

# ACADEMIC ANIMALS

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A Wisconsin Humane Society publication for those who educate the next generation of responsible guardians.

## Humane Education Course for Teachers: Register NOW!

The Wisconsin Humane Society is excited to again offer its one-credit course for teachers through the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee's School of Education Outreach.

*Ed Pol 279: Current Topics in Educational Policy and Community Studies: Teaching Kids about Kindness: Developing and Implementing Humane Education into the Classroom/Community Environments* is designed to meet the needs of both current and pre-service teachers.

The class explores the nature of, and need for, humane education

in the classroom and provides opportunities for teachers to develop curriculum to implement in their classroom instruction.

The course will be offered at the Wisconsin Humane Society from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 19 and April 2. Attendance on both Saturdays is required.

Visit UWM's School of Education Outreach at <http://www.edoutreach.soe.uwm.edu> to register. For registration information, please contact the School of Education Outreach office at [edout@uwm.edu](mailto:edout@uwm.edu) or call 414-229-4728 or 414-229-5255.

For more information about the course, contact Dezarae Jones-Hartwig at 414-431-6159 or [dhartwig@wihumane.org](mailto:dhartwig@wihumane.org).



## Be Kind to Animals Week: Kindness Unleashed!



Be Kind to Animals Week is the oldest celebrated week in the nation! Recognized officially by the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress in 1915, this special week continues to remind us of the things animals do to enhance our lives.

The theme for 2011 is "Kindness Unleashed!" Just think of how great the world could be if we all "unleashed" the kindness that is inside each of us! We could work together to make a world that is wonderful for animals and people alike! Just think of the ways that we can unleash kindness and what the world can be like if everyone treated animals and people with kindness and respect.

Each year, the Wisconsin Humane Society encourages students and teachers to join our celebration. We host several events each year and it is not too early to start preparing for your school's involvement now! See page 2 for details on how to get involved.

## 2011 Be Kind to Animals Poster, Poetry and Photo Contests: Kindness Unleashed

Join the celebration of Be Kind to Animals Week 2011, May 1-7 by participating in our annual Poster, Poetry and Photography Contests! It's a wonderful way for young people to spread the word about being kind to animals and express themselves creatively! This year's theme is *Kindness Unleashed!* Students can share what they do to be kind to animals and what the world would be like if everyone's kindness was "unleashed!"

### ★ You're a Poet and We Know It!



Attention young writers! Help celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week by using your creative ability to compose a poem about spreading kindness and helping animals using the theme, *Kindness Unleashed*.

Selected entries will be recognized and shared with the community in an effort to spread the message of kindness to animals. Authors of selected entries will be recognized at a ceremony held in celebration of Be Kind To Animals Week.

In addition to delivering or mailing poems to the Wisconsin Humane Society, participants may e-mail entries to [dhartwig@wihumane.org](mailto:dhartwig@wihumane.org).

### ★ Future Picassos Wanted

Enter the Wisconsin Humane Society's Poster Contest! Any medium can be used, including paints, markers or crayons. Use your imagination! First, second and third place, as well as honorable mentions, will be recognized for Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Entries will be judged on the basis of grade level and how well the poster illustrates the theme, *Kindness Unleashed!* Winning entries will be displayed at the Wisconsin Humane Society during Be Kind to Animals Week.

### ★ A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words

Using the theme *Kindness Unleashed!* students can take pictures of important or interesting animals in their lives and send them to WHS. Selected entries will be displayed at WHS during Be Kind to Animals Week.

*Please follow these guidelines when entering the photography contest:*

- ◆ Please print information with a permanent felt tip pen. Do not write in ballpoint, as it will ruin the photograph.
- ◆ The photos must be at least 4X6 in size (digital photos must be printed on photo

#### PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CONTESTS:

- ◆ Deadline for all entries is **Friday, April 1, 2011**.
- ◆ Mail or drop off entries to Dezae at the Wisconsin Humane Society, 4500 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208-3156.
- ◆ The following information **MUST** be included on the **BACK** of each entry: **student's name, address, zip code, home phone, grade level, school's name and address and teacher's name**.
- ◆ Schools and individuals will be notified by mail of winning entries.
- ◆ Each participating classroom will receive a certificate of appreciation for their efforts.
- ◆ All submissions will become the property of the Wisconsin Humane Society. **Artwork CANNOT be returned.**



paper) and should focus on the animal(s).

- ◆ Photos should not contain exotic pets or non-native animals. You may include domestic animals or wildlife native to the area.
- ◆ All animals must be depicted in a humane and dignified manner.

## Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus: Victoria Wellens Center to Open in March!!

The Wisconsin Humane Society is excited to announce the new, state-of-the-art facility at the corner of Highway 33 and West Dekora Street in Saukville. The Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus: Victoria Wellens Center will open to the public in March of this year. The LEED-certified, green facility will include an adoption center, veterinary clinic and educational classroom space.

The Wisconsin Humane Society Ozaukee Campus: Victoria Wellens Center will be an oasis for animals and a treasure for the children and adults in the community. It will also be the first "green," LEED-certified animal shelter in the Midwest, and one of only a handful in the entire country. The increased access and visibility will lead to a higher adoption rate, expanded educational

offerings, more volunteers and greater community involvement.

"The new shelter will provide many more opportunities for the community to get involved," explained Beth Maresh, Director of Program Services, and Cedarburg resident. "The classroom space will be used for dog training classes, school field trips, girl and boy scout events and other educational programs. In addition, we will have an expanded need for local volunteers and hope to recruit dozens of new volunteers interested in working with the animals."

For more information about Ozaukee County programs, contact Laura Nowlin at [lnowlin@wihumane.org](mailto:lnowlin@wihumane.org) or 414-431-6153.



### Tails and Tales Story Time

The Wisconsin Humane Society offers "Tails and Tales," a story time for children ages 2-4 years old. The story times occur the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and runs from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Tails and Tales features animal-related stories that emphasize respect, kindness and compassion toward all animals and focuses on a different animal or topic each month.

There is no fee for this fun and interactive story time, but participants are asked to bring an item from the WHS Wish List ([www.wihumane.org/donate/wishlist.aspx](http://www.wihumane.org/donate/wishlist.aspx)) for each child attending the program.

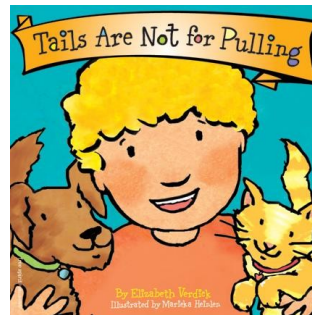
Registration in advance is encouraged. Visit [www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org) for more information or to register.

### Tails are Not for Pulling

By Elizabeth Verdick

Illustrated by Marieka Heinlen

BOOK  
REVIEW!



*Tails are Not for Pulling* (part of the Best Behavior Series) provides young children with important lessons about animals and their feelings. It emphasizes that animals need space, that they have feelings and that we need to treat animals with respect and kindness.

The bright, colorful illustrations show readers what healthy and safe interactions with animals look like. The last two pages of the board book have tips for parents and caregivers about how to use the book with to help children respect an animal's feelings. This simple book is a great addition to a classroom library.

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***The Wisconsin Humane Society's mission is to build a community where people value animals and treat them with respect and kindness.***

***Our goal is to save lives.***

## Educational Programs

Come visit and learn! The Wisconsin Humane Society presents several age appropriate programs for classroom groups who are wild about animals. All programs take place at the Wisconsin Humane Society, where we can guide kids as they watch, listen and learn about the animals who are part of our lives. All programs last one hour and are offered Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a \$1.50/student fee (10 students minimum) for programs. The fee will help the WHS veterinary clinic low-income sterilization program. Make sure to book early; programs fill fast! For more information or to request a program, please contact Dezarae at (414) 431-6159 or [dhartwig@wihumane.org](mailto:dhartwig@wihumane.org).

- Animal Talk—K5-2nd Grade
- Classrooms GO WILD! — K5-6th Grade
- WHS 101—3rd Grade-High School
- Wildlife Detectives—3rd-6th Grade
- So You Want to Work with Animals—5th Grade-High School
- *Self-guided tours are available for K4 and Pre-school*

## WANTED: Humane Educator of the Year

The search is on! Each year the Wisconsin Humane Society accepts nominations for Humane Educator of the Year from the community. If you know an educator who has excelled at teaching humane values toward animals, please put your thoughts in writing and complete the nomination form below. Nominations will be accepted at the Wisconsin Humane Society at 4500 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53208 or through email ([dhartwig@wihumane.org](mailto:dhartwig@wihumane.org)) until April 1, 2011. All nominees will receive a letter informing them of their nomination and a certificate of appreciation. The winner will be honored at a special ceremony during Be Kind to Animals Week.

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade or Subject Taught \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Teaching \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the following information on a separate piece of paper:*

1. Describe some of the nominee's humane education activities. Include special events and projects, if applicable.
2. What distinguishes your nominee's teaching from that of other educators you know?
3. What feedback have you received about humane education lessons or activities from students, peers, parents or others outside the classroom?
4. Enclose any additional information about your nominee you think is important.
5. Your contact information, if desired. We will contact you about the awards ceremony and your nominee's status.