



Rescue Readers Program

Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward is proud to offer the Rescue Reader Program to students in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. This Program aims to increase knowledge of animal care, shelters and the lives of pets in our community, and supports the development of empathy and literacy.

Centred around a visit to HSHPE, students are welcomed and introduced to life at the shelter, take a tour, and have the chance to meet some of the animals and read to them. The visit may be supported by pre and/or post-visit learning activities.

Shelter Visits

- Rescue Reader Sessions are held Tuesday- Friday 11am-12pm and last approx. 1 hour.
- Schools are required to arrange transportation to and from the HSHPE.
- Each visit begins in the Community and Education Room, where students are met by HSHPE staff who will welcome them, talk about daily life at the shelter and outline preferred conduct to maximize safety and respect for animals.
- Students are then taken on a tour of the Animal Care and Community Education Centre and have the chance to view adoptable animals, and learn more about our facility.
- After the tour, students are divided into small groups or pairs and stationed in different areas where they are encouraged to read to cats, dogs, rabbits, rats and other small animals
- After we've finished our stories, we will move back to the Education Centre and discuss our favorite parts of the visits, if the animals liked the story, etc.
- Every student will take away an information package about HSHPE with coloring pages, etc.

HSHPE Rescue Readers Program Application

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Email: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Visit Waiver

Animal Interaction (please check one)

- Yes, my students may interact with animals during the Rescue Readers Program.
- No, my students may read to the animals, but no hands on interactions please.

Media Release:

- Yes, HSHPE staff or representatives may take photos and/or videos of my students during their visit for use by Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward on its website and social media channels. (please note that we use the first name of students, their grade and school, unless otherwise asked by the teacher arranging the visit.)

The following students should not be photographed or videotaped during their visit to Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward:

- No, HSHPE staff or representatives may NOT take photos and/or videos of my students during their visit.

Teacher's Name (please print)

Teacher's Signature

Please submit this completed form to kballenthin@humanesocietyhpe.ca