

The Dumb Friends League- Who We Are & What We Do

OBJECTIVE:

To learn about what the Dumb Friends League does to help animals and people, and to collect data and record observations about the animals at the League.

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW:

Plan a class visit to the Dumb Friends League to learn about the many services and programs the League offers. The students will learn about the various issues that affect companion animals and how to be a responsible pet owner. They will also take a tour of the League, collect data and record their observations about the animals they see.

MATERIALS:

- 🐾 Worksheet: "What I Learned At The Dumb Friends League"
- 🐾 One clipboard per student
- 🐾 Pencils

ACTIVITY:

Preliminary Discussion

- 🐾 Call the Dumb Friends League's Humane Education Program to set up a tour of the Quebec Shelter: (303) 696-4941, Ext. 398. Please let us know that you are working on this specific lesson so we can plan for an extended session. We'll send you a list of "Ideas for Discussion" to review with your students prior to the tour.

Procedure

- 🐾 The first part of the "tour" is an educational presentation regarding the programs and services provided by the League.
- 🐾 The students will be given a tour of the animal shelter. Have them record the observations outlined on their worksheets. Provide each student with a worksheet, clipboard and pencil to use while they're touring the facility.

Post-Discussion

- 🐾 When you return to your classroom, discuss the data the students collected and their observations.
- 🐾 Ask the students what were the most important things they learned at the Dumb Friends League?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Have the students write a report about the Dumb Friends League, using all the data and observations they compiled.

What I Learned at the Dumb Friends League

Collect the following data and record your observations during the tour of the Dumb Friends League.

1. Why is the animal shelter called the "Dumb Friends League?" What does "dumb" mean?

2. On average, how many pets does the Dumb Friends League receive on a daily basis? On a yearly basis?

3. What are the most common reasons why people give up their pets?

4. How does the Dumb Friends League help pets and people? List at least five things.

5. What does it mean to "spay" or "neuter" your pet?

6. Why is it important to spay or neuter your pet?

7. What does "pet overpopulation" mean?

8. List six things that a responsible pet owner would provide for their pet:

9. Why is it important to be kind to animals?

10. What types of cats do you see in the cat kennels? What are some of their ages?

11. Watch how the cats react to you. What does their body language tell you?

12. Choose a cat that interests you and observe it. Write down your observations.

13. What types of dogs do you see in the dog kennels? Why are there usually two dogs in each kennel?

14. Watch how the dogs react to you. What does their body language tell you?

15. Choose a dog that interests you and observe it. Write down your observations.

16. List the different types of small mammals you see.

17. Which animal was your favorite? Why?
