior to your attendance
Beth Karzes, Humane Education Coordinator @ 577-1902

**Please Review Parent Packet and
COME WITH THE FORMS COMPLETED & SIGNED to the orientation.**

If you have attended our camp orientation in the past 2 years you can scan all completed & signed forms to bkarzes@sonomahumane.org or fax 707-542-1317 by the Tuesday BEFORE your child's camp week starts



Dear Parent/Guardian,



Welcome to the Sonoma Humane Society's summertime Animal Adventure & Education Camp, Career Camp and our new Week on the Farm Camp! Enclosed you will find the tentative camp schedule for each camp. Please be aware that the enclosed schedule **is tentative**, as we get closer to the camp months, the schedule is constantly being worked on. During the camp week, we may linger a bit longer on a popular activity or switch gears if a guest speaker needs to cancel their visit as many of them work in the animal rescue field and may be pulled away for an animal emergency. Please note that the camp itinerary may change for reasons out of our control such as a field trip cancellation. For the smooth running of the camp day everyone needs to arrive on time.

Our main concerns at Animal Adventure & Education Camp are that all campers learn, have fun and are safe while doing so. To ensure the safety of our campers, we require parents to sign their child in and out of camp each day with the Education Camp Staff. Please be sure to escort your child in and out of the classroom each day. Please list anyone who has the camper's parents'/guardian's approval to pick up from camp. Their name must be on the enclosed release sheet and may be asked to show identification. (Please bring completed paperwork with you to your orientation).

Please provide your child with a brown bag lunch (no microwaveable lunches) and a water bottle and sun protection.

CAMP HOURS: 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please park in the front parking lot of the Sonoma Humane, if no parking is available, you can park on the west side of the Adoption Center or rear parking lot. **Drop off in camp classroom, Doors open at 8:50am. Pick up at 3:00pm in camp classroom, we do not offer pre or post child care.**

Dress code during camp:

1. Long legged pants, no shorts or skirts
2. A Humane Society camp T-shirt, each camper will receive one complimentary camp t-shirt
3. Closed-toe skid proof sturdy shoes, No sandals, Crocks, high heels, ballet slippers or flip-flops please!
4. Clothes & shoes you don't mind your child getting dirty, stained or wet.
5. Please provide a light jacket for chilly mornings.
6. Please no necklaces, bracelets or large dangling earrings, jewelry tends to get lost & damaged and caught in kitten and puppy claws.
7. No electronic gadgets allowed at camp, this includes, i-Pods, personal video game toys or valuable trinkets/toys, these items are a distraction for the children while working with the animals and during guest speakers and field trip presentations as well as the potential for getting lost or damaged.
8. Cell phone use is not permitted during camp hours as children need to be respectful of guest speakers and the animals for safety reasons.

The Sonoma Humane Society Summer Education Camps aims to teach children about animals in a fun and safe environment. Sometimes, the best way to learn about an animal is through listening and observing rather than holding and petting! In addition, not all of the animals in our care are comfortable receiving such attention. Therefore, we will make sure to match kids up with the animals who will most enjoy their attention and who are temperamentally safe for such interactions. While we will provide your child with as many opportunities for hands-on interaction with animals as possible during the week at camp (all of which will be closely supervised by our staff) we need to limit interactions in those cases where it is in the best interest of the animal and/or the child. Each camp has a maximum enrollment of twenty-three children supervised by myself, a Camp Assistant, and Humane Society adult and teen volunteers. It is critical that your child cooperates and is kind to fellow campers and gentle and calm around the animals.

Safety in our youth programs while working with animals is our utmost importance. Our programs are created for participants with a positive attitude, team spirit, kindness to others and a desire to learn. Campers need to be able to work with others, share, be polite, respectful, kind, and be able to remember and follow important safety guidelines and expectations at the Sonoma Humane Society and on field trips. Serious behavior problems will require parents to pick up their camper early, discussion with camp staff or expulsion from camp.

Field Trip Bus Safety: Please be advised that we assign seating in the bus to create a calm and safe driving experience to and from field trips. If your child poses a serious behavior problem on the bus that jeopardizes the safety of him/herself, the driver, the other campers or staff we will have to ban them from bus privileges and have you drive your child to and from the field trip destinations and possible expulsion from camp.

