

Humane Education Class & Trash Trip Out Line

Class Length approx. 1 hour

Each section takes approx. 20 min.

- I. Animal Control
 - a. What are the Laws?
 - i. Leash
 - ii. Tags
 1. ID
 2. Rabies
 3. City License
 - iii. Rabies Shot
 - iv. Scoop the Poop
 - b. Who enforces these laws?
 - i. Our officers
 - c. Why we enforce the laws – Public Safety Department
 - i. Protect the people
 - ii. Protect the animals
 - d. How animals come into the shelter
 - i. Strays brought in by the officers
 - ii. Strays brought in by the public
 - iii. Owner turn-ins
 - e. How animals go out of the shelter
 - i. Adoption
 - ii. Rescue
 - iii. Euthanized (this is not focused on, but is mentioned)
 - f. Over Population
 - i. Reason for euthanasia
 - ii. Importance of Spay/Neuter
 - iii. Per Hour: 415 people born, 5,500 dog/cats
 - iv. Show “Butch” PSA if available
- II. Shelter Tour
 - a. Read “Shelter Tour Rules” to group
 - b. Only through adoption area, dogs & cats
- III. Responsible Pet Ownership
 - a. Years of commitment
 - b. Cost involved (vet care, food, supplies, etc.)
 - c. Time investment (daily, weekly, monthly)
 - d. Spay/Neuter
 - e. Continue responsible pet ownership beyond just dogs & cats: rabbits, mice, fish, frogs, birds, etc.
 - f. Adoption process & Fees at shelter (\$77)
 - g. Show “Uncommon Census” Video Short or “Think Before You Get a Pet” Video News Clip

If Time permits or to extend the duration of the class:

- IV. Bite Prevention
 - a. Dog behavior
 - b. People behavior
 - c. Avoidance of wild animals
 - d. Rabies: what it is & why shots are important for our pets

- V. Exotics
 - a. Maintaining the ecosystem, NEVER put into local wild
 - b. Wild animals will never be domestic animals
 - c. Legalities
 - i. Are they endangered?
 - ii. Are they wild caught or captive bred?
 - iii. Are they legal in this state?

SHELTER TOUR RULES: *Specific Earthscope directions are italicized.*

1. Do not open pens!!!
2. Do not put your fingers in pens!!!
 - a. Everything that has teeth can bite
 - b. Do not touch the cats that try to touch you (reaching through their pens)
3. Do not talk
 - a. It gets loud in there with all the pets barking & meowing. If you have to talk or else you're going to explode (and only upon explosion) you may WHISPER in each other's ears!
4. *After you have visited the animals, go & use the bathroom:*
 - a. *It is the only bathroom break you will have on the trip*
 - b. *After you use the restroom, wash you hands with soap!*
5. *After you're finished in the restroom come back into the classroom:*
 - a. *You may look at the classroom pets*
 - i. *Guinea Pigs (Primetime & Rerun)*
 - ii. *Vivarium*
 - iii. *Boris the Spider*
 - b. *Do NOT touch any animals after you've washed your hands!*
 - c. *Try to be quiet & not scare the guinea pigs*

Remember to give any hand-outs to the teach for distribution at a later time.