



**WINNIPEG**  
HUMAN E SOCIETY

# TEACHERS GUIDE



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## 1 ANIMAL NEEDS & THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

Have you ever been called an animal? Well, you're close! In grade 1 we discuss what animals need to be happy & healthy as well as comparing that to humans. You may discover that you're more of an animal than you thought!

## 2 ANIMALS GROWTH & CHANGE

Students will discover all the changes that animals go through from birth to adulthood. They will learn why some animals grow more quickly than others as well as finding out why animals have unique adaptations that help them out. We will look at some specific examples of the changes animals face and compare those to the changes human face.

## 3 HOW ANIMALS USE PLANTS & CHANGES IN THE SEASON

Wild animals and your pets at home use plants throughout the year. Animals in the wild use them for food and shelter, while your pet might use them to play or hide. As the seasons change so do animals, food that was abundant in summer is scarce in winter; we will examine what animals do in the winter to survive and how we can see some of these changes in our pets at home.







## 7 WHERE DOES YOUR FOOD COME FROM?

Students discover where their food comes from. From chicken to hamburger, everything we eat comes from somewhere and students will learn more about the animals that produce their food or become it. They will also learn about different farming practices and what their impacts are on the environment and our health. Things that they see on food packages like; grass feds, free range, or organic will be explained and we will discuss how we can make changes to help improve the lives of farm animals. Educating students on what vegetarianism and veganism is, decreasing meat consumption through meatless Monday, and making different buying habits like free-range or organic to help animals have more humane lives are all topics of discussion to help improve the lives of farm animals.

## ANIMALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Students will understand the Animal Care Act and what to do if you see an animal being abused. They will learn more about how the Winnipeg Humane Society helps these animals, and what they can do to help in their own way. Through discussion and interactive scenarios, students will become better aware of what animals are going through and how they can help in their communities and at their school like fostering, volunteering, and fundraising.





## 8 WHAT IS A FARM?

Students learn about how farms have changed over the centuries and how modern factory farming came around. They learn about selective breeding and the use of intensive farming practices like battery cages, non-medical antibiotics, hormones, gestation crates, and intensive milking practices for dairy cows. They also learn about the environmental impacts of modern farming.

## 9 ANIMAL WELFARE

Students learn about the rise in awareness of animal welfare. How throughout history people have thought about and fought for animal welfare. We will discuss its positive impact on people, and how the improvements we make to animal health and well-being can have a beneficial effect on us as a society. They will learn how we have made improvements to animal welfare over the years from the Animal Care Act, Exotic Animal Circus Bans in the city, Leaping Bunny Campaign for animal testing, and banning Puppy Mills.

## 10 DOMESTICATION: ANIMALS & PEOPLE THROUGH HISTORY

People have been interacting with animals all through history. Students learn how people domesticated some animals and why some animals were not domesticated. We will discuss the rise in intensive farming and the issues in keeping certain animals as pets when they are not to be domesticated. Students will learn about the needs that animals have and the behaviours they need to exhibit in order to be healthy.



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## 11 THE FACTORY FARM

Students get an extensive look at the global impact of factory farming from Canada to around the world. They learn the environmental effects associated with this practice and the implications on animal welfare and people. Through interactive activities and discussions, students build on their knowledge of animal welfare.

## 12 POACHING & THE ILLEGAL ANIMAL TRADE

Students are introduced to the global illegal animal trade from exotic pets to the harvesting of horns, tusks, and organs. Why does it happen, where do these parts go, and how we can help stop it? Through interactive lessons and discussions, students learn what impacts the animal trade has on habitat loss and animal welfare, the role pop culture has in popularizing certain exotic animals, and how that has an impact on poaching.





# FIELD TRIPS

All presentations are available at the Winnipeg Humane Society which will also include a tour of the facility and animal interactions\*. A field trip of the Winnipeg Humane Society is an excellent way for students to get a better understanding of how animals interact with people and provide a great learning experience.