In the event your child will be absent please leave a message on my voice mail 577-1902. Please feel free to call me should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to an active fun-filled week with the campers.

Sincerely,

Beth Karzes, Humane Education Coordinator

bkarzes@sonomahumane.org

(707) 577-1902

Sonoma Humane Society
Youth Camps
Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. May my child bring their own animal to camp?
- A. While you may have a wonderfully sound dog and a child who is very experienced at handling him, we can't guarantee that of all our campers and their pets. In the interest of keeping both the children and animal's safe, we ask you to leave your pets at home. We will make sure the campers have opportunities to interact with animals who we know are behaviorally and medically appropriate to socialize with children.
- Q. What is the focus of the camps?
- A. This is an **education camp** with an emphasis on respect, responsibility, care, and safety of and around animals. Animal welfare themes will be introduced and discussed. Campers will learn the importance of spay and neutering animals, adopting from an animal shelter rather than purchasing through a newspaper, pet store or breeder, calculating the cost of an animal from infancy to adulthood, proper housing and daily care required to maintain optimal health, how Humane Societies help animals, the difference between domestic and wild animals and their appropriateness as pets, animal welfare laws and owner responsibilities, and many more important topics. Career Camp will focus on introducing campers to the many various types of careers working with animals through meeting local animal rescue rehabilitators and experienced animal welfare professionals currently working in the field. In all our camps, campers will visit animal hospitals and view surgeries and procedures performed on animals, including spay and neuter surgeries.
- Q. Will my child spend most of the day spending time directly with animals?
- A. Everything we do at camp is aimed at teaching children about compassion towards animals, animal care, handling, safety and welfare. We strive to give our campers an opportunity to interact with animals each day. However, we are an animal shelter that handles sick, injured and sometimes very challenging animals as well as those who are medically and temperamentally sound. Our ability to have children interact with animals relies entirely on the types of animals who are in residence during the camp season. Our top priorities are to provide our campers with a safe and fun learning experience and also to prevent our resident animals from any undue stress. Some animals simply cannot handle the attention of twenty children at one time or even a smaller group of five children at a time. Please remember the ultimate goal of our camp is to instill in the campers a respect and understanding of the needs of each individual animal. That being said, when a gentle bunny, curious rat, kid friendly dog or a playful bunch of kittens are available to meet the camp kids will have an opportunity to interact with them. In addition, activities like dog training and animal socializing with guest animal ambassadors are planned throughout the week.
- Q. Can the parents attend the field trips (during summer camps)?
- A. The field trips were booked four to six months in advance and the cost of payments for them was based on number of campers and staff. In addition our bus has only enough seats for the campers and staff and many of the various agencies we are visiting have a limit on the number of people per group tour, and our group has reached the maximum limit for most of the field trips.
- Q. How is Week on the Farm Camp different from our Animal Adventure/Education and Career Camp?
- A. A Week on the Farm is a new camp that we first offered summer 2015. Different from our other camps, the focus is on learning while working alongside farm staff. Care for over 25 farm animals and 3 acres of organic vegetable, herb and flower gardens and a fruit tree orchard. The focus of the Week on the Farm Camp is to expose youth to the wonders and joys of farm to table eating habits, where food comes from, how it's grown, healthy eating choices, and the love of the outdoors working on the land. Our goal is for the youth participants to learn about the historical and current importance agriculture holds in the production of food and in Sonoma County. Campers will meet professional farmers and see, touch and smell gardens and animals at working farms. Learn about large animal husbandry as you clean, groom and feed the farm animals. Get to know our 4 alpacas, Raymond the Steer, Reno our painted horse and many more friendly farm animals. Learn how healthy food is grown and prepared using sustainable agriculture practices. In our hands-on camp, you'll spend the week planting seeds, picking berries, braiding garlic, making pickles and caring for farm animals, all while learning about the farm-to-table movement! Located at the Forget Me Not Farm at the Sonoma Humane Society. Fields trip to local farms and animal sanctuaries included.

