

CHS Scout Program

Pet Pals

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Dear Girl Scout and Boy Scout leaders,

Thank you for your interest in the Connecticut Humane Society's Patch program for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts! Our goal is to provide humane education to the youth of Connecticut. The Patch program plays a major role in achieving this by teaching youth about pets. This program offers three different patch opportunities for youth in grades K-12. There are three categories of activities for each patch: Discovery, Service for Pets, and Connecting with the Connecticut Humane Society. The majority of the activities can take place at your meetings. Once all of the requirements have been met, please contact our Community Outreach Manager, Ashley Marshall at outreach@cthumane.org to set up an interactive program or a tour to complete the final requirement of the patch. After the program or tour, you will be able to purchase the Pet Pals patch for each member of your group that has completed the program. A detailed description of the patch requirements can be found below. Please read through all of the requirements and activities; if you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you again for your interest in the Patch program for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts! We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ashley Marshall, Zoe Picanso, and Hannah Mirlis

CHS Community Outreach Team



Pet Pals Program Description

Each member who would like to achieve this patch should complete and participate in all of the tasks and activities outlined in the following description. Once all of the tasks have been completed please contact us to set up an interactive program or tour. This program operates on a good faith. This means we do not require proof that each member has completed their requirements, instead we trust that leaders will do so.

Recommended Grade Level: K – 3rd Grade

Cost: Patches are \$5 each

Choose one:

An interactive program is a \$50 program fee.

A tour is a \$50 fee per group (up to 15 people in person and 40 people virtually).

Patch Design:





Complete the following activities as a group.

1. Discuss what pets each child has at home. What do their pets need to be happy and healthy? How do they help take care of their pet? Discuss how some pets' needs are different from those of other pets. Why might this be?
2. Color the "Dog Safety" coloring sheet to learn about safely interacting with dogs.
3. Complete the "What Pets Need" matching activity to discover what different kinds of pets need for proper care.
4. Draw your favorite pet and tell us why you love them in the "Draw Your Favorite Pet" activity.

Service for Pets

As a group please participate in a service activity for the pets at CHS. All donations may be dropped off at the Newington, Waterford, or Westport location. Wish lists can be found at CThumane.org. Below are a few suggestions to get your group started.

- Hold a supply drive for the items on the general wish list.
 - Organize a pet food drive for the CHS Pet Food Pantry.
 - Host an online collection drive using the CHS Amazon Wish list.
- Participants can ship their items directly to one of the CHS locations.



Connecting with the Connecticut Humane Society

Once you have completed all of the other requirements, there are two options for completing the patch (*please choose one*):

1. Schedule a time for a CHS humane educator to come lead an interactive program for your troop. These programs are capped at 35 participants, if your group has more members please contact outreach@cthumane.org.

Program Options

- Pets and Caring Kids: Pets are a ton of fun, but they can be a lot of work! Explore what different types of pets need to be happy and healthy and how these needs compare with our own.
- The Safety PAWtrol: This program will teach participants about dog body language and how to safely interact with dogs.
- Kind Kids: Explore the importance of being kind and compassionate towards pets and people.

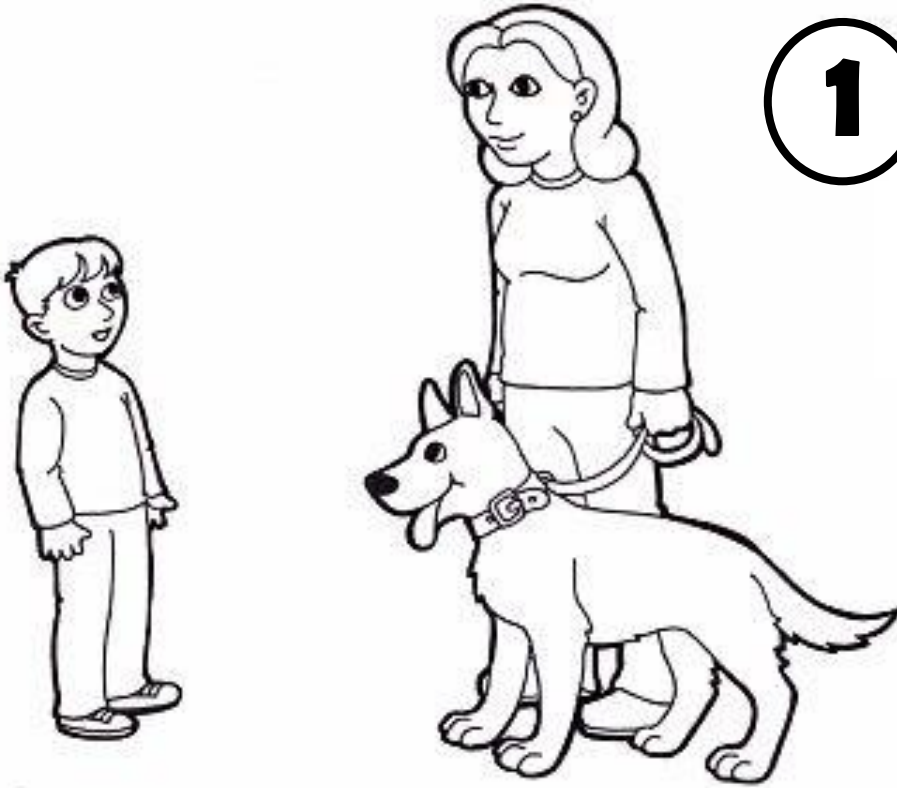
There is a program fee of \$50.

