



Naperville Area Humane Society

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Naperville Area Humane Society's Pet Care & Safety Patch Program

Leader's Guide

Brownie & Cub Scout Level Requirements



Naperville Area Humane Society's Pet Care & Safety Patch Program Description

Naperville Area Humane Society's Pet Care & Safety Patch Program consists of several levels: Daisy, Brownie/Cub Scout, Junior Girl Scout/Boy Scout and Cadette Girl Scout/Boy Scout. At each level, the scouts do a variety of age-appropriate activities to teach him or her about being responsible pet people. All activities are done during troop meetings or at home.

The last activity the troop will do is visit the Naperville Area Humane Society for a tour (please schedule at least a month in advance). To schedule a tour, the troop leader should contact Breanna at (630)420-8989x1006 or bcerrillos@naperhumane.org. Tours require a \$50 donation and are offered during our off public hours by appointment. Patches will be issued only after all activities and the tour are completed, and the cost of the patches per scout is \$5.

In order for the scouts to earn the Pet Care & Safety Patch the following must occur:

- The scouts must complete all required activities before coming for the tour.
- The scouts must come to the tour prepared to talk and answer questions about the activities they did.

LEADERS - Please review the following with your troop before introducing the activities:

What is Naperville Area Humane Society?

The Naperville Area Humane Society is an animal shelter that cares for dogs and cats who don't have homes. Half of the animals are brought to us by their owners, and the other half come from Animal Care and Controls. *Who can think of a reason why someone might have to give up their pet?* The Naperville Area Humane Society takes good care of all the dogs and cats in their care and works very hard to find them new families to adopt them and give them a loving, life-long home.



Naperville Area Humane Society's Pet Care & Safety Patch *Brownie & Cub Scout Level*

Brownies and Cub Scouts must complete the below activities listed below, as well as visit the Naperville Area Humane Society for a tour (please schedule at least one month in advance). Tours are offered during off public hours by appointment. Please contact Breanna, the Humane Education Coordinator, at (630)420-8989x1006 or bcerrillos@naperhumane.org to schedule a tour.

1. What kind of food is best for a dog or a cat? Dog or cat food! It is generally not a good idea for dogs and cats to eat people food. Why? Contact a veterinarian and ask him or her. Some of the things that people eat could be poisonous to dogs and cats. On page 4, list six things that you should never feed to a dog. Hint: Do an online search for “foods that are toxic to pets”.
2. Make a “Doggie Bag” by following the instructions on pages 5 and 6. You will fill your Doggie Bag with pictures of the items that pets need to be healthy and happy. When your Doggie Bag is complete, share it with your friends and family. Have them pick an item from the bag and try to guess what thing pets need from the picture represented.
3. How can you stay safe around dogs in your neighborhood? Take a look at page 7 and find the ‘Pet Safety in Your Neighborhood’ coloring sheet. Make a copy for each troop member. Here there are examples of smart ways to be around dogs you don’t know, and there are examples of not-so-smart ways to interact with strange dogs. Talk about the picture with your troop. Draw an “S” in the boxes near all of the people you see that are being safe and smart. Talk about what they are doing to make you think they are being safe. Draw a “U” in the boxes near the people you see that should not be doing what they are doing (answers on page 8). As a group, talk about how the unsafe people could become safer.
4. Learn how to behave around pets the RIGHT WAY! Find out when to play with them and when to leave them alone. Be an actress and act out the scenarios (pages 9-10) with your troop mates.
5. We are lucky to have dogs and cats in our lives because they are amazing animals! As a troop, read the AMAZING dog and cat facts on pages 11 and 12 to learn more about them.
6. Have a toy drive for the animals at the Humane Society! Why do you think the Humane Society gives toys to the dogs, cats and rabbits in their care? Toys help to keep the animals from getting bored while they wait for a new home. Toys brighten their day! But, the toys at the Humane Society wear out quickly and need to be replaced constantly. Why not encourage your friends and family to donate a new toy or two? The toys that work best are: Large rubber toys for dogs, ping pong balls for cats, and small plastic cat toys with a bell inside for rabbits. You could bring the donations when you come for your tour. Imagine how happy the animals will be!

7. You may be surprised to realize just how much we have in common with our pets! We need many of the same things. Complete the activity sheet on page 13 and talk about it with your troop.

Six foods I promise to never feed to my dog...



Did you know...one of the most common ways that pets are poisoned is when people give them medicine meant for humans? Medicines such as acetaminophen (like Tylenol), ibuprofen (like Advil), and NSAIDs (like aspirin and Aleve) are safe for people, but could make a dog or cat **VERY** sick!



