

Check in for class begins promptly at 3:30 pm. Please plan to drop off your child at the classroom of The Humane Society of Sonoma County, located at 5345 Highway 12 in Santa Rosa. The classroom is located at the back of the shelter- after turning in from highway 12, drive straight past the yellow office and down the straight driveway past the side of the shelter. You will see a large parking lot where you can park your vehicle and the classroom is located at the end of the building across from the dog yards. We ask that you accompany your child to the entrance to verify contact information. We will have 6 ft distancing markers on the sidewalk leading to the entrance and ask that you and your child wait at these markers until your child can be checked in.

We are enforcing strict Covid-19 protocols and are requiring that all children and adults wear a face mask at check-in and that children wear a mask during the entire duration of the class. Children will also be required to frequently wash and sanitize their hands to reduce the risk of contamination. We will be conducting temperature checks on your child at the time of check-in.

Since the children will be interacting with a variety of animals we require that they wear a t-shirt or comfortable long sleeve shirt, as well as long pants and close-toed shoes. Please ensure that your child's apparel does not contain any language that would be considered inappropriate or offensive to others.

Children will be exposed to a variety of farm animals (sheep, horses, chickens, goats, cows, donkeys, alpacas). If your child has any allergies that may be triggered by exposure to these animal groups, please let us know as soon as possible.

Your child may bring a water bottle, but please remind them that if they need a water break, they will need to step away, pull down their mask for a drink, then pull the mask back up quickly. There will not be food served or time for a snack, so make sure your child has had a snack before the class. Please do not send food. Phones are not allowed during class time.

This class will run rain or shine so be prepared with boots and raincoats if the weather dictates. The farm also has a few pairs of extra boots if necessary.

Pick up at the end of the class is at **5 pm**. Please follow the same protocol as check-in and wait outside of the classroom on the sidewalk behind the social distancing markers wearing your mask. **If a different family member will be picking up your child, please inform us of this at the time of check-in.**

We ask that you please refrain from bringing your family dog with you at the time of check-in or pick-up. If you need to bring your dog, they are required to remain in your vehicle and are not allowed on shelter grounds. Since we have shelter dogs that are constantly walked around the shelter premises, we need to ensure their safety and eliminate any potential exposure to contagious disease or viruses.

Due to the enforcement of Covid-19 protocols, we have also included a Covid-19 parent waiver that we require each parent to sign in addition to the rest of the paperwork. After signing, we ask that you either scan the forms and email them to kpecsar@humanesocietysoco.org or bring them with you at check-in on the first day.

All forms are required to be signed before your child can attend class.

Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing your child soon!

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