2. Book a behind the scenes tour at one of the three Connecticut Humane Society's Pet Wellness and Adoption Centers: Newington, Waterford, or Westport. Tours must run during the day, with the last tour beginning at 4pm. Tours can accommodate up to 15 people in person or 40 people virtually, if your group has more members please contact outreach@cthumane.org.

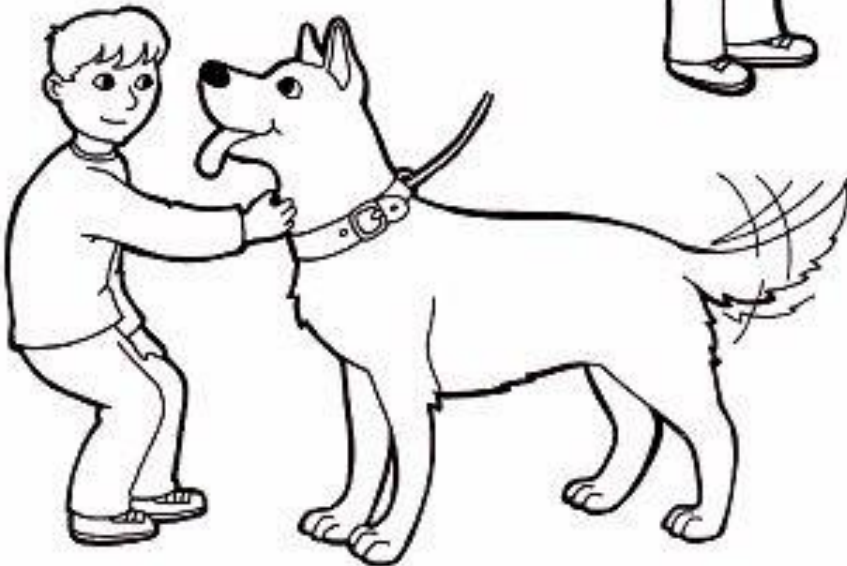
The cost of a tour is a \$50 fee.

3 Steps for Dog Safety

1 Ask the owner.



2 Ask the dog.



3 Pet gently on the neck and chest.

What Pets Need

Directions: Match each item to the pet that needs it to be happy and healthy. Some pets need multiple items.



What Pets Need

Leader Guide

Instructions: For this activity leaders should allow 10-15 minutes for the scouts to complete the worksheet.

After the worksheet is completed, go over the answers with the group. Then ask some follow up questions.

Examples of questions and answers are included below. You may use these questions or develop your own.

1. Why does the dog need a collar and a leash?

Collars are important for identifying a dog if he or she gets lost. Collars have special rings that tags hang on. These tags contain information about the pet and its owners, which can help the dog find his way home. Leashes are important for keeping dogs safe outside. Leashes prevent dogs from running away, running into the road, or running up to other animals that may be dangerous to them.

2. What would a hamster use the wheel for?

Hamsters use the wheel for exercise. Hamsters need to run to stay happy and healthy and making

sure they have a wheel is an important part of being their owner.

3. Why does a cat need a litter box?

Cats go to the bathroom in the litter box. It is important to clean your cat's litterbox. Having a clean litter box keeps your cat happy and prevents the house from getting smelly.

4. What does the bird use the cage for?

This is the birds home. Birds who live in houses need cages so they cannot fly around the house and get hurt.

Follow up question: What in a house could hurt a bird?

Other pets like cats, open windows that birds can escape from, etc.

5. Do rabbits eat the hay or use it for bedding?

Rabbits can use hay for both! It is important for rabbits to have hay in their diet for proper digestion.

Draw Your Favorite Pet!

Make a drawing of your favorite pet in this picture frame.



My favorite pet's name is: _____

I love my pet because _____

Coloring Page



What Pets Need

Answer Key





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the leading resource in the state for
companion animal welfare,
enriching the lives of families and
communities through adoption
services, medical care, education,
and prevention of cruelty.**

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