

# How to become a Counselor In Training (CIT)

Thank you for your interest in becoming a CIT! Please read the following information to see if you qualify to be a CIT.

## **1. Requirements to become a CIT.**

- You must be between the ages of 14 and 17.
- You must have attended spcaLA's summer camp program at some point over the past 6 years.
- You must love animals and be motivated to help young kids learn about the importance of caring for animals.

## **2. How to become a CIT.**

- If you are interested, you must fill out the CIT application form. You will find the application form at the bottom of this page. There is only space for 16 CITs throughout the summer.
- Once you fill out the application and hit submit, the Humane Education department will be notified and will review your application. If you are having problems submitting your application, please email [humaneeducation@spcaLA.com](mailto:humaneeducation@spcaLA.com) or call Melanie Wagner at (310) 676-1149, ext. 228.
- The deadline for CIT applications is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Applications will be reviewed after the deadline, and CITs will be contacted via email about their status as a CIT.

## **3. What it means to be a CIT.**

- As a CIT, you will be working with the younger age children, ages 8-10.
- You will work closely with the camp counselors to help with daily activities, crafts, dog training time and cat time.
- Being a CIT means being responsible and motivated. You will be a leader and representative of the spcaLA and will be expected to act as a role model for the younger campers.
- Being a CIT will be fun but also challenging; be sure you are up for the task!
- A CIT may need to have certain skills (although not required) in order to be successful. Please keep in mind that a CIT may be working closely with dogs and cats, or possibly leading a group activity and therefore may be speaking in front of a class, helping to pass out materials and standing most of the day.
- CITs are required to come for one week of camp. You will only be allowed to attend one week of camp as a CIT, unless there are fewer than 16 participants. If you are interested in attending more than one week, please note that on your application.
- We are looking for motivated, fun, energetic, compassionate animal lovers to be CITs. Are you that person?

#### 4. For Parents

- If your child is interested in becoming a CIT, please **DO NOT** register him or her as a normal camper. The young adult interested in becoming a CIT must complete the application online or print it out and mail it to: 12910 Yukon Ave.; Hawthorne, CA 90250; Attention: Melanie Wagner.
- If your child is accepted into the CIT program, a phone or mail-in payment can be made for half the cost of camp, which is \$125.00.
- Camp hours will be the same for the CIT participants, and the same camp rules apply.
- If you have any questions regarding the CIT program, please call (310) 676-1149, ext. 228 or email [humaneeducation@spcaLA.com](mailto:humaneeducation@spcaLA.com).