Animal Adventure and Education Camp

Tentative Schedule
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Camp Itinerary	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 9:30	Hello! Greetings! Introductions	Reptile Rescue Visit	Field Trip to Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue	Field Trip to Environmental Discovery Center & Hike	Field Trip to Sadie's Horse Rescue or TBA
9:30 – 10:00	Get to know you Camp Rules	Reptile Rescue Visit	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Sadie's Horse Rescue cont
10:00 – 10:30	Be an Animal Care Tech Clean Cat Habitats	Reptile Rescue Agility	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Sadie's Horse Rescue cont
10:30 -11:00	Be an Animal Care Tech Clean Cat Habitats	Agility Demonstrations & Introduction	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Bergin University for Canine Studies
11-11:30	Clean Cat Habitats &	Agility Demonstrations & Introductions	Tour of Humane Society	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued
11:30 – 12:00	Socialize with the cats	Lunch	Tour of the Humane Society	Field Trip continued	Lunch
12- 12:30	Lunch	Donation Containers	Lunch	Lunch	Finish Education poster and build a breed activity.
12:30 – 1:00	Animal Care Lesson How the SHS Cares for Animals & Microchip	Camp Packets	Foster Program Guest	Bite Prevention Video, Canine Body Language	House Hunting
1:00 – 1:30	Spay/Neuter License Microchip	Farm	Foster Program Guest	Dog Training	Safe Toys Game
1:30 -2:00	Mixed Breed Poster	Farm	Clicker Game	Dog Training	Kitten Visits if we have kittens
2:00- 2:30	Mixed Breed Poster House Rabbit or Guinea Pigs	Veterinary Presentation	Animal Enrichment Items	House Hunting being an adoption counselor	Kitten Visits if we have kittens
2:30 -3:00	House Rabbit or Guinea Pigs	Veterinary Presentation	Kitty Blankets	Design & Illustrate an education poster	Kitten Visits if we have kittens

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Career Camp

Tentative Schedule
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Camp Itinerary	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 9:30	Hello! Greetings! Introductions	Reptile Rescue Visit	Field Trip to Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue	Field Trip Sadie’s Horse Rescue	Forget Me Not Farm
9:30 – 10:00	Get to know you Camp Rules	Reptile Rescue Visit	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Forget Me Not Farm
10:00 – 10:30	Be an Animal Care Tech Clean Cat Habitats	Reptile Rescue Agility	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Forget Me Not Farm
10:30 -11:00	Be an Animal Care Tech Clean Cat Habitats	Agility Demonstrations & Introduction	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Animal Care Center	Field Trip to Bergin University for Canine Studies
11-11:30	Clean Cat Habitats &	Agility Demonstrations & Introductions	Tour of Humane Society	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued
11:30 – 12:00	Socialize with the cats	Lunch	Tour of the Humane Society	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued
12- 12:30	Lunch	Donation Containers	Lunch	Lunch	Field Trip cont
12:30 – 1:00	SHS Shelter Dog Orientation Equipment Behavior Notes	Good Manners Class	Foster Program Guest	Animal Control Officer Visit	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	SHS Shelter Dog Orientation Equipment Behavior Notes	Good Manners Class	Foster Program Guest	Animal Control Officer Visit	Guest Speaker
1:30 -2:00	SHS Shelter Dog Orientation Equipment Behavior Notes	Good Manners Class	Walk Shelter Dogs	Walk Shelter Dogs	Guest Speaker
2:00- 2:30	Animal Care	Veterinary Presentation	Walk Shelter Dogs	Walk Shelter Dogs	Walk Shelter Dogs
2:30 -3:00	Animal Care	Veterinary Presentation	Walk Shelter Dogs	Walk Shelter Dogs	Walk Shelter Dogs