Go to: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/> and find the phone number for the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center.

Write the phone number here:

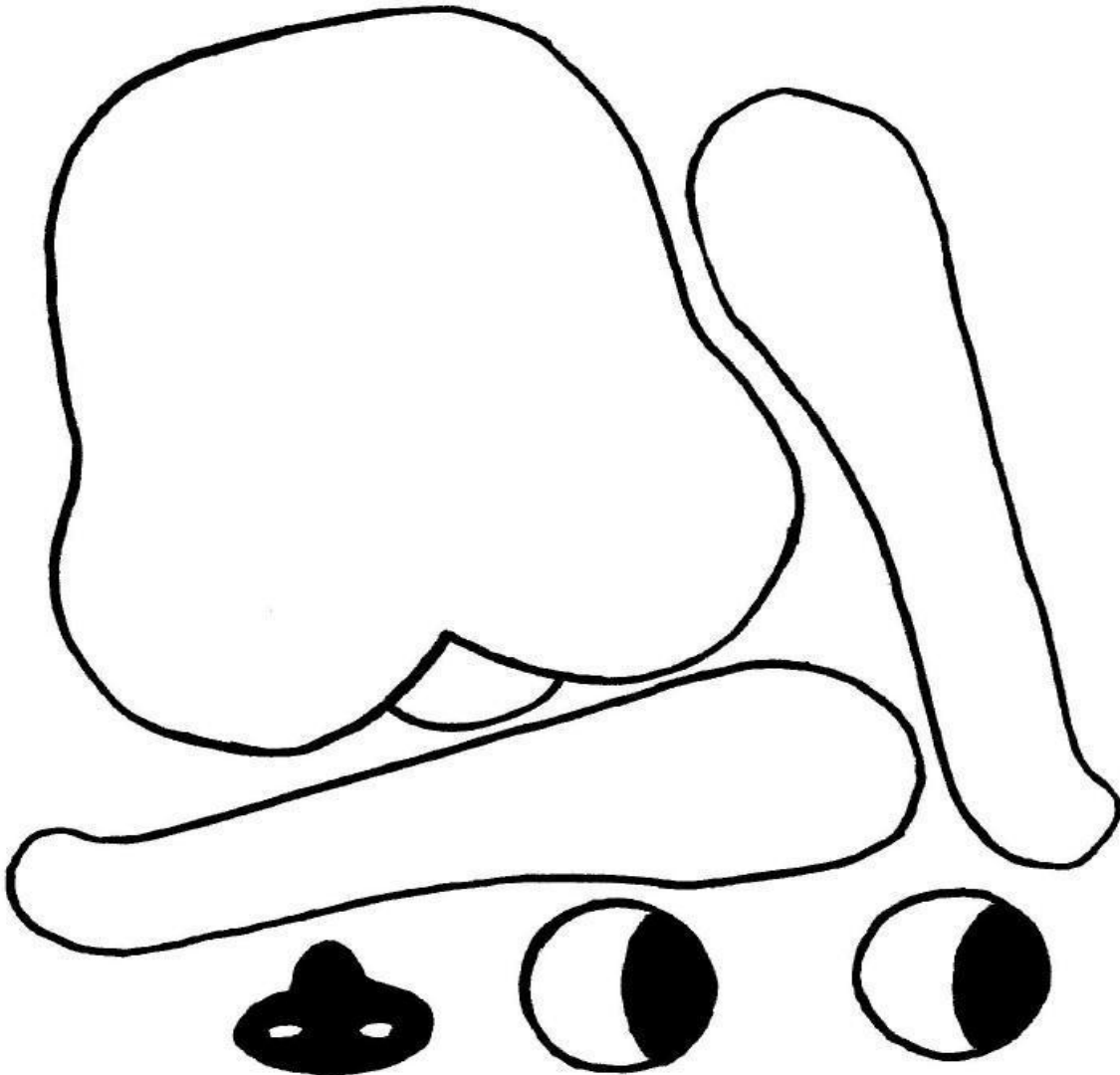
Create a Doggie Bag

Materials Needed:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Crayons

Instructions:

1. Cut out parts of pattern below
2. Trace pattern pieces onto construction paper and cut them out.
3. Glue pieces onto bag.
4. Use markers, crayon, or any craft items you wish to decorate your bag

