

Humane Education Classroom Programming

WITH THE **ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE OF GREATER PORTLAND**

Enrich your curriculum with a visit from one of the ARLGP Humane Educators!

- Programs are available free of charge to all schools from September until early June.
- Programs encourage students to express compassion and kindness towards animals, as well as be clear communicators, responsible pet ambassadors, and involved citizens.
- Program content can be customized to any age group and will meet Common Core, Maine Learning Results, and Next Generation Science Standards. When possible, an animal ambassador can be included in the lesson.

2018-2019 AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Pets 101

What do pets need to be healthy and happy? Students delve deeper to discover different pets and what they need. They will explore different animals and share their needs through a short, hands-on project. Students can also be animal advocates and plan a project for animals in need in their community.

Play It Safe

Do you know when an animal is happy, mad, or scared? Students will determine how to be safe around all kinds of animals, how to read their body language and how to interact with new animals as well as their own pets. This lesson focuses on safety, compassion and kindness in order to promote a healthy relationship between people and pets.

So Many Animals

Did you know that more than 6 million companion animals enter animal shelters in the United States each year? Why are there so many animals? This lesson will help students answer that question through exploration of different topics and real-life stories. Students will also use their math and critical thinking skills to determine ways we can help reduce the number of animals in shelters.

Inside ARLGP

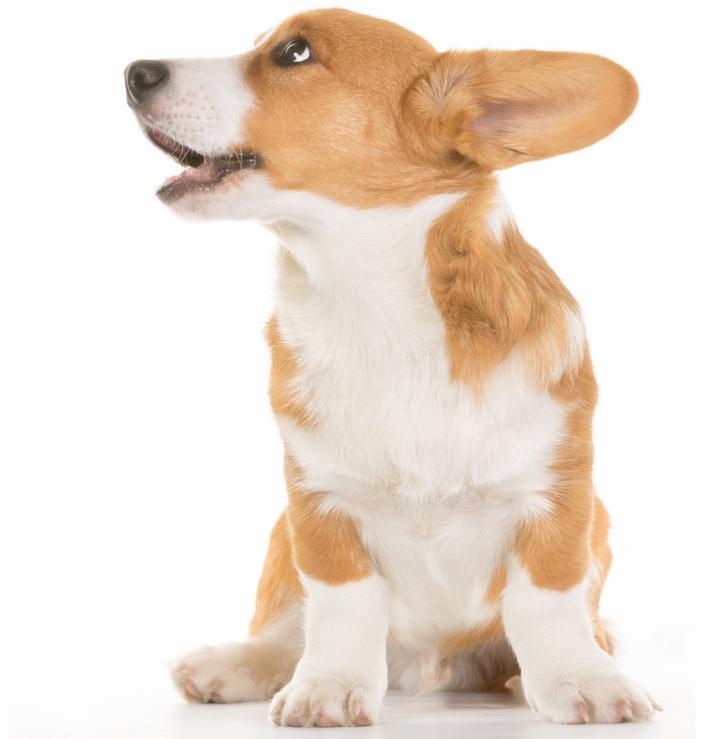
What does an animal shelter do? Where do shelter animals come from? Who works at a shelter? How do you adopt an animal? We will give students a comprehensive overview of how the ARLGP supports our community and how we help animals find their new, happy homes.

Animal Adaptations

How do animals survive in their habitat? What makes them suited to live in that particular area? Students will discover many different adaptations that animals use through a series of hands-on activities where they can test out these adaptations and their effectiveness. Students will then apply these adaptations to discover how they can help wildlife in their community.

Critter Crazy!

Rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats and more! Learn about the unique characteristics of these smaller animal species. This lesson helps students think beyond cats and dogs and opens up a new world of animal care and companions.



Animal Careers

Who works with animals? Students will investigate lots of different animal jobs through books and research. Students will also express their opinion on which job seems the most interesting. Older students will discover what it takes to work with animals, from choosing a college major, to hard work and perseverance. Students will hear testimonials from people who work with animals and why they chose their animal career.

Issues Facing Wild Animals

Students will learn to categorize wild from captive animals. They will then match animals to threats that they face in the wild. Students will see the impact that people can have on wild animals and discover ways they can help protect wild habitats and animals through small choices they make.

NEW & EXPANDED PROGRAMMING:

In the News

In this social studies focused lesson, students will explore stories about animals that have occurred recently in the news. They will compare and contrast stories on the same topic. They will then use this information to help express their own opinion on current events and topics related to animals.

What Breed Am I?

In this civics based lesson, students will step into the place of a shelter animal to see how labels affect adoptions. Students will also be introduced to many breeds of dogs, cats, and critters to see how breeds are identified and the attributes of that breed.

Responsible and Respectful

Students will explore how people affect the pets, people, and planet around them. They will discuss and research ways they can help be a responsible citizen. This lesson will give students a chance to think critically about their choices and how they can make good decisions for themselves and the planet.

Act It Out

In this theatre-based activity, students will learn about animal issues by acting out different scenarios common to our shelter animals. The class will be split into four groups and perform their skits for the class. They will learn about issues like overpopulation, neglect, strays, and more! Each skit will be followed by a group discussion.



Teachers, are you looking for more than one lesson? *Let's make a plan!*

Any and all of our programs can be used to create a mini-unit or multi-week program. Also, all lessons can be used as part of service learning projects.

Below are some suggested units, but feel free to ask for your own selection as well!

Unit 1: All About Pets: Pets 101, Critter Crazy!, Play It Safe, In the News

Unit 2: Animal Sheltering: Inside ARLGP, Animals 101, So Many Animals, Animal Careers

Unit 3: Be A Community Helper: Issues Facing Wild Animals, In the News, Responsible and Respectful

Don't see what you're looking for? Just ask!

Each program can be customized to fit any age group (pre-school through high school) and will be tailored to meet your specific needs.

Schedule your class visit today!

Contact our Humane Education department at education@arlgp.org or (207) 517-3939

Looking for a field trip to the ARLGP?

We can help plan a guided shelter tour for your classroom, as well as conduct our education programs in our shelter classroom.

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