

Our Long-Term Vision for the CNY Community

Given the prevalence of violence in society today, it is more crucial than ever to instill compassion, empathy, and tolerance in young people. Additionally, NYS Education Law (Article 17, Section 809) requires that elementary students be taught about the humane treatment of animals. That's why Cuse Pit Crew offers free humane education presentations in community centers and local schools in order to:

- Promote essential **character-building** traits in children such as empathy, kindness, tolerance, respect for others and personal responsibility
- Engage students' interest in learning through lessons that support **positive interactions** with animals and people
- Encourage **self-discovery** and **critical thinking**, while developing leadership skills to put **compassion** into action

Our Mission

"Refueling the human-animal connection" in the City of Syracuse through community outreach and educational programming while advocating for pit bulls and other misunderstood breeds.

A humane education book is provided to *each child* in this program through grants and fundraising.

Special Thanks to:

 **The Gifford Foundation**
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If you are interested in signing up for free humane education workshops, please contact us:



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**Humane
Education
Workshops**
**free*

*Teaching kids of all ages how
to be compassionate, kind, and
respectful to animals + people*



Research shows that children's compassion towards animals is related to their empathy for humans.

Humane Ed Workshops

Pre-K to Grade 3

Hello Doggy! Meeting Dogs

Most children are drawn to dogs and want to pet them. This session involves hands-on activities demonstrating how to properly and safely meet and ask to pet a leashed dog. Students will also gain skills to remain safe when encountering a loose dog.

Caring For Your Pup!

Children will learn that we have a responsibility to treat our pets with love and compassion. Also, they will gain an understanding of what is needed for a dog to live a happy, healthy life.

Animals Have Feelings

Science has proven that animals have feelings and emotions. Students will learn that just like people, animals want to be treated with respect, understanding, and kindness.



Grades 4-6

Saving Audie

Through the story of Audie, a pit bull rescued from a horrible situation and adopted into a loving family, students will learn what can be accomplished by treating an animal with compassion.

Pet Guardianship 101

Having a pet is exciting, but it's also a lot of work! This session will help students understand what is necessary for a dog to be happy and healthy. They will explore the responsibilities and commitment that come along with having a pet.

The Language of Dogs

Dogs speak with their body language! Students will discover how to interpret a dog's body language and identify signs that the dog is comfortable interacting with them. Students will learn how to properly meet and pet a leashed dog and how to remain safe when encountering a loose dog.

Grades 7-9

Pit Bull Myths vs. Truths

Pit bull stereotypes are examined in this session. Students receive facts that negate these inaccuracies, and learn that all dogs—regardless of breed—deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

Life on a Chain

It is cruel and unsafe for a dog to live tied up outside. Students will contrast the life of a chained dog with one who is happy, healthy, and living inside as part of the family. Students learn what to do when seeing situations of animal cruelty.

Pet Overpopulation

Students participate in a hands-on activity to learn how quickly pet overpopulation becomes a problem. This session also covers spaying and neutering and how it's an important part of the solution.



Grades 10-12

Pit Bull Fact or Fiction

Students will learn that pit bulls are just like any other dog breed and that much of a dog's behavior depends on how that dog is treated. This lesson addresses how messages put out by the media contribute to the misinformation about pit bulls and the consequences that result from these negative stereotypes.

Being an Advocate for Animals

Students will learn how they can be a voice for animals in their community and understand what to do when they see situations of animal cruelty.

Dogfighting 101

Dogfighting has a negative impact on our community. Students will gain awareness of this cruel practice and how it affects dogs forced to fight. The session will cover the penalties for dogfighting and how to report it anonymously and safely.