

GROUP EDUCATIONAL VISIT REQUEST FORM

(For Schools, Scout groups, corporate partners, and more)

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Date of request (today's date): _____

We recommend submitting this form 4-6 weeks in advance of your visit.

The Roanoke Valley SPCA is very fortunate to have many committed supporters, without whom we would not be able to work towards our mission to create a community where there are no homeless cats and dogs. We look forward to meeting you!

Our Educational Visits are perfect for student groups, scouts, and other groups looking to learn more about our facility. These Educational group opportunities include a Tour, presentation on the RVSPCA mission and programs, and animal meet-n-greet. A craft or (for scout groups, etc) badge-related activity can be added upon request.

There is a \$5 donation fee per participant for Educational sessions at the Roanoke Valley SPCA. With groups of children under 18, there should be 1 adult chaperone per 5 children in attendance. Chaperones can attend free of charge; however, additional adults may be asked to submit the \$5 fee. Sessions can range from 90-120 minutes long.

Please note that the Roanoke Valley SPCA is a **Fear Free handling Certified shelter**. Fear Free handling is focused on lowering pets' fear, anxiety, stress, and frustration while they live in our facility. To maintain this certification, we do limit some of the spaces that visitors can enter. Visitors are also not permitted to interact with animals without staff supervision.

GROUP INFORMATION

Group name: _____

Affiliated organization: _____

Number of attendees in group (Maximum of 15 attendees): _____

Age range (Must be 5+ years old): _____

Contact Person full name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Preferred visit date/time: _____

Alternative visit date/time: _____

Tell us a little about your group and why you chose the RVSPCA!

The Roanoke Valley SPCA is a community resource that provides pet adoption, retention, and education services in Virginia's Blue Ridge.



Please share the following information with your group, and sign to verify everyone understands the following information:

ANIMAL CRUELTY DISCLOSURE

The state of Virginia requires that volunteers have never been (i) charged with or convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment or (ii) the subject of a civil proceeding to terminate their ownership rights of a cat, dog, or other companion animal.

Signature of Group Organizer

Date

ZOONOTIC DISEASE DISCLOSURE

Zoonotic diseases are those that can be passed from other species to humans. Examples are ringworm, tapeworm, roundworms and rabies. We impress upon all volunteers that safe handling techniques and hygiene are important elements of protecting ourselves from these diseases. Washing hands after handling any animal is critical. Please understand that many of the animals arriving at the shelter have had no previous veterinary care and may expose you to disease. While the occurrence of disease transmission is rare, please understand that the Roanoke Valley SPCA cannot assume financial, medical, or veterinary responsibility for any transmissions that may occur to yourself, your family or companion animals. Anyone who is pregnant or may become pregnant or has a compromised immune system should consult their physician before volunteering with the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

Signature of Group Organizer

Date

MISSION AND VALUES

In signing this application, we state that we understand and agree to the following: We will do our best to represent this organization as volunteers. We will take ideas, constructive comments, suggestions, and criticisms directly to the Community Engagement Coordinator or assigned team lead. If communication concerns develop between employees and our group, we will report them to the Community Engagement Coordinator. We authorize the RVSPCA to seek emergency medical treatment in case of accident, injury, or illness, and to hold harmless any agency in the event of an accident, injury, or illness. We understand that if we are injured while acting as an unpaid member of the volunteer staff, we are not covered by the Virginia State Workers Compensation Law.

Signature of Group Organizer

PHOTOGRAPHY WAIVER

I grant permission to use any photograph or video taken of me while volunteering for promotional use, knowing it will be done in good taste.

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