

## How can I make the most out of my lesson or shelter tour?

Prepare your group for a lesson or tour by having them learn more about the League and the services that we offer. You can pick up our newsletter at our front desk (or online) and read detailed information about our programs and our animals on our website at [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org). Please prepare your group for a successful visit/tour by reviewing the shelter visit/tour rules below.

### Shelter Tour/Visit Rules

For your safety and for the safety of our animals, the following rules must be obeyed by all parties in your group:

- Treat all animals and people with respect.
- Use your indoor voices at all times.
- Do not put your fingers in the cages (the animals can bite and they may, if frightened).
- Move aside when staff members, volunteers, or members of the public are passing your group with an animal.
- Do not attempt to pet an animal unless the tour leader has given you permission.
- Take turns and keep quiet and calm if given permission to pet an animal.
- Wash hands whenever you are instructed to do so.
- Don't put your face too close to the animal cages.
- Report any scratch or bite to the tour leader immediately!
- Stay with your tour group!
- Ask questions to learn more about the League.

## *The League's Mission*

Since 1944, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington has been committed to the humane treatment of animals and to the promotions of animal welfare. The League:

- Provides temporary care and refuge for homeless and suffering animals;
- Places animals in loving, responsible homes;
- Provides animal control services to Arlington County;
- Educates the public and provides a wide variety of community services.

## *League Services*

- Animal Adoptions
- Lost & Found Pets
- Animal Control
- Humane Education
- Spay/Neuter & Veterinary Assistance

## *Hours of Operation*

### Viewing & Adoption Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: Noon - 7 pm

Tues: Closed

Sat - Sun: Noon - 4 pm

### Front Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10 am - 7 pm

Tues: Closed

Sat - Sun: Noon - 4 pm



## **Animal Welfare League of Arlington**

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# Shelter Tours & Humane Education Lessons



## **Animal Welfare League of Arlington**

## **Does the League give presentations?**

Yes! We can visit your school, scout troop, church, nursing home or community organization in Arlington or lessons can be scheduled at the League. The group does not have to be from Arlington to take advantage of our programs but groups that are outside of Arlington will have to schedule their lesson(s) at the League.

Topics include preventing pet overpopulation, responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, the League's role in the community, among others. Other topics related to other animal welfare issues can be addressed, if requested.

Presentations are usually between 20-30 minutes and they are given for all ages from toddler to senior. Presentations available in both English and Spanish and can be scheduled in conjunction with a tour of the shelter, if your group is interested.

## **How can I Schedule a Tour?**

Tours are scheduled by appointment only on Monday and Wednesday– Friday from 12:00 PM– 5:30 PM (start of last tour). Tours generally last an hour. The last tour of the day is scheduled at 5:30 PM to make sure that everything is wrapped up at 6:30 PM (1/2 hour before the shelter closes). We recommend that you call to schedule at least 2-3 weeks in advance and that you have several dates

times in mind when you call, as the calendar fills up quickly. Please note that we do not schedule tours on Tuesdays, Saturdays or Sundays.

Tour participants will have the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the animals currently on view for adoption (provided that the children are behaving and that the shelter has age-appropriate animals for the children to interact with). Tours may be schedule for groups of 8-25 children with 2-4 adult chaperones or groups of 25 adults.

Tours usually last about an hour but may be shortened at the discretion of the tour leader for late arrivals, disruptive behavior or shelter needs.

## **Are there fees for lessons and tours?**

Tours and lessons are free—educating the public on animal welfare issues is something that we feel passionately about and it is part of our mission! While we do not charge a fee for these services, we are a nonprofit organization and we would happily accept a cash, check, credit card, or in kind tax deductible donation if your group is interested.

## **Scheduling a lesson at Arlington location:**

Humane education lessons are scheduled by appointment and can be scheduled **off site at your Arlington location** on Mondays 8:00 AM-7:00 PM, Tuesdays 8:00 AM-5:00 PM & Wednesdays -Fridays from 8:00 AM-7:00 PM.

Lessons are scheduled first come, first served and many lessons are scheduled months in advance. We recommend that call to schedule at least 2-3 weeks in advance and that you have several dates/times in mind when you call, as the calendar tends to fill up quickly. Please note that we do not schedule off site lessons on Saturdays or Sundays.

## **Scheduling a lesson at the League:**

Humane education lessons are scheduled by appointment only. Lessons can be scheduled at the League on Mondays 12:00-7:00 PM, Wednesdays-Fridays 12:00-7:00 PM. Lessons are scheduled first come, first served and many lessons are scheduled months in advance. We recommend that call to schedule at least 2-3 weeks in advance and that you have several dates/times in mind when you call, as the calendar tends to fill up quickly. Please note that we do not schedule in-shelter lessons on Tuesdays, Saturdays or Sundays. We apologize that we are not able to accommodate last minute, week of, or day of tours.

## **Who do I contact about scheduling a lesson or tour?**

Please contact Jennifer Pickar, our Director of Community Programs , via email at: [jpickar@awla.org](mailto:jpickar@awla.org) or by calling (703) 931-9241, ext. 213

Please have several dates/times in mind, when calling.