



What is the Teen Club?

The teen club is for teens, 14 to 17, who have an interest and passion for learning about animal companionship. This program focuses on preparing teens to become responsible volunteers and representatives of the Charleston Animal Society. The following goals and objectives of the Teen Club:

- 🐾 To learn current best practices in companion animal care and training
- 🐾 To develop leadership skills and a service ethic in a supportive environment
- 🐾 To receive training and preparation for volunteer services opportunities at the Charleston Animal Society

The Teen Club meets for **2 hours**, on Sundays and is a combination of classroom, hands-on animal handling, and service learning activities.



Successful completion of all the requirements of this program make the Teen Club graduates eligible to apply for certain volunteer opportunities before turning 18, the age required to volunteer at the shelter. **Graduation requirements include:**

1. Regular & consistent attendance (no more than 2 excused absences & arriving promptly at scheduled time (Refunds will not be available to participants unable to complete the program.)
2. Coming to meetings prepared (wearing name-tag & volunteer shirt– completing homework assignments on time)
3. Completing a 5-8 minute Presentation
4. Service Project (self-directed drive for the Charleston Animal Society & Pets for Life)
5. Completion of written tests & hands-on demonstration of animal handling for cats & dog
6. Positive & respectful attitude

Graduation from the program is **not** a guarantee of placement. Just as with adult volunteers, the Volunteer Dept. matches people with available openings based on their skills and the current needs of the shelter. After graduation students must volunteer regularly each month to keep the privilege of volunteering.

To Apply for Teen Club:

To apply for the Teen Club, fill out the attached 2 part application. Due to the nature of this program, applicants will be chosen based on thoughtfulness and thoroughness of their answers to the essay questions.

The **\$200 enrollment fee** covers the costs of running this program, but we are committed to making our programs accessible to all. We have scholarships available (See scholarship application available for download).

Application deadline: applications must be received by 5pm on Sept. 4th.



TEEN CLUB MEETING DATES

Here are the dates for the Teen Club for this year. You may only miss two excused absences during the year, so please check the dates below to make sure they work with your schedule. **If you are absent more than twice, you will be ineligible for graduation, which is a requirement to become a volunteer before the age of 18.**

Additionally, note there are two MANDATORY meetings. This is a commitment we want teens to take seriously as staff and volunteers have dedicated their time to helping run this program. Meetings will take place in the Education Room at the shelter at 2455 Remount Rd.

DAY	DATE	TIME
Sunday	October 4 th	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	October 18 th	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	November 15 th	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	December 13 th *only one meeting in December/ Mandatory	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	January 10 th / Mandatory	3pm – 5pm
School Holiday	January/February TBA *dependent on surgery schedule	TBA
Sunday	February 7 th	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	February 14 th	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	March 7 th	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	March 21 st	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	April 11 th – Service Project Due	3pm – 5pm
Sunday	April 25 th – Presentations/Graduation	3pm – 5pm



TEEN CLUB APPLICATION FORM

PART 1– Contact Information

Your Name & t-shirt size	
School	
Birth Date, Age, Grade & Allergies	
Teen's email	
Teen's Cell Phone	
Mailing Address	
Parent's or Guardian's Name	
Parent's Cell Phone	
Parent's Email	



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PART 2– Short Answer Essay Questions

Think carefully about your answers to these questions, as they are an important component to choosing who will be participating in Teen Club this year.

We highly recommend that you create a rough draft, edit, and then re-write your answers. FINAL DRAFTS MUST BE TYPED.



Explain why you want to be a member of the Teen Club. Consider explaining what you expect to gain from the experience and what prompted you to apply for the Teen Club.



Successfully completing the requirements for the Teen Club requires a commitment of two hour meetings twice a month. Please give a detailed explanation of how you intend to fit Teen Club into your busy schedule. Be specific.



What do you think makes a good volunteer and representative of the Teen Club? What makes you a good fit for that position?



Please describe your experience with animals. Note: previous experience is not necessary and previous experience will not affect your chances of being accepted.

Applications must be postmarked by September 4th - mail to:

Charleston Animal Society
ATTENTION: Heather Grogan
2455 Remount Rd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Or

hgrogan@charlestonanimalsociety.org



Teen Club Participation Agreement *for parents

Welcome to the Charleston Animal Society's Teen Club. We are pleased that you and your child are interested in this program.

- ⇒ I hereby allow my child _____ to participate in the CAS Teen Club.
- ⇒ I understand the meetings will be held on Sundays from 3-5pm. (October through May) and will make sure that my child will attend the meetings regularly.
- ⇒ I understand that my child's involvement relies on certain parental expectations and agree to fulfill said expectations to the best of my ability.
- ⇒ While participating in the CAS Teen Club, I understand that my child will be expected to perform activities as assigned & directed by the CAS staff.
- ⇒ CAS reserves the right to change or terminate this contract at anytime without notice.

Name: _____

(SIGN name)

Name: _____

(PRINT name)

Release of Liability and Medical

I, the undersigned, hereby fully release the owners, staff, volunteers, board members and all other participating parties employed by, volunteering or in association with **Charleston Animal Society** from any liability associated with this camp. I also hereby authorize and request that medical and surgical services required by a licensed, practicing physician or surgeon as may be necessary for me and/or my child/children. And I further agree to accept financial responsibility for such treatment.

Name _____

(SIGN name)

Name _____

(PRINT name)

Photographic Image Release

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to Charleston Animal Society and or other participating parties to take and use photographic images of myself or my child/children during this event for the expressed and limited purpose of future publicity regarding the Charleston Animal Society's humane programs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Should you elect on behalf of yourself and or your child to not have photographic images taken and or used, please inform the registration staff. Such a decision will in no way limit the participation and enjoyment of this program.

Name: _____

(SIGN name)

Name: _____

(PRINT name)