

Roanoke Valley SPCA – Scouting Program

Cub Scouts (Grades 2-5) – Critter Care Badge

Since many families have pets, keeping a section on pet care in the new program was a great decision by the Boy Scouts of America. It will also help those kids who want a pet but who need to understand more about how to care for one.

- (1) Learn about the Roanoke Valley SPCA
 - PowerPoint presentation
 - History
 - Private/limited intake shelter vs Public / open-intake shelter
 - Pet Retention programs
 - Discussion / Questions
- (2) Research a pet: dogs and cats
 - What does your pet need Powerpoint and Worksheet Report
 - Food
 - Water
 - Shelter
 - Attention/Exercise
 - Vet visits
 - Tags and/or Microchips
 - **What can your dog eat?** Activity
 - Work together to figure out the answers
 - Discuss each thing the dogs can't eat and why
 - Discussion / Questions
- (3) Make a poster about a pet you would like to have
 - Group Activity
 - Divide Scouts into groups of 3-4
 - Discuss the pets we learned about and choose one
 - Create a poster about how you would take care of your pet
 - Each group presents their poster
 - Discussion / Questions
- (4) Visit a local animal shelter
 - **Shelter Tour** Activity
 - Learn where our adoptable pets live, what we feed them, and more
 - Point out toys and enrichment activities for cats and dogs in our shelter
 - Cat shelves with windows and TV
 - Doggie play yard and Kongs in our freezer
 - Meet and adoptable animal friend
 - Discussion / Questions



Contact the Community Engagement Coordinator at volunteer@rvspca.org to get started!