

# Roanoke Valley SPCA – Scouting Program

## Brownies (Grades 2-3) – Pets Badge

*If you have a pet or hope to have one someday, this badge will help you learn how to make sure your pet stays happy and healthy. With the Pets Badge, Brownie Girl Scouts will learn how to keep a pet comfy, help a pet stay healthy and safe, make a pet feel loved and feed a pet properly.*

- (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) Keep a pet comfy
  - Fear Free Shelters PowerPoint presentation
    - Let's learn about cat and dog body language so we know when an animal is feeling uncomfortable
    - What can we do to help animals feel more comfortable around us?
  - Is this Dog or Cat Happy or Scared? Activity
    - Discussion / Questions
- (3) Find out what care different pets need and (4) Feed a Pet
  - 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
- (5) Help a pet stay healthy and safe
  - Importance of exercise and brain activities PowerPoint
  - Shelter Tour Activity
    - 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
    - Discussion / Questions
- (6) Make a pet feel loved
  - Make a toy for a shelter pet Activity
    - Provide the scouts with the tools and directions to make a toy
    - Have the scouts play with each other as well as with a pet in the shelter
    - Discussion / Questions