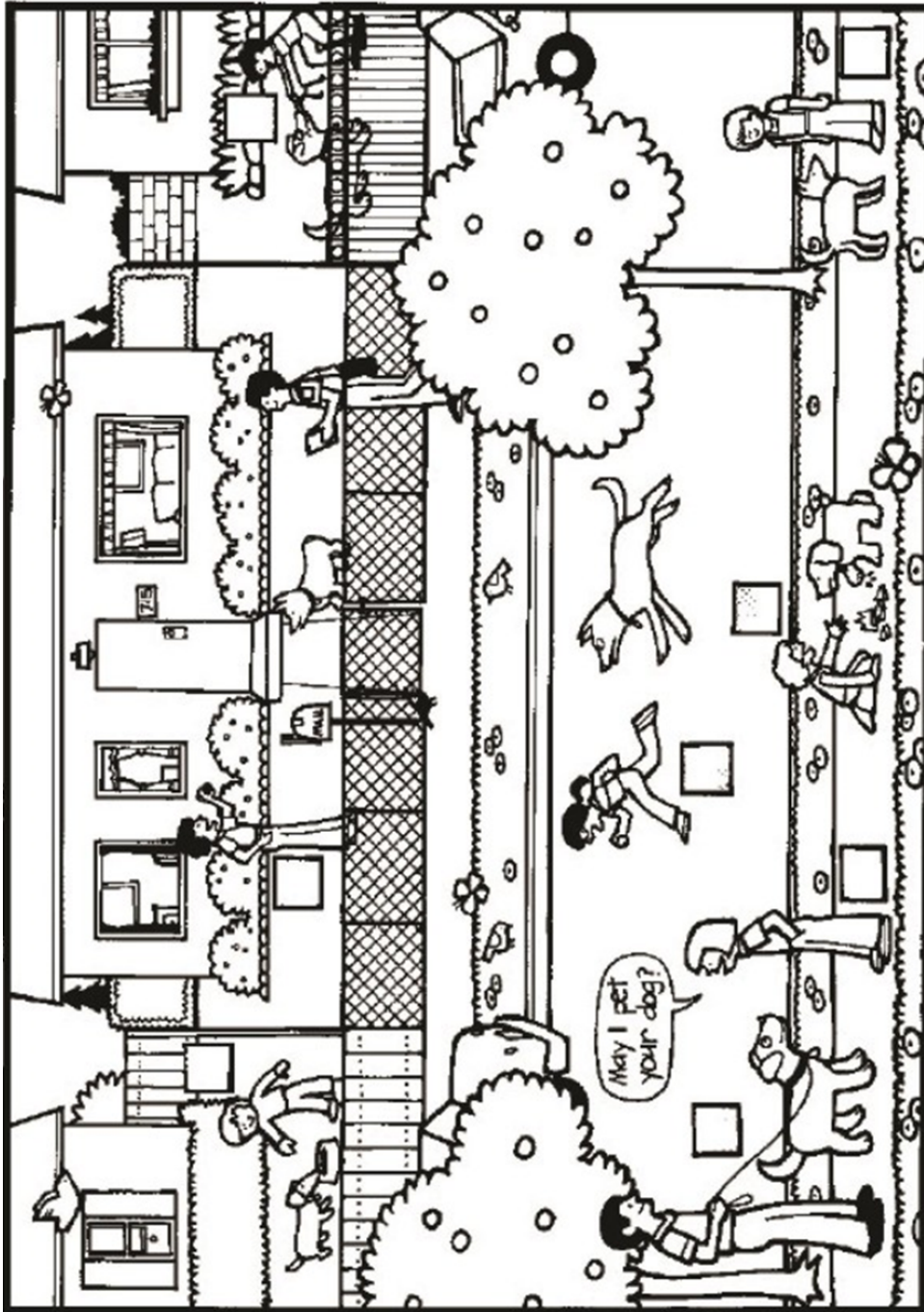


Create a Doggie Bag

The pictures below represent things that animals need. Color and cut out each item below, and place them into your completed Doggie Bag.



Dog Bites Do's and Don'ts



Dog bites can be avoided when people behave safely around dogs and pet owners act responsibly.

Look at this picture. Write an **“S”** in the box next to each example of someone behaving safely and responsibly with a dog.

Write a **“U”** in the box next to each example that shows unsafe behavior around a dog.

Dog Bites Dos and Don'ts Answer Key

Did you recognize which examples in the picture showed someone behaving safely and responsibly with a dog? Were you able to spot examples of unsafe behavior? Check your answers here.

Safe, Responsible Behavior (S)

- Always walk your dog on a leash. And, keep your cats indoors where they are safe from traffic and other animals.
- Before petting someone else's dog (or cat), ask the owner for permission. After getting permission to pet the dog, always let the dog sniff the back of your hand before petting him.
- When a dog approaches you, stand still and quiet. Keep your hands at your sides.
- When you are not walking your dog, keep him or her indoors with you, or in a fenced yard when he is getting some fresh air. Spend time playing with and caring for your pets each day.