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A Week on the Farm Camp

Tentative Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Camp Itinerary	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 9:30	Hello! Greetings! Introductions	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Field Trip Sadie's Horse Rescue	Field Trip TBA
9:30 – 10:00	Get to know you Camp Rules	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Field Trip continued	Field Trip TBA
10:00 – 10:30	Morning on the Farm Introduction to the farm and farm animals	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals	Field Trip continued	Field Trip TBA
10:30 -11:00	Time with the farm animals	Time with the farm animals	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals	Field Trip continued	Field Trip TBA
11:00 -11:30	Feed, Groom, Muck	Feed, Groom, Muck	Farm projects	Lunch	Field Trip continued
11:30 – 12:00	Feed, Groom, Muck	Farm Projects	Farm projects	Afternoon on the farm	Field Trip cont
12- 12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Time with farm animals	Field Trip cont
12:30 – 1:00	Gardening activity. Learn how to make delicious food from the garden.	Gardening activity Learn how to make delicious food from the garden	Gardening activities	Gardening activities	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Gardening activities	Gardening activity Seeding, harvesting, weeding	Gardening activity Seeding, harvesting, weeding	Gardening, harvesting	Afternoon on the farm
1:30 -2:00	Gardening activities. Learn how to make delicious food from the garden.	Gardening activity Learn how to make delicious food from the garden	Gardening activity Learn how to make delicious food from the garden	Gardening activities	Afternoon on the farm
2:00- 2:30	Animal Care Lesson	Veterinary Presentation	Foster Program Guest	Farm Stand	Afternoon on the farm
2:30 -3:00	Animal Care Lesson	Veterinary Presentation	Foster Program Guest	Farm Stand	Afternoon on the farm

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PLEASE BRING COMPLETED FORMS TO PARENT ORIENTATION.

If you have attended our camp orientation in the past 2 years you can scan all completed & signed forms to bkarzes@sonomahumane.org or fax 707-542-1317 by the Monday BEFORE your child's camp week starts.

Camper and Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Camper First Name _____ Camper Last Name _____

Nickname _____ Sex M F Grade _____ School _____

Camper's Age _____ Birth date _____

Camper's Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Parent Home Phone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent First & Last Name _____ Employer Name & Address _____

Parent Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Second Parent/Guardian First/Last Name _____ Second Parent/Guardian Employer Name & Address _____

Second Parent Home Address _____ Second Parent City/State/Zip _____

Second Parent Home Phone _____ Second Parent Cell Phone _____

Camper's Physician Name, Address, and PHONE _____

Health Insurance Carrier & Number in case of emergency _____

Camper's Dentist and Orthodontist Name, Address and Phone _____

PLEASE LIST TWO - THREE EMERGENCY CONTACTS OTHER THAN ABOVE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Name _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____



Camper's Name _____

Medical Information (Please circle- IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE)

Operations or serious injuries: NO YES _____

Disability or Chronic recurring illness: NO YES _____

Activities discouraged or limited by physician: NO YES _____

Dietary Modifications: NO YES _____

Current Medications: NO YES _____

Reason for Medication listed above _____

Allergies (Please include food, medicine, bug bites, bee stings, etc. _____

Asthma: NO YES Is an inhaler **prescribed**? NO YES

Other diseases or medical details? NO YES _____

Any psychiatric counseling or hospitalization? NO YES _____

Is there anything specific we should know about your child to ensure they safest and most enjoyable environment?

Due to the nature of our business, with constant exposure to animals their allergens, our youth education programs are not recommended for children/teens with known allergies. Because of staffing restrictions we may not be able to accommodate special individual needs. Additionally, staff is not permitted to dispense of or administer medicine to camp participants. This is a recreational camp program. The Sonoma Humane Society & Forget Me Not Farm Children's Service is not a licensed child care provider.

I have read and understand and agree.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____



Camper's Name

Medical History Acknowledgement and Agreement

The health history is correct as far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities as noted. Camp activities do include field trips to locations off the Sonoma Humane Society property.

Authorization for treatment: I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order diagnostic testing, treatment and necessary transportation for me/my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected to secure and administer treatment including hospitalization for my child named above.

Learning, Emotional, Behavioral, Cognitive, Physical Challenges and/or Disabilities

So that we can best serve your child please let us know if s/he has any learning, emotional, behavioral, cognitive, physical challenges or disabilities.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



TETANUS WAIVER

The Sonoma Humane Society feels it is important for camp participants to be current on their tetanus vaccination, particularly since they'll be handling animals. You are encouraged to consult your physician, at your expense, to decide whether or not to be vaccinated against tetanus.

