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**Kids Making A Difference!**

If you are too young to volunteer at the shelter that doesn't mean you can't make a difference in the lives of our animals. You can support and help the animals at our humane society and in the community in many ways:

- Decorate shoe boxes to comfort cats in their new homes
- Decorate adoption bags and folders to go home with newly adopted animals
- Sort newspapers to help staff in their care for the animals
- Make bookmarks to present to students during programs and tours
- Decorate kennel cards during special times of the year

Other projects to help improve the lives of the animals during their stay at CRHS:

- Fill Kongs for dogs
- Make cat, dog, or small animal toys and treats
- Recycle newsletters
- "Adopt Me" projects
- Spruce up "happy ending" books
- Decorate wish list/donation boxes for fundraisers
- Assist with fundraising projects

**How Often Does Critter Club Meet?**

Critter Club meets on Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm. Calendars are available at CRHS.

**How Much Does it Cost?**

There is no fee for attending Critter Club sessions. All we ask is that kids bring a smile and their love for animals.

**How Does my Child Participate?**

If your child would like to join the fun at Critter Club, call 608-781-4014 and ask for the Education Department.

**Do Parents Need to be Present?**

Although parents are welcome to stay for Critter Club sessions, it's not required. You can drop your child off at the designated time and then return promptly at the end of the session.

**What if my Children are Under 6 Years Old?**

Critter Club sessions are designed for children 6-12 years of age. We have found that these sessions require a longer attention span than most young children are able to provide. The children also participate in activities that may be more advanced than what young children are able to accomplish.



Your Animal Experts. Your Community Resource.

**Address:** 911 Critter Court  
Onalaska, WI 54650

**Phone:** 608-781-4014

**Online:** CouleeHumane.com

**Facebook:** CouleeRegionHumaneSociety

**Twitter:** @CouleeHumane



**Kennel Hours**

Monday, Friday-Sunday: 1pm-5pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm-7pm  
Wednesday: Closed

**Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-5pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-7pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 1pm-5pm



**Humane Education Programs**

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Our Humane Education programs utilize the natural bond between children and animals to teach kindness, respect, and responsibility toward all living things. Coulee Region Humane Society (CRHS) offers FREE customized services to students, teachers, and community groups.

We offer educational classes, shelter tours, and outreach programs. All programs begin with a brief introduction that includes a variety of information about the CRHS facility, history, services, and goals. Donations are graciously accepted, but are not required.

All of our visiting dogs are Certified Pet Therapy Dogs and are very safe. They love their job of educating and snuggling with children and adults.

To ensure participation for your group or event, please schedule early.

## School and Group Presentations

Our Humane Education programs provide age appropriate presentations for schools, youth groups, and community and business organizations throughout La Crosse County and in neighboring counties when possible. A program can be selected from the following list or we will work with you to customize a presentation.

Possible program topics include:

- Getting to Know You
- Please Don't Tease
- Gentle Hands and Voices
- Community Heroes
- Keys to Kindness / Helping Hands
- Animal Adaptations Web of Life
- Matchmaker
- Shiloh / Throwaway Pets

Additional details can be found on the CRHS website, [CouleeHumane.com](http://CouleeHumane.com).

## Guided Tours

We provide guided tours by appointment that are 30 to 60 minutes in length and include an age appropriate educational presentation of your choice. The tour also includes visiting the adoptable animal areas.

## Community Service Projects

We assist students with completing community service projects. We help students plan and carry out a project to fit their requirements and our needs.

## Scout Programs

We have programs designed to meet the badge requirements for Brownies, Junior, and Senior Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scout Dog Care Merit Badge.

Customized programs are also available to meet your group's needs.



## Information Booths

We can staff a booth or table at your special event, fair, or conference. Tables are staffed by trained educators and/or volunteers, and include free event appropriate handouts.

## KIND News

This award winning elementary grade newsletter is published by the Humane Society of the United States. Each month of the school year, sponsored classrooms receive 32 copies of the newspaper - enough for every student in the class, plus a teacher's guide.

A year's subscription to KIND News can be purchased at anytime during the year through The Humane Society of the United States at [www.HSUS.org](http://www.HSUS.org).

## Wish List

- Fleece and yarn
- Gift certificates to Michael's, Hobby Lobby, and Wal-Mart for supplies for Critter Club
- Dog and cat food, treats, and toys

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