



Coastal Humane Society Animal Camp Code of Conduct and Dress Code

Welcome to Coastal Humane Society's Animal Camp! We know that you will have a fun-filled time making new friends (four-legged as well as two-legged), discovering lots of new information about animals and learning all about Coastal Humane Society! The theme for Animal Camp is humane education and respect for animals and each other. We will be learning all week long about how to properly care for pets as well as safety around animals. We will have exciting presentations, games, activities, snack time, and of course hands-on opportunities with animals of all shapes and sizes.

We're so excited to have you join us for a week, but before you begin camp there are a few important rules of conduct and dress code that must be followed.

Rules of Conduct: Camp Behavior Guidelines

We expect that all campers will show kindness and respect to all animals at all times. Always keep in mind that shelter animals do not know you, so it is important to move slowly and use quiet voices when interacting with our pets. Please be respectful of the animals, Coastal Humane Society staff, fellow campers, members from the public visiting the shelter, and Coastal Humane Society volunteers. We will not tolerate disrespectful behavior that may endanger or cause injury to fellow campers, staff or Coastal Humane Society animals. Such actions will be cause for immediate removal from the camp.

Parents, if your child is removed from our program due to behavioral reasons, under no circumstances will a refund be issued. We will not make up any activities missed and no refunds or credits will be given if your child is absent for any portion of the camp regardless of the reason.

Other rules for proper behavior include:

- Campers are not to touch any animals without permission by the camp counselor, teen counselor or staff.
- Do not bring food around any animals.
- No iPads, PDAs, headphones, etc. are permitted. Campers who bring cell phones to camp should expect to use them only to contact parents in case of an emergency. Calling or texting during camp activities will not be permitted.
- Always wash your hands between touching animals. You can use soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Never pet an animal if it is growling or hissing.
- Campers need to alert their camp counselor or staff immediately if they are hurt in any way.

Dress Code

All campers must wear closed-toed, closed-heeled shoes. For health and safety reasons, campers will not be able to participate in activities if they come in sandals, flip-flops or other footwear that does not meet our guidelines. A Coastal Humane Society Animal Camp t-shirt will be issued on the first day and must be worn each day. Additional t-shirts can be ordered for \$10 each on our website. We also recommend that campers wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty and clothing that is easy to move in.

Bites and Scratches

Bites and scratches can be very serious, both for the camper and for the animal. If your child is bitten or scratched, he/she must notify a camp counselor right away. The bite or scratch must be cleaned out immediately. If your child is bitten and the bite has broken skin, an incident report will need to be completed with the assistance of Coastal Humane Society staff. We will discuss animal body language and animal safety on the first day of camp.

If you have any questions, please speak with Kate Griffith, Director of Community Relations, kgriffith@coastalhumanesociety.org or (207) 449-1366.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Code of Conduct and Dress Code.

Parent Signature

Date

Name of Camper

Camp Session