I have read, understand and agree to the above. Furthermore, I release the Sonoma Humane Society and the Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services from all responsibility that may occur because of not being vaccinated against tetanus. I understand that whatever decision I make regarding a tetanus vaccination is my own decision and is made at my own risk.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

RABIES WAIVER

While the Sonoma Humane Society, vaccinates all dogs and cats against rabies, we feel it is important to be aware that a pre-exposure rabies vaccination series is available. If you have questions, you are encouraged to consult a physician, at your expense, to decide whether or not to be vaccinated.

I have read, understand and agree to the above. I release the Sonoma Humane Society and Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services from all responsibility that may occur because of my not pursuing the pre-rabies exposure vaccination series and I understand that whatever decision I make regarding this vaccination is my own decision and is made at my own risk.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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Approval for Surgery Observation / Handling of Medical Instruments

I, the undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of

_____, a minor, for in consideration of the agreement of the Sonoma Humane Society do give my approval for said minor to observe surgeries performed on animals (as routine procedures in the veterinary department of the Sonoma Humane Society as part of the Education Department curriculum.

_____ **Parent Initial**

I also give permission for the above-mentioned child to handle medical instruments during curriculum activities designed to practice veterinary techniques with stuffed animals or other supplies. I understand that latex gloves will be available for my child to wear during such activities.

_____ Parent Initial

I am aware that said minor may witness blood and internal organs of animals and that the Sonoma Humane Society staff will do everything reasonably within their power to protect my child from any possible contamination.

I do hereby forever release, acquit, discharge, and hold harmless the Sonoma Humane Society, its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns for all manner of claims, demands, and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever which the undersigned or said minor may now or in the future have against the Sonoma Humane Society, its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors or assigns on account of any personal injuries, physical or mental condition, known or unknown, to the person of said minor and the treatment thereof, as a result of or in any way growing out of the acts of the Sonoma Humane Society, its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors, or assigns, including but not limited to their negligence or gross negligence, in rendering the services above described or in any way incidental thereto.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Standard Photo & Video Release



I hereby irrevocably grant the Sonoma Humane Society, SHS, and the Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services, FMNFCS, and their legal representatives, and assigns, the following rights:

The right and permission to publish photographic pictures, videos images or portraits made of me through any media and to post it on the internet or through You Tube, SHS & FMNFCS Facebook, etc.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Sonoma Humane Society and photographer, videographer, their representatives, assigns or any corporation(s) acting under the permission of the Sonoma Humane Society including any firms publishing or distributing the final product.

I hereby waive the right to approve the finished photograph, video or any copy which might be used in conjunction with the photograph or video.

I understand that I do not own the copyright of the photograph(s) or video(s).

I hereby warrant that I am at least eighteen years of age and am competent to contract on my own name insofar as the above is concerned.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Witness

Signature: _____

Signature of parent of guardian if under 18 years of age

Sonoma Humane Society & Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services
PO Box 1296, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 · tel: 707-577-1902 · fax: 707-542-1317 ·
website: www.sonomahumane.org



Drop Off and Pick Up Protocol Release Form

Please include all people who have permission to drop off and pick up your child from the Sonoma Humane Society during summer camp. In addition to the legal guardians, please name all additional people you permit to pick up your child. Anyone picking up your child will be asked to show identification.

I understand that for my child's safety, I must sign them in and out of camp each day. In addition I agree to park and walk my child into the classroom. I am aware that the camp staff is the only Humane Society staff I can leave my child with. No quick parking lot drop off and/or pickups will be allowed. This is for the safety of my child as the Sonoma Humane Society is open to the public and the SHS Education Staff can only assume responsibility for my child during scheduled camp hours.

Camp hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm. Camp doors open at 8:50am for drop off. I also understand that it is my responsibility to drop my child off no more than five to ten minutes before camp begins and to pick them up no more than five to ten minutes after camp ends each day. The SHS does not have pre or post camp child care. For every minute beyond I will be charged a \$1.00 late fee per child.

Signed

Date

For the safety, your child will only be released to the people you list below. The following people have permission to pick up my child.

Full name of your Camper

1. _____
Legal Guardian

2. _____
Legal Guardian

1. _____
Additional Person, Their Full Name and phone number during camp hours

2. _____
Additional Person, Their Full Name and phone number during camp hours

3. _____
Additional Person, Their Full Name and phone number during camp hours

4. _____
Additional Person, Their Full Name and phone number during camp hours