



SPCA Serving Erie County
Girl Scout Patch Program

Leader's Guide

Daisy Level Requirement



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Girl Scout Patch Program Description

The Girl Scout Patch Program consists of three levels: Daisy, Brownie, and Junior. At each level, girls do a variety of age-appropriate activities that teach them about being responsible animal advocates. All activities are done during troop meetings or at home. The last activity the troop will do is visit the SPCA for a tour.

In order for the girls to earn the SPCA Patch, the following must occur:

 The girls must complete three out of the six activities before coming for the tour.

- Activity 1: Staying Safe around Dogs
- Activity 2: What do Pets Need?
- Activity 3: Sharing the Same Feelings
- Activity 4: Wish List
- Activity 5: Making Treats
- Activity 6: Humane Poster and Creative Writing Contest

 The troop leader should completely fill out the Patch Program Evaluation Form and turn it in by the end of the tour.

Tour Information and Scheduling

The program includes a special tour of our facility, including the dog kennels, the cat room, the small animals, and the Educational Farm.

Tours are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm and last approximately 45 minutes.

There is a minimum of 6 and maximum of 20 Daisies needed for a tour.

Cost per girl is \$8.00, troop leaders are free and extra adults and family members are \$5.00 each. Cash, credit card, or checks (made payable to SPCA Serving Erie County) are accepted.

To schedule a tour, e-mail KatherineG@yoursPCA.org or call 716-875-7360 ext. 234. Please call at least one month in advance to schedule tours.

Leaders: Please review the following with your troop before introducing the activities:

What is the SPCA Serving Erie County?

At the SPCA Serving Erie County, our mission is to create a more humane community through education; rescuing, protecting, and enhancing the lives of animals; and nurturing the bond between animals and people. The SPCA does not receive any funding from the county, city, state, or federal governments. We do not receive tax dollars of any kind. We are only able to assist the people and pets in need thanks to donations. The SPCA cares for approximately 12,000 animals each year through programs that include adoptions, admissions, animal rescues, animal emergency transports, stray lost and found services, animal cruelty investigations and seizures, care for wildlife, reptiles, exotics, and farm animals, and much more.

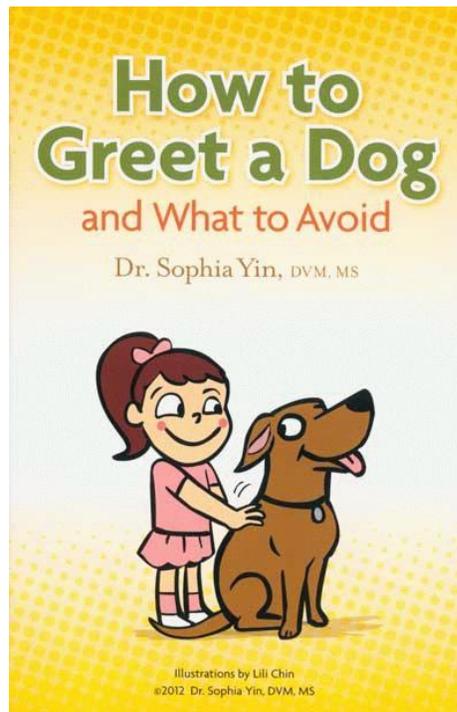


Activity 1

Staying Safe around Dogs!

Please visit this website to read Dr. Sophia Yin's book, *How to Greet a Dog and What to Avoid* online or print it out.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B11G0VRPft5pR0FD0XlvNEJkek8yZFNseTFvNklZTFhPeTU4/view>



After reading the book:

- Have your troop practice what they have learned using a stuffed dog. One person will pretend to be the owner while the other troop members demonstrate how to follow the steps to stay safe.

