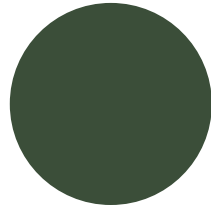
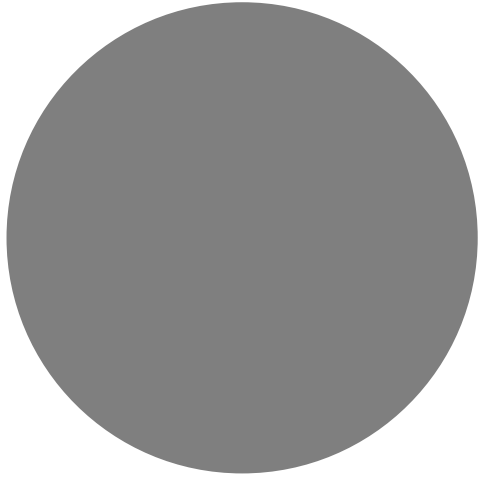




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What we learned  
from  
Kids 4 Critters...

Student Presentations



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# Lilly, Bridget, Dex, & Gracie

# Why pets find themselves at WCAC

## Overpopulation and Owner surrenders

- For example Star, was surrendered by her owner because her new boyfriend was allergic to cats.
- We can decrease the number of pets that show up at WCAC by spaying and neutering our pets
- Spaying and neutering is a way to not let a pet have babies

**STAR**





PHINNEAUS

# Keep Animals Safe

## Keeping animals safe is really important

Like Phinneaus he was a stray and got heart worm because he was outside too long and got bit by mosquitoes.

- For example there are a lot of foods that can harm our pets if eaten, like toothpaste, gum, and chocolate.
- Keeping animals out in the sun for long periods of time is not safe, they can get heat worm by mosquitoes biting them, and they can get too hot and die.
- Which means you should not tie your dog to a tree.
- You should microchip your pet so if your pet somehow gets lost and someone finds it a veterinarian can scan to see your information, like your phone number and where you live.



# Keep animals healthy

## Giving pets enough time to go outside is very important

- Taking your dog on a short walk around the block will increase their health value, but you can always take them for longer walks.
- Give your pet the right amount of food, because too little will make them sick and too much will also make them sick.
- If your pet is acting strange take them to the vet immediately, you don't know what could be wrong.

**RICCI**





## Before Getting a Pet ...

### Things to consider before getting a pet

- Your lifestyle, if you travel a lot then you don't have the time for them and should not get a pet.
- Money is another thing to consider, the yearly cost for a dog is about \$1,400 and for a cat is about \$570. That's a lot of money!
- Your family situation, if you have kids then get a kid friendly dog. If you don't then that does not need to be considered as much.



KOKO

## Responsibilities once you bring a companion animal home

### Be kind and a responsible pet owner

Like Koko, he has allergies and takes medications, so the pet owner needs to be responsible for Koko to be safe.

- Knowing your pet's lifestyle is important. If your pet is bad with kids, take responsibility and tell people about that so everyone is safe.
- Also if your pet takes Antibiotics you should know when your pet takes them and how many at a time.



# Camren, Ashton, & Lucas

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# Keep Animals Safe

Give them food, love, and shelter

- A pet needs to thrive not survive.
  - Thriving means to live easily.
  - Surviving means to barely be alive.

When animals are safe they are happy



# Paul, Gray, & Isabella





## Responsibilities once you bring a companion animal home

### Responsibilities you need to perform as a pet owner:

- Brush your pet's teeth when they are dirty
- Walk your dog
- Play with your dog
- Groom your pet
- Give your pet medicine
- Train your pet
- Most importantly, love your pet forever, and ever, until it dies





Thank You!

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# Kids 4 Critters

... Kids "R" the key to teaching responsibility towards animals

Kids 4 Critters is a program teaching fourth graders to...

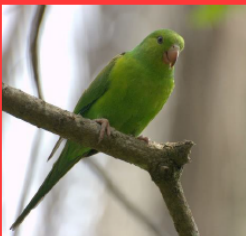
**Reflect**

upon the condition of animals in  
Wake County



**Respond**

to the needs of animals



**Respect**

all animals, treating them with  
kindness and understanding



**Rewards**

and to appreciate both the  
responsibilities and rewards  
of pet ownership



Children and Youth

This 6-week (once a week) Kids 4 Critters program aligns itself well with Wake County fourth grade science and social studies curricula. The program incorporates activities in which students advance in critical thinking skills, writing skills (There is an Opinion Paper contest!), and math skills.

Kids 4 Critters promotes 21st century learning, good citizenship and social responsibility.

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