



Cochrane & Area HUMANE SOCIETY

Summer Day Camps Frequently Asked Questions

What will be included in the camp program?

Campers will be spending time with shelter pups and kittens as well as with special animal visitors. There will be behind the scenes shelter tours, crafts, and enriching games. Children will learn about animal characteristics, how to care for our pets and how to be responsible pet guardians – all while having a lot of fun!

Will my child spend most of the day with animals?

Our program focuses on teaching children about animals and animal care. However, we are an open door animal shelter that cares for animals that are sometimes sick, stressed or uncomfortable around children.

We want to provide our campers with a safe and fun experience while protecting our animals from any undue stress. So the amount of time spent with animals may vary a bit each week depending on who our shelter residents are. It is our policy to limit the contact of children in our programs to approved shelter pups, kittens and bunnies and approved pets brought in by staff or visitors.

We know that time spent with animals is the highlight of our camp, so we do everything we can to maximize this interaction.

What age children can attend?

The camp is for children 7 – 10 years old.

When is the camp?

The day camp runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

- Week 1: July 4th – 8th
- Week 2: July 11th – 15th
- Week 3: July 18th – 22nd
- Week 4: July 25th – 29th
- Week 5: August 8th – 12th
- Week 6: August 15th – 19th
- Week 7: August 22nd – 26th

Can my child attend more than one week?

Yes! Each week has some different activities, topics and animals so your child may sign up for more than one week of camp.

Is there before and after camp care?

Yes, you can register for either or both which takes place from 8:30 – 9:00am and 3:30 – 4:00pm. The cost is \$25 for either morning or afternoon care per week or \$50 for both. Our volunteer teen camp assistants will supervise children during this time, but adults are always present.

What is the cost?

Our camp fee is \$185 per week. Before/after care is available at an additional cost. We keep our costs low through extensive use of volunteers and sponsors so that almost all the fees can go towards the care of homeless animals. A late fee of \$1/minute will be charged beginning 10 minutes after the end of camp or after care. These fees will need to be paid upon pick-up of your child.

Do you provide refunds?

Unfortunately, no, but if there is someone on the waiting list for that space, we *may* be able to arrange for that child to take that space. However, we *cannot guarantee this*.

May I change weeks?

Yes, if space permits.

How do I register?

Spots for camps will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis once a completed application form, waiver and full payment is received. Forms are available at www.cochranehumane.ca A CAHS representative will email you regarding confirmation of your child's camp reservation.

Do you keep wait lists?

Yes, we will add your name to our wait list in the order it is received. We will not process your payment until a spot opens up.

Where does the program take place?

The day camp is held at the Cochrane & Area Humane Society shelter at 62 Griffin Industrial Point in Cochrane, next to the recycling depot. See our website for a location map. We will be using both indoor and outdoor areas during the camp.

How is the camp run?

We will have a maximum of 15 campers per week. Our camps are led by a specially trained coordinator who will be assisted by volunteer camp assistants.

What does my child need to bring?

Your child should bring two small snacks, a lunch, a water bottle and a jacket/sweater and hat for outdoor times. **No snacks/lunch will be provided. Please do not bring any foods with nuts or peanut butter.**

What if my child has special needs or medical conditions?

Please call ahead (403-932-2072) to discuss how we can accommodate your child. Children who are in regular school classrooms and have an aide will generally be able to attend if the aide accompanies them. Our shelter is wheelchair accessible.

May my child attend if he or she has allergies?

If your child has allergies to animals that are controlled by medications, and you have consulted with the doctor, yes he or she may attend. However, the camp is in a building with a lot of animal dander no matter how much we clean.

We will keep our camp meeting room a “nut free zone”. Be sure to advise us of any serious allergies.

How can my child become a summer teen camp assistant?

Applications are found on our website – www.cochranehumane.ca. Teens 13 to 18 years old may apply. Please note a police check will need to be done for anyone 16 years of age and older working with children.

Can I volunteer to be a camp assistant if I'm older than 18 years?

Yes, adults that enjoy working with children can also apply. Applications are found on our website – www.cochranehumane.ca. Please note a police check will need to be done for anyone 16 years of age and older working with children.