



Naperville Area Humane Society

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

Leader's Guide

Daisy & Cub Scout Level Requirements



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Naperville Area Humane Society's Pet Care & Safety Patch Program consists of three levels: Daisy/Cub Scout, Brownie/Cub Scout, Junior/Boy Scout and Cadette/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 *Daisy & Cub Scout Level*

Daisy 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 bcerrillos@naperhumane.org to schedule a tour.

1. Safety around dogs is important! Learn how to stay safe when meeting someone who has a dog (see page 4). Have your troop practice what they have learned using a stuffed dog. One person will pretend to be the owner while the other troop members demonstrate how to follow the steps to stay safe.
2. What does the word protect mean? It means to keep something safe. It is normal for dogs to protect things. Name 6 things that a dog might protect (see page 5). What should we do if we see a dog protecting something? (Even if the dog is YOUR dog?) Leave him alone! Why? What might a dog do if he thinks you are trying to take something he is protecting?
3. Color the “How to Hold a Puppy or a Kitten” coloring sheet (page 6). Why is it important to hold a puppy or kitten properly? So that they feel safe and secure and to lessen the chances they will get hurt. Once you finish coloring the picture, give it to your best friend and share with her or him what you learned about how to properly hold a puppy or a kitten.
4. What is a pet? Name a few examples of animals kept as pets. A pet is an animal that lives with us that we take care of. A pet is a member of our family. How do you treat the members of your family? How do you treat your pet? Pets can't get things for themselves so we have to make sure they have what they need. What are some of the things that pets need? A few are: food, water, shelter, grooming, training, love, veterinary care, and exercise. What are wild animals? Where do they live? Name a few examples of wild animals. Each Daisy should complete the activity sheet on page 7.

Staying Safe Around Dogs Is Easy!

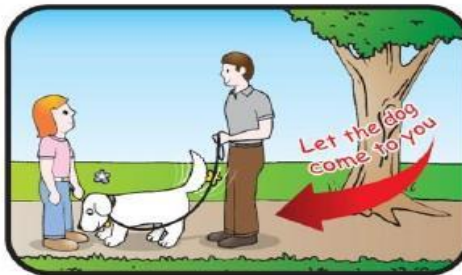
If you would like to pet someone's dog, stay safe by following these three simple steps:

STEP 1) Always ask the owner's permission to pet their dog. They MUST say it's okay before you can pet the animal.



If the owner says it's okay, then...

STEP 2) The child should stand still with arms at sides and the owner should tell the child not to make eye contact with the dog. Owner and dog approach the child and allow the dog on their own to go smell the child.



When the DOG approaches YOU (not the other way around), then...

STEP 3) Stand to the side of the dog and pet the dog gently on his back or side.



What Do Dogs Protect?

Dogs protect what's important to them. Try to name 6 things that dogs protect:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



How can you stay safe around a dog
that is protecting something?
... by leaving him ALONE!



Answers: Dogs protect their toys, home/yard, owner, bone, food/water, & puppies



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Properly Holding Animals

HOW TO HOLD A PUPPY OR A KITTEN

PUT ONE HAND UNDER THE PUPPY'S CHEST AND ONE HAND UNDER HIS BACK LEGS. HOLD HIM CLOSE TO YOU TO MAKE HIM FEEL SAFE.

NEVER PICK UP A PUPPY LIKE THIS



OR THIS.



What Is a Pet?

Draw a line from each PET to the HOUSE. Draw a line from each WILD ANIMAL to the FOREST.





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 and 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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