



LEARNING FROM OUR PETS

There are many tricks we can teach our pets to do. Training them to sit and stay on command can help keep them safe, while other tricks are just for fun, like giving paw or jumping through a hoop. But did you know that pets can teach us too? Below are some of the things we can learn from loving and caring for these wonderful companions.



Patience – Some pets move slow or need time to adjust in a new environment. It's important to remember to remain calm and relaxed while giving them the time and space they need.

Resilience – Being able to keep going when a situation is difficult or challenging. Take a look at the 'Pet Spotlight'. Sir Batman is a great example how a pet can be resilient and work through a difficult time.



Responsibility – Pets rely on caretakers to provide them with all the things they need to be happy and healthy. These items include fresh food and water, shelter, time with their families and by themselves, and veterinary care.

Unconditional Love – Providing an animal or those who care about them, love without conditions or expectations. This means being able to love them no matter what.



Respect – It is important to be mindful of what pets do and don't like. We always want to respect their needs by treating them with kindness and consideration. A quick way to show a pet respect is by interacting with them in ways that will make them comfortable. You can do this by walking toward them slowly, using a soft voice and gentle hands when petting them.


KIDS IN THE NEWS

Branden, an 8-year-old Cub Scout from Connecticut, is a quarter-finalist in the 2025 Jr. Ranger competition! This competition is a nationwide campaign raising funds and awareness for the National Wildlife Federation, a charity dedicated to protecting America's wildlife and wild places for future generations. In addition to wildlife, Branden is passionate about ensuring local shelters and rescues have funding to pay for the veterinary care their pets need. During the competition, he has hosted a lemonade stand to raise money for animals and donated pet food and toys. If he wins, Branden plans to donate money to local shelters and rescues!

Learn more about the patch program CHS has for scouts at: CThumane.org/patchprogram



WHAT IS A TICK?

Spring and Summer are known as tick season. Ticks are most frequently found on our pets (and even us) during this time of year.  Ticks are small bugs who are found outside. They can't jump or fly so they stay low to the ground, hanging out on leaves and grass. Taking our pets through grassy areas can increase their risk for getting a tick on them and the potential for getting bit. Tick bites can be harmful to us and our pets because they can make us sick, but there are ways we can help our pets stay safe from ticks:

- Walk on a clear path keeping away from long grass and shrubs.
- Check your pet's skin and fur for any ticks after time outside, especially after walking through or playing in grassy areas.
- Dogs and cats can be given a preventative medicine. This will help in case they get bit.
- Tell an adult if you see a tick on yourself or your pet. They can help remove it using tweezers.



OUTINGS WITH YOUR PUP

Summertime can be a lot of fun for us and our pets when they join us on our adventures. Keep these tips in mind the next time you take your pup out and about.

Make sure your dog's leash, harness and collar are in good shape.

Research outside dining locations that are pet-friendly.

Confirm your contact information is up-to-date on ID tags and microchips.

Bring a collapsible bowl for water breaks.

Pack a first aid kit. Want to make your own? Visit: CThumane.org/firstaidkit

Not all dogs enjoy outings. If your pup is stressed or uncomfortable, head home.

GETTING INVOLVED



Save pets' lives, one sip at a time. Host a Lemonade Stand! All the money that you raise will go to healing pets in need. If you raise \$50 or more, you get a tour at one of CHS' three locations. Visit: CThumane.org/lemonade

Reading to Pets will be back this summer.

Join us in Newington or Waterford on select dates in August.

If you're interested in reading to pets, ask your adult to register for a slot by visiting:

CThumane.org/readingtopets



VOCAB WORDS

Directions: Research the following terms found in the 'Pet Spotlight' section. Then write a sentence using each word.



ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

STRESS

CONFIDENCE

TRIVIA



What is the natural behavior called when rabbits stand on their back legs to look around at their surroundings?

ACTIVITY

Directions: Can you guess the type of bird?













Trivia answer: Periscoping Activity answer: African Grey Parrot, Parakeet, Macaw, Sun Conure, Cockatiel, Dove

