

WOODFORD HUMANE SOCIETY

Guidelines for Educational Tours and Presentations

Due to space restrictions, groups must be no larger than 8 attendees. We require a 1:2 chaperone to child ratio for the safety of guests and animals. (Total of 12 guests: 8 children and 4 chaperones.)

Group age 5 to 8:

- Viewing of dogs through Real life windows
- Cat Colony visits with adult supervision
- Manager approved canine to visit group in the Community Room or outside
- No entry into the dog kennel areas

Group age 8 to 14:

- Viewing of dogs through Real Life windows
- Cat Colony visits with adult supervision
- Manager approved canine to visit group in the Community Room or outside
- Walk through the dog kennels with a WHS representative and chaperones (2 kids per adult)

Group age 14 and up:

- Viewing of dogs through Real Life windows
- Cat Colony Visits with adult supervision
- Manager approved canine to visit group in the Community Room or outside
- Walk through the dog kennels with a WHS representative and chaperones (2 kids per adult)
- Dog Yard visits with a WHS representative and chaperone (2 kids per adult)

Chaperone Responsibilities:

- Follow all posted signs and procedures
- Immediately notify a WHS representative if any animal escapes his kennel, colony or condo
- Maximum of 2 children and one chaperone per cat colony
- Ask the WHS representative to be present when before entering the kennel area or the dog yards
- Shade stands in the dog yards are for dogs only.
- Only Woodford Humane Society staff may remove a dog from his/her kennel
- Guests must be 18 or older to walk a dog
- Guests must be at least 14 years old to visit dogs in the play yards
- Animals in the Receiving Center are still adjusting to their new environment, therefore tours through this building are restricted

Remind Children:

- Remind children that pets scare easily. Do not tap on the windows or shout while with the animals
- When entering a cat colony, sit down on a bench and allow the cats to approach you. Be gentle while petting. Do not attempt to hold them.
- Never stick your hands or fingers into the kennel fencing
- When greeting a dog, allow him to sniff your hand before petting
- Do not approach a dog that appears frightened (ears flat to head, growling, showing teeth, cowering, tail tucked between their legs)