Unsafe Behavior (U)

- Don't approach a dog (or a cat) while he or she is eating, sleeping, or guarding something. Pets naturally guard their food, their babies, and their toys. Dogs also protect their owners, as well as the property that belongs to their owners, such as the owner's home, yard or car.
- Don't try to pull a toy, a stick, or any item from a dog's mouth.
- Don't run away from a dog that is chasing you. (A dog's natural instinct is to chase and catch someone who is running away. If you stand still, the dog will most likely stop, sniff you, and leave you alone when he or she realizes you are not a threat) also, don't chase or tease dogs or cats, and avoid petting or trying to pick up strange pets.
- Don't approach a dog (or any other animal) that is injured. Instead, tell an adult about the animal.



How Should We Behave Around Animals?

Members of the troop should take turns acting out the scenarios below.

Activity #1: A Cat Runs and Hides:

1. Scenario #1

Cat: Is walking around the house.

Child #1: Sees cat and chases after her.

Cat: Hisses, runs into the corner and hides.

Child #1: Continues to approach cat.

Cat: Pretends to scratch child.

Ask the audience: Was this the right or the wrong thing for the child to do? How do you think the cat felt? Explain that an animal may bite when they are scared, when they feel cornered. The best thing we can do is to respect how they feel and leave them alone if that's what they want.

2. Scenario #2

Cat: Is walking around the house.

Child #2: Approaches the cat slowly, holding her hand out.

Cat: Sniffs hand, then rubs up against the child. The cat walks away.

Child #2: The child says, "looks like she's had enough" and walks away.

Ask the audience: Was this the right or the wrong thing for the child to do? How do you think the cat felt? The child did the right thing. Just like us, sometimes animals like to be left alone. Maybe the cat just wanted to be by herself. It shows kindness and compassion to respect an animal's feelings.



How Should We Behave Around Animals?

Members of the troop should take turns acting out the scenarios below.

Activity #2: A Dog Is Eating His Food:

1. Scenario #1

Dog: The dog is eating her food.

Child #1: Walks over to the eating dog and playfully pretends to take the food away.

Dog: The dog growls angrily at the child.

Ask the audience: Was this the right or the wrong thing for the child to do? Why do you think the dog reacted that way? Explain that dogs like to protect things. What does protect mean? It means to keep something safe. What else might a dog protect? Her puppies, toys, owner, home, yard, a bone, etc. Does this make dogs mean? No! It is normal dog behavior. We have to respect that.

2. Scenario #2

Dog: The dog is eating her food.

Child #1: The child notices the dog, but keeps on walking.

Dog: The dog looks at the child but continues to eat.

Ask the audience: Was this the right or the wrong thing for the child to do? The best thing to do if you see a dog protecting something is to leave him alone. A dog, even your own dog, might bite if she thinks you are trying to take something valuable away from her. The smart thing to do is to keep on walking!



How Should We Behave Around Animals?

Members of the troop should take turns acting out the scenarios below.

Activity #3: A Cat Is Sleeping:

1. Scenario #1

Cat: The cat is sleeping soundly, curled up in a ball on the floor.

Child #1: Walks over to the cat and puts her hand on the cat's side shaking the cat, waking her up suddenly.

Cat: The cat jumps up, hisses, and arches her back. She lets out a loud g-r-r-r-r-r-r-owl.

Ask the audience: Was this the right or the wrong thing for the child to do? Just like us, dogs and cats sleep and dream. If an animal is peacefully asleep and then is suddenly woken up, the animal might be confused and scared, and they might not recognize you right away. There is a chance that they might bite.

2. Scenario #2

Cat: The cat is sleeping soundly, curled up in a ball on the couch.

Child #2: The child, in another room, decides to play with the cat. She walks in the room and sees the cat sleeping on the couch. The child say to herself, "I would really like to play with Kitty right now, but I see that she is sleeping. I will come back later".

Ask the audience: Was this the right or the wrong thing for the child to do? Learning about the natural behaviors of our dog and cat friends will allow us to stay safe around them and to appreciate them more. They will appreciate us more too!

YOUR AMAZING DOG!!!

As a troop, take turns reading each of the amazing dog facts. If you have a dog, tell your troop members one thing about your dog that makes him special and unique. If you don't have a dog, tell your troop members what you like or admire about dogs.

Dogs are about as smart as a two- or three-year-old child. They can understand about 150-200 different words.

It is believed that dogs see in color, probably in shades of reds and greens or blues and yellows. They can see better when the light is low.

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. A dog's wet nose helps their sense of smell.

The average dog can run about 19 mph. Greyhounds are the fastest dogs and can run at speeds of 45 miles per hour.



A dog can hear sounds four times farther away than a human can.

Dogs have three eyelids. The third lid, called a "haw," keeps the eye moist and protected.

Dogs pant to cool off. They don't sweat like humans do.

Dogs wag their tails when they are happy, but they can also wag their tails when they are nervous or angry.

No other animal has been as loyal and trusting of a companion to humans as the dog. That's why dogs are called 'Man's Best Friend'.

YOUR AMAZING CAT!!!

As a troop, take turns reading each of the amazing cat facts. If you have a cat, tell your troop members one thing about your cat that makes him special and unique. If you don't have a cat, tell your troop members what you like or admire about cats.

Black cats are NOT bad luck. In fact, many cultures consider black cats to be GOOD luck.

A cat in a hurry can run about thirty-one miles per hour.

Cats average 16 hours of sleep a day, more than any other mammal.

People who are allergic to cats are actually allergic to the cat's saliva.

A cat uses his whiskers as "feelers" to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through.



Cats love to hear the sound of their own name and your voice, so talk to them often!

Cats can see up to 120 feet away.

A cat can jump as much as seven times its height.

Calico cats are almost always female.

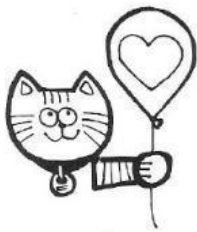
A cat's tail plays a vital part in the cat's balance and in the "righting reflex" that allows him to land on his or her feet after falling.

In addition to using their noses, cats can smell with the Jacobson's organ, located in the upper surface of the mouth. This is why your cat might open his mouth when smelling something.

What Needs Do We Share with Our Pets?

You may be surprised to realize just how much we have in common with our pets. We need many of the same things! Below is a list of NEEDS. Place an "X" in the box under ME if the need is something you need. Place an "X" in the box under MY PETS if the need is something pets need. How many of these needs do we share with our pets?

NEEDS	ME	MY PETS
Exercise for a healthy body.		
A clean, safe place to live.		
To go to the doctor for check-ups and shots.		
Fresh, clean water each day.		
To learn things, like how to behave.		
Healthy food each day.		
People to be our friends and spend time with us so we don't get lonely.		
Comb our hair, take a bath, & brush our teeth.		
For others to be patient and understanding with us.		
A family that loves us!		



Can YOU help make sure your pets get all of the things they need?





Purchase Your Naperville Area Humane Society Pet Care & Safety Patches after your shelter tour!



Patches are available for \$5.00 each and can be purchased after the tour of our shelter.

Educational tours will review everything in this packet as well as give the kids a full "behind the scenes" tour of our animal shelter, which includes a discussion about NAHS and operations.

Tours are offered year round by appointment and are offered to groups totaling 15 or less. There is a \$50 donation required for each tour. Some groups also elect to do a service project and collect supplies for NAHS. Please see our wish list on the next page to learn more about the types of items needed.



WISH LIST

Items for the Animals

- Soft Dog Training Treats
- Bully Sticks (USA made, all sizes)
- 6-inch Paper Plates
- Flat Sheets (no pillow cases or fitted sheets)
- Clay and Clumping Cat Litter
- Science Diet Canned Dog/Puppy/Cat/Kitten Food
- Science Diet Dry Dog/Puppy/Cat/Kitten Food
- Gift Cards (PetSmart, Pet Supplies Plus)
- Large Power Chewer (aka Nylabone) Toys for Dogs

Please note that we **DO NOT ACCEPT** newspapers, open pet food, expired pet food, expired pet medications, retractable leashes, choke chain collars, prong collars, pillows, comforters, quilts, seat cushions, rugs, down-filled items, or used litter boxes. Please call the shelter if you have questions about items you have to donate.

Office Needs

- First Class and Postcard Postage Stamps
- Plain Copy/Printer Paper
- 3-hole Punch Copy/Printer Paper
- Gift Cards (Staples, Amazon)

Miscellaneous Needs

- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- 55-gallon Trash Bags
- 13-gallon Trash Bags
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Liquid Fabric Softener
- Dawn (Blue) Dish Soap
- Gift Cards (Menards, Target)

Visit our **Amazon.com** wish lists for additional items.

Free Ways to Help Naperville Area Humane Society:

Metal recycling: Drop off aluminum cans in the open trailer in the NAHS parking lot.

Support NAHS While You Shop:

There are many ways to support NAHS while shopping. For a complete list of shopping opportunities, visit www.naperhumane.org/shop-to-share.

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