



There are many ways to be kind to animals every day. They include, but are not limited to the following:

- ♥ Respect, love, and spend quality time with your pets and all of the animals in your life.
- ♥ Spay or neuter your pets and make sure that they are properly vaccinated. Thousands of animals are homeless every year. In 7 years one unspayed female and her offspring can contribute 420,000 new cats. In 6 years, a dog and her young can contribute 67,000 dogs.

- ♥ Adopt a pet instead of buying one. Many wonderful dogs, cats, rabbits, and small animals are waiting in shelters for you to bring them home and welcome them into your family.
- ♥ Give your pet the proper attire: a collar and id tag. ID is your pet's best ticket home. 90% of lost pets without ID do NOT find their way back home.
- ♥ Bathe and groom your pet.
- ♥ Don't pollute. Pollution is responsible for destroying habitat, and for causing disease, deformities, and death in wild animals.
- ♥ If you see an animal in the road, slow down and allow them to cross safely. If you decide to move them from the road, make sure to put them on the side in the direction they were traveling—they're on a mission and will only try again if put back where they started.



- ♥ Provide your pets and animals with a clean, safe, and healthy environment, as well as with fresh water and high quality food.

- ♥ Volunteer at your local humane society. Many shelters, just like HSCC, rely heavily on the dedicated support of hundreds of volunteers each year. Volunteers help with all types of tasks from cleaning animal spaces, to staffing events, to helping to prepare mailings, to socializing cats and small animals, and walking dogs.

- ♥ Hold a drive for a shelter's Wish List items. Donations of items really help to reduce operating costs. Some of the items HSCC needs regularly are Clorox brand bleach, paper towels, laundry detergent, new cat toys, and Kong brand dog toys. To see what's currently in need, check out our Wish List or call us.
- ♥ Support your local humane society with financial donations. HSCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that receives no county, state, or federal money, and relies solely on private donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations.
- ♥ Attend reward-based behavior training classes with your canine companion.
- ♥ Be an animal advocate and tell your friends about the importance of being kind to animals.
- ♥ If you're traveling, make sure you've made appropriate arrangements for your pets so that they are well cared for while you are away.
- ♥ Help a neighbor with the care of their pets.
- ♥ Provide your small animal companions with a clean living space & also share plenty of fun time with them when they can roam freely around the room or house.



- ♥ Don't catch wild animals or insects.
- ♥ Plant a garden that will attract butterflies and hummingbirds.
- ♥ Put out bird seed and make sure to keep the feeders clean.
- ♥ Don't wear fur.
- ♥ If you suspect neglect or cruelty, contact your local police department or humane society.
- ♥ On a hot day, your car can reach 120 degrees in just minutes. Do not leave your pet unattended in a hot car. If you must have your pet with you, roll windows down just enough for fresh air to flow through, park in a shaded area, provide your pet with fresh, cool water, and don't leave him or her for long. Better yet, it may be best to leave your pet at home while you run errands.



- ♥ Give your rabbits wood blocks and other toys to play with and chew on to keep them occupied and to prevent their teeth from over-growing.
- ♥ Obey local ordinances regarding the proper and safe control of your dog.
- ♥ Be courteous. Pick up after your dog for the health and safety of your neighbors and their dogs.
- ♥ Reduce, reuse, and recycle. The less we use and the less waste we put back into the environment, the healthier our planet will be and the more natural habitat we can save.

- ♥ Don't chain or tether your dog outside all day. Dogs are pack animals and you are their pack. They want to be with you.
- ♥ Keep your cats indoors. There are many dangers outside that await them including other cats, wild animals, cars, poisons, and malicious people. Also, cats are responsible for killing wildlife including millions of songbirds each year. Provide your cats with a fun indoor environment with cat toys, scratching posts, and playtime each day. The lure of the outdoors is far outweighed by the increase in life span enjoyed by indoor cats.
- ♥ When you are done with a six pack, cut up the plastic so that the rings can't injure wildlife.
- ♥ Invite your local humane society to come speak to your group or class. Better yet, call them to arrange a tour of their facility. HSCC offers tours Tuesday—Friday between the hours of 1 and 6.
- ♥ Research what plants can be harmful to your pets and keep them out of your pets' reach.
- ♥ Thoroughly clean your cat's litter box regularly.
- ♥ Don't declaw your cat. Declawing is an unnecessary and painful procedure that mutilates your cat's paws. It can also lead to undesirable behavior such as biting and inappropriate elimination. Cats need their claws. To prevent undesirable scratching, trim your cat's nails regularly and provide scratching posts. Catnip is a great way to encourage your cat to use the post. Alternatively, you could try soft paws for your cat's claws.
- ♥ Hold a birthday party for your pet.
- ♥ Instead of receiving gifts for yourself, ask birthday party guests to bring a donation for your local humane society.
- ♥ Treat your animals as you would want to be treated. Our pets love us unconditionally and count on us to take good care of them. Wildlife depend on us to be compassionate and responsible stewards of the planet. Give back to all those four-legged, feathered, and wild friends who enrich your world everyday!

