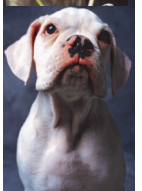




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# Humane Education

**Kokomo Humane Society Mission**  
*Improving the lives of and preventing cruelty to domestic and companion animals through humane education, shelter, and uniting pets with families.*

It's time to make living ethically, sustainably, and peaceably on this planet the very purpose of education.

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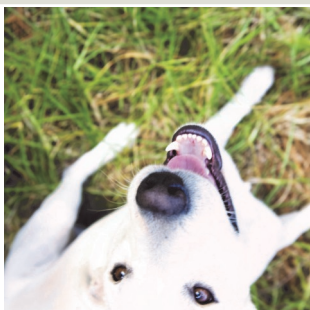
## A New Pet Guide

Being a humane educator, I get just as many questions from adults as I do children. Many parents and teachers are just as unaware when it comes to pet behavior. A frequent question is about introducing a new pet into the home. This can be a challenging time for any pet and human alike. Dogs especially are still very rooted in their pack animal instinct, and this will affect many of their behaviors. When a pet is new to a home, the stress levels will increase exponentially. Here are some tips to help ease this transition. Keep the pet secluded for the first few days to

to allow them to acclimate themselves to their surroundings. Allow them to explore while the kids are away, making sure they are supervised. Slowly socializing your new pet is the key to their adjustment. Never allow your child to chase, hit, or even stare at a dog, and encourage them to only pet the animal when the animal wants to be petted. Teaching kids about the responsibility of animal care will encourage respect between them. Here at the Humane Society we have a plethora of resources available, from books to DVD's. Check it out!



*Once socialized properly, your new pet will become part of the family.*



### Fast Animal Facts

- 🐕 Most people think that dogs sweat by salivating, but they actually sweat through the pads of their feet.
- 🐈 Only 80% of cats respond to catnip; 20% don't have the specific gene that causes them to react.
- 🐕 In the United Kingdom, it's illegal to crop a dog's ears.
- 🐈 Nearly 30% of a cat's life is spent grooming itself.



# Service Learning: Its for everyone!

## How to help your local animal organizations

Student involvement in the community is often a key to their professional and educational development. At the Kokomo Humane Society, we offer volunteer programs ranging from ages 10-18, but volunteering is not the only way our youth can help. The most common ways students can help are fundraisers and collecting items needed from the shelter wish list,

but a service learning project challenges their organizational and task-orienting skills. Service learning projects begin with researching organizations using the internet, library or meeting directly with community organization leaders. Researching things like annual budgets, shelter statistics and sources of income will appeal to those students looking to

hone their skills for college. Writing grant proposals and organizing fundraisers are things that look excellent on resumes. For the younger student, organizing something on this scale is not always feasible. In this instance, educators will encourage them to come up with ideas about how they would like to help animals.

## Getting Involved



As simple as donating toys, as elaborate as planning a bake sale or craft project. Contact your local humane educator for additional ideas, and remember, you're never too young or too old to get involved!

### From your friendly humane educator/cat empath



The fair is over and school is right around the corner, so NOW is the time to start planning humane education programs! At the Kokomo Humane Society we are committed to preventing pet overpopulation and animal abandonment. This takes everyone's cooperation to educate our community! Contact me at 765-452-6224 or by email: [e.auth@kokomohumane.org](mailto:e.auth@kokomohumane.org)

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*All knowledge, the totality of all questions and all answers, is contained in the dog. – Franz Kafka*