Activity 2

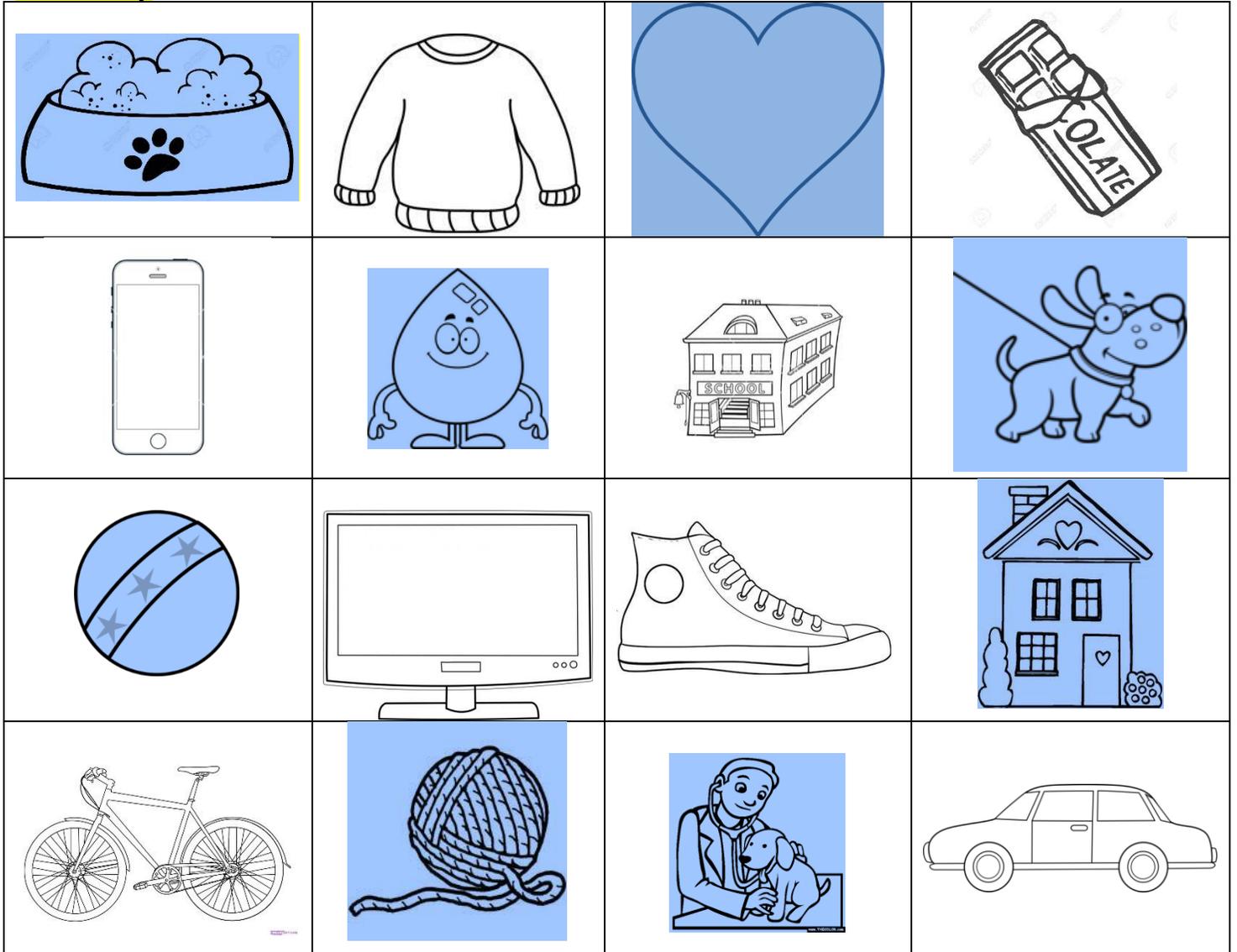
What Do Pets Need?

Discuss what our pets need to be happy, healthy, and safe.

- What are the needs of our pets (food, water, shelter, love, exercise/playtime, vet visits)? How are pets' needs the same as ours? How are they different?
- Ask the scouts to complete the activity, "What Do Pets Need?" by themselves or with a buddy.

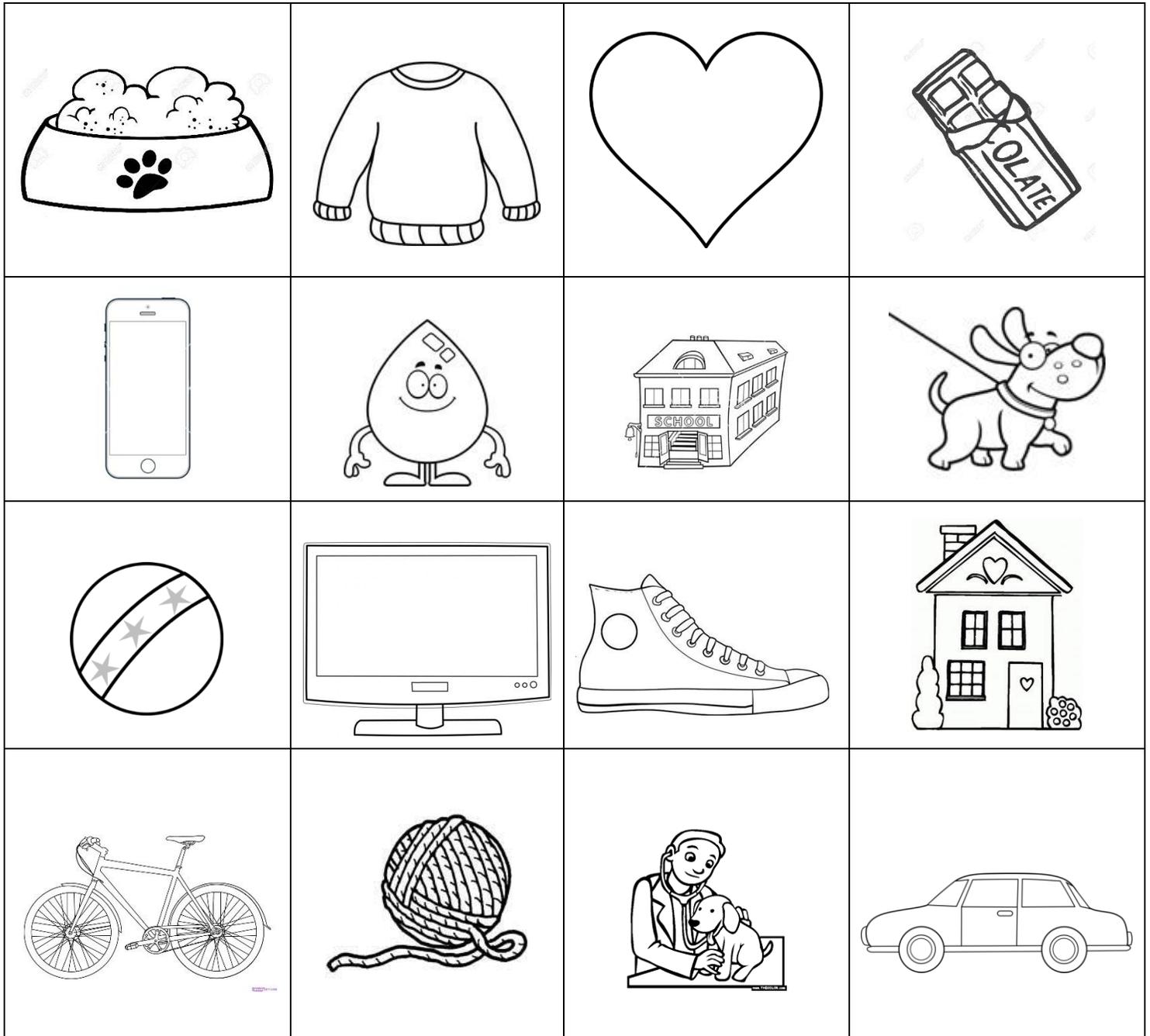
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Cross out the things that pets don't need with an X over it.

Answer Key



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Activity 3 Sharing the Same Feelings

People and animals share a lot of the same needs. Did you know we share a lot of the same feelings too? This activity will help the scouts to understand that animals and people have the same types of feelings and how we can help our pets to make sure they are always happy.

Talk with the scouts about emotions. Ask them what kinds of emotions they had today. You can write them down as they brainstorm.

Play a game of charades. You can print these cards out and call the scouts up one by one to act out the emotions of the card. Remember the person who is acting cannot talk. After each emotion, ask the scouts how they knew what was being acted out (body language- smile, open/closed/averted eyes, arms crossed, frown, clenched jaw, stomping feet, happy hands, etc.)

Happy 	Sad 
Mad 	Excited 
Sleepy 	Bored 

After the game, ask them to think about their dog or someone else's dog. What do dogs do when they are tired? Explain how animals feel tired and need sleep just like us. Go through other emotions and review how the scouts might feel and how an animal might feel.



Activity 4

Collect Donation Items from Our Wish List

<http://yoursPCA.org/donate/our-wish-list/>

Ask your parents, friends, and neighbors to donate one or more items from our list, something that helps us care for the animals and then bring the items you collected with you when you come for your tour.

Activity 5

Making Treats

Treats are a great way to show our animal friends that we love and care for them here at the shelter. Try one of these recipes or another favorite recipe to donate to our shelter dogs.

If making dog treats, please make them fresh. They will not keep too long because there are no preservatives.* *Make sure to write down the ingredients used, our animals can have allergies too!

Magic Dog Treats Recipe

Ingredients:

1 lb ground meat (beef, turkey, or chicken)
1 T. garlic powder (NOT garlic SALT)
1 egg
1½ C. rolled oats
½ C. all-purpose flour

Materials:

Square glass baking dish 8x8"
Microwave Oven
Measuring Cups and Spoons
Large bowl
Spoon for stirring

Procedure:

1. Have everyone wash their hands.
2. Have each girl measure and add one ingredient to the large bowl.
3. Mix all ingredients together. You can use your hands or a large spoon. Make sure all girls get a chance to help stir.
4. Have the girls help press the mixture into the pan.

5. Everyone should wash their hands again.
6. Leaders should microwave the dish on high power for 6-8 minutes.
7. Let your treats cool.
8. Cut the treats into 1" or smaller bites and store in sealed bags or containers. Smaller treats are better for smaller dogs.
9. Keep the treats in the refrigerator and use within 2 days or freeze.





Peanut Butter and Banana Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/4 cup natural creamy peanut butter
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar

Materials:

- Oven
- Large baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- Medium mixing bowl
- Small mixing bowl
- Spoon or rubber spatula
- 3/4 inch bone shaped cookie cutter (or other similar size cutter)
- Rolling pin

Procedure:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a large shallow baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Combine the flour and oats in a medium bowl. Whisk together the peanut butter, banana, egg, sugar and oil in a separate bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and stir with a spoon or rubber spatula until a rough dough forms. Knead the dough in the bowl 5-6 times until it comes together.
3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and roll to a 1/4-inch thickness. With a 1 3/4-inch bone shaped cookie cutter, cut out treats and transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Press all the scraps together, kneading once or twice, then roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut out more treats; repeat if necessary.
4. Bake treats until lightly browned and fairly hard, rotating the pans from top to bottom once, about 20-25 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely; biscuits will harden as they cool. Store in an airtight container.



No-Bake Dog Treats

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 1/2 cups oats
- additional oats as needed for rolling

Materials:

- Large mixing bowl
- Mixer or large mixing spoon
- Wax paper
- Medium size bowl
- Baking sheet or large plates

Procedure:

1. Place oats in the medium size bowl until bowl is about 1/3 full. Set aside for step 5.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the water and pumpkin puree to make the pumpkin mixture. Stir well to combine.
3. Add the 2 1/2 cups of oats to the pumpkin mixture and stir well to fully mix all of the ingredients.
4. Scoop out a portion of the combined mixture. Using your hands, roll the mixture into small spheres and set them aside on the wax paper.
5. After you've rolled the mixture into spheres, roll the spheres in the oats in the medium size bowl to create a coating on the outside.
6. Refrigerate the finished treats for 24 hours before serving. This will help the treats to be firm when they are eaten.



Activity 6



Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest

What: Each year, students throughout Erie County are invited to illustrate a poster or make a creative writing piece portraying part of the SPCA Serving Erie County's mission.

Who: Contest is open to students in first grade and above who are residents of Erie County are invited to enter the 2020 Humane Poster & Creative Writing Contest.

How: Choose either a poster or a creative writing piece. One submission per student. Entry must be the student's original idea. The contest opens in January 2020.

Poster & Creative Writing Contest Prizes: Winners in each division will receive a personalized medal, cash prize, and an invitation to the awards celebration. The Stevens/Barrett Award for Creative Writing and the Anderson/ Lowe Award for Artistic Ability are presented to two students who exhibit exceptional creativity and originality.

Nomination Awards

Judy Silver Educator of the Year: This is an award that is given to an adult who exhibits empathy, kindness, citizenship, respect, or other humane qualities to others in our community. Any adult educator, administrator, school/after-school program employee, counselor, youth group or scout troop leader is eligible for nomination. The winner of this award will receive a \$250 check and a personalized plaque.

The Ambassador of Kindness Award: The Ambassador of Kindness Award celebrates a young individual who exhibits exceptional attitudes of kindness through his/her actions and behaviors. The winner of this award will receive a \$25 cash award and a medal.



For more information, please visit the Humane Education Department online at YourSPCA.org or contact Danielle Talbot by sending her an email to daniellet@yoursPCA.org or by calling her at 716-875-7360 ext. 245.



The More You Know!

There are a lot of great books out there that can help you learn all about animals, pet care, types of pets, kindness toward animals, veterinary medicine, etc. Visit your local library and check out books on some of these topics and you'll learn something new about pets! Below are some suggestions.

Mittens by Lola M. Schaefer

Mittens is a shy kitten in a new home. His search for security helps him discover a new friend. **Themes: changes, new experiences, friendship**

Ask Mr. Bear by Marjorie Flack

Trying to find the perfect gift for his mother's birthday isn't easy until Danny asks Mr. Bear and gets a special and unique present for her. **Themes: animals, friendship**

Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Frog and Toad stories encourage teamwork, cooperation and the values of friendship. **Themes: cooperation, teamwork, kindness, compassion, friendship**

The Stray Dog by Marc Simont

A family falls in love with a stray dog during a family picnic. Will they be able to catch him and give him a new home? **Themes: dogs kindness and compassion**

Before you were Mine by Maribeth Boelts

A little boy imagines what life was like for his new dog before he adopted him from a shelter. Maybe he had a boy who loved him, but the family had to move and couldn't keep him. Maybe he belonged to someone who didn't appreciate how mischievous puppies can be. Maybe he was treated badly, and now he can be shown all the love he's been missing. This boy wonders about all of these things, but maybe they don't matter. Because now, his dog is *home*. **Themes: kindness, understanding, love, compassion**



Evaluation Form

Daisy Level Patch Program

Troop Number: _____ Troop Leader's Name: _____

1. Which 3 activities did your troop complete?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

2. What was their favorite activity and why?

3. Would you be interested in attending an all-inclusive patch workshop for several hours on a weekend where girls would complete all requirements at the SPCA?

Yes No (circle one)

Why or Why not?

4. Do you have any suggestions for improving our patch program at the SPCA Serving Erie County?

5. Will you do the Brownie Patch Program when your girls are old enough?

Yes No (circle one)

Why or Why not?

6. How did you hear about our Patch Program? (circle one)

Website Word of Mouth Other _____

Please turn in your evaluation form and payment to receive your patches.