



# Critter Crew Application

Houston SPCA 7007 Old Katy Road Houston, TX 77024

Questions? Email: [Education@houstonspca.org](mailto:Education@houstonspca.org)

Being a member of Houston SPCA Critter Crew is an important part of helping Campers have the best Summer Critter Camp experience! These volunteer positions were created in order for students, 16 - 18 years old, to serve as role models and is designed to foster skills in areas such as leadership, personal accountability, and communication. Our Critter Crew volunteers interact with our campers (2nd - 8th graders), lead animal interactions, and assist our Camp Teachers with a wide variety of tasks and camp activities.

Volunteers must commit to volunteering for at least 3 sessions of Summer Critter Camp. Camp is held Monday - Friday and volunteers are asked to be on campus 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**To apply:** With your parent's permission, email the completed application to [Education@HoustonSPCA.org](mailto:Education@HoustonSPCA.org) Once reviewed, we will confirm your interest and provide additional information.

If approved, all critter crew volunteers and staff must attend a *mandatory orientation and animal training*, which is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19 from 10 am. to 1 pm.** at the Houston SPCA.

All applications must be completed and received by **Friday, May 3rd** for consideration.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Please note all communications will be through this email)*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (please include severity and any prescribed allergy medication): \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**You need to be able to commit to volunteering for at least 3 sessions of Summer Critter Camp and are welcome to sign up for additional weeks. Please note some weeks fill up faster and priority is given to earlier submissions first.**

**Please select 3 sessions you will be able to volunteer:**

- \_\_\_ **Session 1:** Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 7
- \_\_\_ **Session 2:** Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14
- \_\_\_ **Session 3:** Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21
- \_\_\_ **Session 4:** Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28
- \_\_\_ **Session 5:** Monday, July 1 - Friday, July 5\*
- \_\_\_ **Session 6:** Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12
- \_\_\_ **Session 7:** Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19
- \_\_\_ **Session 8:** Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26
- \_\_\_ **Session 9:** Monday, July 29- Friday, August 2

**Critter Camp provides children (3rd - 8th graders) the ability to learn about animal welfare through lessons, crafts, guest speakers, and animal interactions. Our Critter Camp Volunteers are critical in assisting our Teachers with a variety of tasks.**

**The following questions must be completed by the potential Volunteer:**

Please tell us why you wish to join the Houston SPCA Critter Camp?

Do you have any special skills that can contribute to being a member of Critter Crew?

What skills do you hope to gain from your experience?

List three qualities you feel a member of Critter Crew should have:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that our Critter Crew Volunteer's main responsibility is mentoring our campers?  YES  NO

Do you have any experience interacting with children?

Do you understand that Critter Crew responsibilities include more than interacting with animals?  YES  NO

All volunteers comfortable handling cats, small dogs, and large dogs. Do you understand that a mandatory animal training must be attended by all Critter Crew Volunteers on Sunday, May 19th? \*

YES  NO

Have you been a part of Critter Crew before?  NO  YES If so, what summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a part of the Houston SPCA Volunteer Program?  NO  YES

Do you understand that all communications will be sent through the volunteer's email provided?  NO  YES

**Houston SPCA - Volunteer Critter Crew  
Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk**

1. **Volunteer Participation.** I have voluntarily enrolled my above-identified child in, and my child has voluntarily agreed to participate in, the Houston SPCA Critter Crew Program (the "Program"). I understand that all services performed by my child will be performed on a strictly volunteer basis without compensation or benefits of any kind.
2. **Guidelines.** I understand that my child must comply with all of the rules, agreements and protocols that may be established from time-to-time by the Houston SPCA and that volunteer privileges may be revoked or suspended by Houston SPCA at any time for non-compliance or safety issues. I have communicated the importance of following the Houston SPCA rules to my child.
3. **Assumption of Risk.** I understand that volunteering can be potentially dangerous and that my child may be interacting with animals belonging to the Houston SPCA or its staff, volunteers or affiliates, with or without adult supervision, and that animals, even under the best of circumstances, may be unpredictable and may bite or scratch. I understand and acknowledge that my child's participation in the Program is not without risk of serious injury, death or damage to property, and I assume all risks in connection therewith. I understand that I am solely financially responsible for any medical treatment or care for any injury or illness resulting from my child's participation in the Program, through my own health insurance coverage or otherwise. I have been encouraged to consult with a medical professional to address any concerns prior to my child's participation in the Program.
4. **Liability Release.** In consideration of my child's participation in the Program, I (together with my spouse, heirs, successors, representatives and assigns) agree to assume and to forever release, waive, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Houston SPCA, including its directors, employees, consultants, agents and volunteers, as well as any third-party owner(s) of animals with whom my child may interact (collectively, the "Released Parties"), for any and all claims, demands and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever, that I may now have or in the future have against any of the Released Parties on account of any property damage, death or personal injuries and the treatment thereof, as a result of the acts or omissions of the Released Parties or in any way incidental thereto, including those caused by negligence or carelessness attributable to the Released Parties, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable (including by way of example only and not limitation, claims for medical care and attorneys' fees).
5. **Media Release.** I grant Houston SPCA permission to use my child's name, likeness and/or statements in photographs, audio, video or other media to promote the Houston SPCA services, programs or events. I understand that all film, audio, prints and negatives become the sole property of the Houston SPCA and may be used without payment or notification.
6. **Agreement & Term.** This agreement shall remain in full force and effect until expressly revoked or otherwise terminated by the Houston SPCA. By signing below, I hereby represent and warrant that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the above-named child, and I give my consent without reservation to the above terms and conditions, on my own behalf and on behalf of my child.

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Student Name

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian