Georgia Center for Humane Education (GCHE)

Programs & Resources

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Being Safe Around Dogs

A free animated resource designed to help children understand how to behave safely and respectfully around dogs. It introduces concepts such as giving dogs space, approaching animals appropriately, recognizing when a dog may be uncomfortable, and making safer choices around companion animals.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Videos & Multimedia

Provider: Pet Education Partnership

Grade level: Elementary School

Age/grade range: Approximately ages 5–11

Audience: Educators, Parents & Families, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Free

https://peteducationpartnership.org/learning-resources/details.cfm?resource_id=574

BFP in the Classroom

Free virtual classroom seminars for children and teens about animal testing, kindness to animals, cruelty-free choices, non-animal alternatives, and ways young people can advocate for animals.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools

Provider: Beagle Freedom Project

Grade level: Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Audience: Educators, Students, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Free

https://bfp.org/education/

Careers to Help Animals

Help students discover the many ways people can build careers that benefit animals. GCHE's adaptable Career Day outline explores traditional animal-care careers as well as opportunities in science, conservation, law, education, writing, design, engineering, and other fields where professional skills can make a difference for animals.

Categories: Animal Careers

Provider: Georgia Center for Humane Education

Grade level: Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Audience: Educators, Students

Cost/Access: Free downloadable GCHE resource

https://staging.gchumane.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Careers-to-help-Animals-2021.pdf

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Cats, Dogs & Us

A K–8 humane education program exploring relationships with cats and dogs, responsible care, and companion-animal welfare. Grade-specific versions for K–2, 3–5, and 6–8 include student materials, lesson plans, activities, video content, and family resources.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Lesson Plans & Curricula, Videos & Multimedia

Provider: International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)

Grade level: Elementary School, Middle School

Age/grade range: K–8

Audience: Educators, Parents & Families, Students

Cost/Access: Free downloadable materials

https://www.ifaw.org/resources/cats-dogs-and-us

Certified Humane Education Specialist

The Certified Humane Education Specialist program provides structured professional education for people who want to strengthen their humane education knowledge and practice. The online program is designed for traditional and informal educators, advocates, caregivers, and other professionals working with people, animals, and communities.

Categories: Educator Training & Professional Development

Provider: LivingKind

Grade level: College & Adult

Audience: Animal Welfare Professionals, Educators, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Refer visitors to the provider for current registration and fees

https://www.living-kind.org/ches

Dog Safety for Children — Guide

Practical guidance from Woodgreen Pets Charity to help children and families interact safely with dogs — including supervising play, respecting a dog's space, and recognizing signs of discomfort.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools

Provider: Woodgreen Pets Charity

Audience: Parents & Families

Cost/Access: Free

https://woodgreen.org.uk/pet-advice/dog/how-to-keep-children-safe-around-dogs/

Dog Safety for Children — Video

A short video from Woodgreen Pets Charity teaching children how to stay safe around dogs.

Categories: Videos & Multimedia

Provider: Woodgreen Pets Charity

Audience: Parents & Families

Cost/Access: Free

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgEC7kBjujk

Educated Choices Program Library

A free educational library exploring food choices, nutrition, sustainability, food systems, environmental impact, health, and related ethical questions. Resources include videos, lessons, activities, quizzes, discussion prompts, and downloadable teaching materials for audiences ranging from upper elementary students through college and adult learners.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Lesson Plans & Curricula, Videos & Multimedia

Provider: Educated Choices Program

Grade level: College & Adult, Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: Approximately ages 8–11 through college/adult

Audience: Educators, Students

Cost/Access: Free; account may be required for library access

https://learnecprogram.org/

From Nose to Tail

A free humane education curriculum for elementary students focused on dogs, responsible care, compassion, safety, and puppy mills. Separate versions for grades K–2 and 3–5 include five flexible lessons that connect humane education with subjects such as science, language arts, health, math, and social studies.

Categories: Lesson Plans & Curricula

Provider: Humane World for Animals

Grade level: Elementary School

Age/grade range: K–5

Audience: Educators

Cost/Access: Free downloadable curriculum

https://www.humaneworld.org/en/nose-to-tail

Healing Species Compassion Education & Violence Prevention

An animal-assisted compassion education and violence-prevention program using rescued dogs and trained instructors to help young people build empathy, responsibility, resilience, and nonviolent ways of responding to challenges.

Categories: Lesson Plans & Curricula

Provider: Healing Species

Grade level: Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: Grades 1–12

Audience: Educators, Students, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Contact provider

https://www.healingspecies.org/copy-of-compassion-education

Humane Book Lists

Curated humane book recommendations for ages 2–18, organized by age and topic, exploring animal protection, human rights, environmental issues, empathy, and humane values.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools

Provider: LivingKind

Grade level: Early Childhood / Pre-K, Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: Ages 2–18

Audience: Educators, Parents & Families, Students, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Free

https://www.living-kind.org/book-lists

Humane Education Graduate Programs

Graduate-level humane education programs provide advanced study for educators, advocates, nonprofit professionals, and others interested in connecting human rights, animal protection, environmental ethics, and education. Available pathways include graduate certificates and degree programs offered in partnership with higher education institutions.

Categories: Educator Training & Professional Development

Provider: Institute for Humane Education

Grade level: College & Adult

Audience: Animal Welfare Professionals, Educators

Cost/Access: Tuition and program requirements vary

https://humaneeducation.org/graduate-programs/

Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots

Service-learning resources help students identify issues affecting people, animals, and the environment and turn their ideas into community projects. Grade-specific lesson plans, activities, project guides, and educator resources support student-led learning from elementary through high school.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Lesson Plans & Curricula

Provider: Jane Goodall Institute

Grade level: Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: K–12 / approximately ages 4–18

Audience: Educators, Parents & Families, Students, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Many educational resources and toolkits are free

https://rootsandshoots.org/

Kind News | RedRover

Kind News is a humane education magazine that helps children learn about kindness, compassion, and responsible treatment of animals through engaging stories and activities.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools

Provider: RedRover

Grade level: Elementary School, Middle School

Age/grade range: K–2 (Kind News, Jr.); 3–6 (Kind News)

Audience: Educators, Parents & Families, Students

Cost/Access: Latest digital issue free to download; classroom copies available through sponsorship

https://kindnews.redrover.org/

LivingKind Library

A large free humane education library with teaching guides, lessons, student workbooks, videos, webinars, and other materials covering animal protection, compassion, social justice, environmental issues, companion animals, farm animals, and related topics. Resources span Pre-K through high school, making the library useful across many classroom and youth-program settings.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Lesson Plans & Curricula, Videos & Multimedia

Provider: LivingKind

Grade level: Early Childhood / Pre-K, Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: Pre-K–12, depending on resource

Audience: Educators, Parents & Families, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Many resources are free; full library access may require free registration

https://www.living-kind.org/resource-library

Maddie’s Tail Wag Activity Books

Free activity and coloring books introduce younger children to empathy, animal companionship, and humane care through age-appropriate games and activities. Separate versions are available for children ages 6 and under and ages 7–10, making it easy for families and educators to choose the appropriate level.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools

Provider: Maddie's Fund

Grade level: Early Childhood / Pre-K, Elementary School

Age/grade range: Ages 6 & under; 7–10

Audience: Animal Welfare Professionals, Educators, Parents & Families

Cost/Access: Free downloadable PDFs

Languages: English; Spanish (ages 6 & under edition only)

https://www.maddiesfund.org/maddies-tail-wag.htm

Project Chimps Education Resources

Free K–12 lessons, games, and classroom activities introduce students to chimpanzees, animal welfare, sanctuaries, conservation, animal research, and related issues. Materials include resources for different grade levels, and Georgia educators may also find opportunities for virtual or in-person educational experiences through the Project Chimps sanctuary.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Lesson Plans & Curricula

Provider: Project Chimps

Grade level: Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: K–12, depending on resource

Audience: Educators, Students, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Classroom resources are free; some programs or visits may have fees

Georgia relevance: Georgia-based sanctuary offers virtual and in-person educational experiences

https://projectchimps.org/teacher-portal/

RedRover Readers Training

Professional development prepares educators and volunteers to use the RedRover Readers curriculum, which combines stories and discussion to help children practice empathy and understand the human-animal bond. Training supports educators, librarians, shelter staff, volunteers, and other people who work with children.

Categories: Educator Training & Professional Development

Provider: RedRover

Grade level: College & Adult

Audience: Animal Welfare Professionals, Educators, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Free on-demand training where currently offered

https://redrover.org/readers/take-the-training/

Senior Voice for Animals Badge

A Girl Scout Senior badge that helps students explore relationships between people and animals, including companion animals, science, agriculture, and entertainment, and investigate an animal issue they care about.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools

Provider: Girl Scouts of the USA

Grade level: High School

Age/grade range: Grades 9–10

Audience: Educators, Students, Youth Leaders

Cost/Access: Free

https://www.girlscouts.org/en/activities-for-girls/seniors/senior-voice-for-animals-badge-activity.html

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Share the World

A free elementary humane education program that helps students explore empathy, compassion, kindness, animals, the environment, bullying, wildlife, and responsible companion-animal care. Separate materials for grades K–2 and 3–5 include teacher guides, activities, worksheets, videos, and other classroom resources.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Lesson Plans & Curricula, Videos & Multimedia

Provider: TeachKind

Grade level: Elementary School

Age/grade range: K–5

Audience: Educators

Cost/Access: Free

https://www.teachkind.org/teachkind-share-the-world/

The Latham Foundation Video Library

A collection of humane education films and videos covering the human-animal bond, animal welfare, nature and science, animal-assisted activities, and relationships between people and animals. The collection combines classic humane education films with newer material and can support classroom, community, and professional learning.

Categories: Videos & Multimedia

Provider: The Latham Foundation

Grade level: College & Adult, Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: Kindergarten through adult, depending on the individual resource

Audience: Animal Welfare Professionals, Educators, Parents & Families

Cost/Access: Most online videos are free; some material may require payment

https://www.latham.org/publications-resources/videos/

The Science Bank

A free lending program offering humane alternatives to traditional animal dissection and other science activities. Educators and students can access realistic models, classroom sets, software, apps, virtual anatomy tools, and other resources for K–12, college, veterinary, and medical education.

Categories: Activities & Learning Tools, Videos & Multimedia

Provider: Animalearn

Grade level: College & Adult, Elementary School, High School, Middle School

Age/grade range: K–12 and postsecondary education

Audience: Animal Welfare Professionals, Educators, Parents & Families, Students

Cost/Access: Free lending program and digital resources

https://thesciencebank.org/