\*Animal interactions at the Winnipeg Humane Society are contingent on the availability of appropriate animals at the time of school visit. The WHS is a high-stress environment for the animals in our care so following the rules that the tour guides and other staff give out is vital for all visitors and the animals themselves.



# PET EMPATHY

Our Pet Empathy program is a unique, small group setting, where students interact with a Winnipeg Humane Society behaviour assessed dog to foster a better understanding of empathy towards animals and people. This program is an excellent resource for students who could benefit from specialized sessions focusing on topics such as; empathy, kindness, stages of growth, emotional needs, patience, and communication.



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# PET THERAPY

The Pet Therapy program is an animal-assisted pet therapy using WHS behaviour assessed dogs to provide affection and comfort to people with a variety of needs and conditions who would benefit from the support and attention of a trained animal. These dogs help students with physical, mental, and behaviour needs to make closer connections with animals based on the reported benefits of these types of therapy practices.



# SEE SPOT READ

The See Spot Read program is a unique partnership between the Winnipeg Humane Society, the Winnipeg Public Library, and St. John Ambulance designed to provide a motivating, non-judgemental environment for elementary students who are experiencing difficulties with reading and proves to reduce the stress and anxiety students sometimes feel when reading aloud. Students will be partnered up with a St. John Ambulance certified therapy dog and will be given a safe space to practice their reading confidence without any perceived judgment. Animal reading programs have had a documented positive benefit on confidence building. The See Spot Read program has limited spots and runs for 10-week sessions (1 x week) every fall, winter, and spring. Contact us today to register your school!

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# KID CAMPS

WHS Kid Camps give children a chance to learn about animals and responsible pet ownership. We provide a look into our shelter and show campers how we help animals here find new and happy homes. With age-appropriate crafts, games, workshops, guest appearances and presentations from local animal groups, the WHS will help your child make the most of their time away from school.

Our Kid Camps run throughout the week of Spring Break and all throughout the summer months. Geared for children ages 5 – 13 years.



# BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Did you know that you could spend your special day at the Winnipeg Humane Society? Our staff and volunteers will make your birthday bash as memorable as possible with animal interactions, a shelter tour, and more. Everyone at the party will get a chance to meet and learn about some of our fantastic shelter animals, including how we care for them, and how we try and find them fur-ever homes! Spend your special day at the Winnipeg Humane Society.

Fridays	6pm
Saturdays	10am / 1pm / 4pm
Sundays	12pm / 4pm



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# GRADE PROGRAM PRICES

PROGRAM	PRICE	LENGTH
Dog Safety (K-4)	\$35	60 min
Farm Animals (K-4)	\$35	60 min
<b>KINDERGARTEN</b> .....		
Animals & Colours	\$25	30 min
My Pet (Preschool, Dayares)	\$25	30 min
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<b>FIELD TRIP + GRADE PRESENTATION</b> .....		
Pair any grade level presentation with a WHS tour for your very own field trip!	\$130	120 min

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# OTHER PROGRAM PRICES

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Pet Empathy	\$35	30-60 min
Pet Therapy	\$35	30-60 min
<b>SEE SPOT READ</b> .....		
10 weeks (1 session per week) Fall, Winter and Spring	Free	60 min
<b>HID CAMPS</b> .....		
Spring Break or Summer	\$189	1 week
<b>BIRTHDAY PARTIES</b> .....		
Fridays 6pm	\$175	120 min
Saturdays 10am / 1pm / 4pm		
Sundays 12pm / 4pm		



**"People are not going to care about animals unless they think that animals are worthwhile."**

**SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH**



# BOOKING INFORMATION

To book your presentation, field trip, or any of our other education-based programs, please contact the [Education Department](#) at the Winnipeg Humane Society.

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For more information:

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**Note:** Animal ambassadors brought in for presentations are assessed by the Behaviour Department at the Winnipeg Humane Society. If WHS staff are concerned for the safety of the animals or the children, it is the within WHS staff authority to remove the animal from the classroom setting. All instructions must be respected and followed to provide a safe and respectful presentation.

