

**POPE MEMORIAL SPCA COMPASSION CAMP FOR KIDS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q. How do I register my child for Camp?

A. You must register online at the above link. Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration closes once all sessions are full or approximately one week prior to the first day of camp.

Q. What if I need to cancel my child's camp week?

A. Cancellation Policy: A \$50 administration fee will be assessed per camper for all cancellations. If the cancellation is made by June 1st, a full refund (minus the administration fee) will be issued. No refund will be given without a two weeks' notice of cancellation. Refunds are not given for dismissal, failure to attend, absence, or sick days.

Q. What happens if I want to change to a different session?

A. Request for a date change must be made at least three weeks prior to the camp start date and must be received in writing via email or fax. Date change requests can only be approved if space is available.

Q. Do you have before or after care for camp?

A. No, we do not have before- or after-camp care available.

Q. Can I drop my child early or pick up late?

A. We allow drop off 10 minutes prior to camp start (9am) and 10 minutes after camp end time (4pm).

Q. What's a typical day at camp?

A. Camp activities include presentations from local experts in the animal care field, activities about caring for animals, indoor/outdoor games, and daily interaction with shelter animals, crafts and trail walks. Older children 10+ may have the opportunity to observe medical or surgical procedures in our medical suite.

Q. Who will work with my child while at Compassion Camp?

A. Staff and volunteers who have a background in education as well as experience with animals. Employees and volunteers who work directly with campers receive a comprehensive background check. Your child may also interact with other shelter employees and volunteers as well as guest presenters during Q&A sessions, behind-the-scenes tours, etc.

Q. Will my child get to pet and care for animals at the shelter?

A. We make every effort to arrange for campers have positive interactions with animals each day they are here. The goal of camp is to provide an engaging, fun and safe educational experience that includes hands-on experiences with animals.

Q. Can you accommodate children with special needs?

We will accommodate physical, academic and social needs to the best of our ability. Camps take place in a group setting. Please consider if your child is able to function in a group setting without one-on-one attention prior to registering for camp. Also be sure to indicate any special needs on the registration form. The more information you share, the better we are able to create a successful camp experience for your child. If your child has an IEP, 504b or behavioral plan, please let us know.

Special note about allergies: Camp is not recommended for children with allergies to pets, or pet dander. Camp is held outdoors and in our shelter that can house over 100 animals at a time. Also, please be aware if your child has a nut allergy; dogs are given peanut butter daily and many treats contain nut allergens.

Q. If my child attends camp and interacts with animals, should I worry about my pets at home?

We have rigorous safety and cleaning protocols in place in order to provide a safe and clean environment for all. While it is not likely that your child will purposefully encounter sick animals, we do recommend that children wash hands and change clothing before interacting with pets at home.

Q. Do you offer camp scholarships?

A. No, we do not offer camp scholarships at this time.