



Animal Adventure & Education Camp
REQUIRED ORIENTATION
for
Parents and Legal Guardians

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

In the Classroom at
5345 Highway 12 West, Santa Rosa, CA 95407
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)

Dec 19 (Tues) & Dec 20 (Wed), 2017
5:30 – 6:30pm

Please RSVP by Dec 15

*Beth Karzes, Humane Education Coordinator @ bkarzes@sonomahumane.org
70-577-1902*

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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Sonoma Humane Society's Animal Adventure & Education Camp and Career Camp. Enclosed you will find the camp activity schedule for the week. Please be aware that the enclosed schedule is tentative. 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 guest speaker cancellation, weather, shelter animals. 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. If you would like your child to be picked up from camp by an adult other than yourself, 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. Doors open at 8:50am. Pick up at 3:00pm, we do **not** offer pre or post child care. Dress code during camp:

1. **Long legged pants, no shorts or skirts**
2. **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. Camps proceed **RAIN or SHINE**
6. **Please provide a jacket and rain boots for wintery weather.**
7. Please no necklaces, bracelets or large dangling earrings, jewelry tends to get lost and caught in kitten and puppy claws.
8. **No electronic gadgets allowed at camp**, this includes, i-Pods, personal video game toys and valuable trinkets/toys, these items are a distraction for the children while working with the animals and during guest speakers as well as the potential for getting lost or damaged.
9. **Cells phone use is not permitted during camp hours as children need to be respectful of guest speakers and the animals for general safety reasons.**

The Sonoma Humane Society 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 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.

We hold a standard of behavior that requires campers to follow directions, cooperate with fellow campers, listen to camp staff and follow safety rules. In the event your child has difficulties with behavior standard expectations the camp staff will need to speak to you directly. Serious behavior problems will require 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
Animal Adventure & Education Camp
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. Unfortunately, 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. My child has allergies, will this be a problem?

A. Due to the nature of our camps and facility, our camps are not appropriate for participants with allergies to animals. Our camps are located in the animal shelter and at our outdoor farm sanctuary with feed, grass and farm animals. There is no way to remove all the animal dander. Our camp curriculum centers around animals, both in the animal shelter and at our farm sanctuary, there is no other location for participants other than the activities planned for all participants in our shelter and farm.

Due to things beyond our control; weather, shelter animals and special guest's availability our schedule is subject to change.



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 Santa Rosa, CA 95407
 707-577-1902

Winter Animal Adventure and Education Camp			
Tentative Schedule			
Subject to change			
Sample Week Camp Itinerary	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 – 9:30	Arrival, Greetings & Introductions Camp Safety Rules	Reptile Rescue	Make dog/horse treats
9:30 – 10:00	Be an Animal Attendant	Reptile Rescue	Make dog/horse treats
10:00 – 10:30	Be an Animal Attendant	Reptile Rescue	Dog Safety Video & Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Be an Animal Attendant Read to cats	Shelter Tour	Dog Training
11:00 – 11:30	Read to cats	Shelter Tour	Dog Training
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 – 12:30	Forget Me Not Farm	Agility	Forget Me Not Farm
12:30 – 1:00	Forget Me Not Farm	Agility	Forget Me Not Farm
1:00- 1:30	Forget Me Not Farm	Shelter Animal's Kennel Cards	Forget Me Not Farm
1:30 – 2:00	Forget Me Not Farm	1:45 Animal Hospital Veterinary staff visit & Activity	Forget Me Not Farm
2:00- 2:30	Forget Me Not Farm	Animal Hospital Veterinary staff visit & Activity	Forget Me Not Farm
2:30 – 2:45	Forget Me Not Farm	Animal Hospital Veterinary Presentation Activity	Forget Me Not Farm
2:45 – 3:00	Clean Up 3:00 Pick Up	Clean Up 3:00 Pick Up	Clean Up 3:00 Pick Up

Sept 2017



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 email _____ 2nd Parent email _____

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 _____

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 _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____ Name _____



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 needed? 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



Sonoma Humane Society

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 and the Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services 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.

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 _____

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Parental Consent

(Only to be completed if the Participant is under the age of eighteen (18))

Due to the nature of our business, with constant exposure to animals and their allergens, our youth education programs are not recommended for children/teens with known allergies. Participants are expected to be self supporting to participate in all physical and educational activities planned. Because of staffing restrictions we may not be able to accommodate special individual needs. This is a recreational camp program. The Sonoma Humane Society is not a licensed child care provider.

I represent that I am the parent/legal guardian of a minor and by my signature below consent to and allow my child/ward to participate in activities with domestic, farm and wild animals of the camps, birthday parties, Apprentice, Mentoring, and/or Jr Animal Attendant programs of the Sonoma Humane Society and Forget Me Not Farm Children’s Services under the terms and conditions set forth in for youth participants. In addition, I give the Society permission to use and publish photographs of my child/ward, as part of its public relations efforts. I grant the right to photograph, reproduce and use said child’s artwork, written work, picture, silhouette and other reproductions of physical likeness in connection with the Sonoma Humane Society and Forget Me Not Farm Children’s Services promotions.

On behalf of myself and our heirs and personal representatives, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Society and it’s assigns, successors, agents, staff , officers, board of directors, employees, contractors and representatives from any and all claims, causes of actions, or demands of any nature of cause whatsoever, including costs of attorney fees, arising out of or relating to the camp activities with the Society including driving to and from field trips off the property of the Sonoma Humane Society, including, but not limited to; animal bites, exposure to zoonotic illnesses, accidents, or injuries; as well as all injuries, claims or other loss that may incur because of the failure to receive a proper tetanus vaccination.

I agree that all services I will provide are charitable in nature and entirely voluntary and that no compensation of any kind will be received for the participation. Further I have been fully advised that as a non employee I am not covered by worker’s compensation and that my personal medical insurance takes precedent over any volunteer medical insurance policy from the Sonoma Humane Society and Forget Me Farm Children’s Services.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS THEREFOF. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRCAT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE SONOMA HUMANE SOCIETY AND FORGET ME NOT FARM CHILDREN’S SERCIEA AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Name of Participant	Age of Participant	Date
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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian	Date
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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date
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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 may 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 I can park in rear parking lot and enter through the classroom doors. The camp staff is the only Humane Society staff I can leave my child with. No quick parking lot drop off and/or pick-ups will be allowed. This is for the safety of my child as the Sonoma Humane Society is open to the public and the SHS 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