

spcaLA's 1st Annual *Friends for Life* Spring Camp

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in the 1st annual spcaLA *Friends for Life* Spring Camp!

Please read the following information carefully.

1. What is the spcaLA spring camp?

spcaLA's spring camp is one week long and is designed for 9-12 year olds. At the camp, kids learn basic care and responsibility for pets, respect for animals, and the beginning skills of dog training -- all while having fun with friends!

2. What ages is the spcaLA spring camp designed for?

Spring camp is designed for kids 9-12 years old. All kids will participate in animal related games, activities and crafts. Campers will work in groups to help train select shelter dogs basic obedience and agility. Campers may also have the opportunity to watch a sterilization surgery with the shelter veterinarian, watch dog training demos, and learn from exciting guest speakers.

3. When is camp being held?

Session 1: March 29th – April 2nd

Session 2: April 5th – April 9th

4. Where is spring camp located?

spcaLA *Friends for Life* Spring Camp is hosted at 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

5. How many campers are allowed in each week? And how many camp counselors are there each day?

Each session holds 12 campers and there will be 3 camp counselors each day. Our camp counselors have extensive background checks and Department of Justice fingerprint clearance prior to working with the campers. The ratio of counselors to campers is approximately 1:4.

6. What time is the spcaLA spring camp?

spcaLA spring camp runs from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday on the above cited weeks.

Drop off time begins at 8:45 am.

Pick up time is 3:00 pm. If you are more than 15 minutes late picking up your child, there is a \$25.00 fee. If your child is not picked up by 3:30 pm, in accordance with California State law, your child will be considered abandoned and the police will be called to escort your child home.

7. How much does camp cost?

The cost is \$250.00 per child to attend camp.

8. Are refunds given?

Yes. We understand that life happens and gets in the way of the best laid plans. Full refunds will be given, minus a 10% processing fee, if the cancellation is made no later than two weeks prior to the session start date.

If the cancellation is requested within two weeks of the session's start date, no refunds will be given. However, if there is someone on the waiting list that is able to fill the last minute cancellation or you are able to find another attendee for that spot, we may issue you a full refund minus the 10% processing fee. Please speak to the camp director with any questions regarding refunds.

9. Are there any requirements that the camper must meet in order to attend camp?

Yes. There are few non-negotiable requirements that campers must meet and follow in order to attend camp.

- All campers must be a minimum age of 9 to attend camp. You may register a child that is 8 years old; as long as they are 9 by the time their camp session starts.
- You must fill out and electronically sign the liability waiver and permission slip form in order for your child to attend camp.
- Once at camp, children participating in dog training activities **MUST have long pants and close toed shoes.** Capri's and tall socks do not count as long pants. This is a safety precaution and must be adhered to in order to dog train. Your child may bring a pair of pants and leave them with the counselors for the duration of the session.
- Campers must bring their own sack lunch, daily.
- Campers are expected to treat all animals with respect and kindness. Counselors will be teaching campers about the proper ways to act around animals. If a camper hit, hurts, or threatens a shelter animal it may be grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. No refunds will be given if the removal from camp is direct result of the child's behavior.

10. When does registration begin? How do I register for camp?

Registration begins Tuesday, February 9th at 9:00 am. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. All registrations will be taken online at www.spcala.com. To register, please.

On-Line registration is the preferred method of registration. To register online, you must pay in credit card. We do not accept checks via online registration.

Once you click on the link to the registration form you will be prompted to fill out required information. Please choose your first and second choice session. **If you have any problems** during the registration process, please call Melanie Wagner at (310) 676-1149 ext 228, during business hours M-F.

Confirmation Packets: After completing the online registration a confirmation email will be sent to you.

Please remember to register early! If you are registering more than one child at the same time, please be sure to list the names of all campers that you would like to attend the same week. We will do our best to accommodate groups, but the earlier you register the better chance your group will have to attend the same week.

Please remember that camp registration is on a first come first serve basis, based on accepted payment. Online registration will expedite your registration process. Using the paper registration method may decrease your chance of getting the session you are most interested in.

11. Some things to keep in mind when deciding to enroll your child in spring camp.

Shelter dogs are obviously the favorite component of this spring camp. However, all shelter dogs are put through a rigorous assessment in an effort to find the safest and most ideal candidate to put with children. The amount of "camp friendly" dogs that are involved in camp may vary. In order to keep all campers and dogs safe, we cannot guarantee the use of shelter dogs throughout the program. Although we make every effort to find as many suitable shelter dogs as possible.

Participating in spcaLA's *Friends for Life* Spring Camp means that each and every camper will be working hands on with shelter animals in some capacity. Although the spcaLA staff takes the precautions necessary to ensure your child's safety and health, there is an inherent risk that occurs when working with shelter animals. These risks include but are not limited to: bodily injury, illness/parasites, unforeseen allergies, etc. By signing the liability waiver and permission slips, you are accepting that you understand these risks.

If your child has any ailments, restrictions, severe allergies, physical limitations, severe disabilities or any other condition that may limit his/her participation in spring camp, please discuss this with the Director of Humane Education, Melanie Wagner (310) 676-1149 ext. 228 before registration.

We do not discriminate and will do our best to accommodate any camper. However, there are certain activities that may restrict participation or jeopardize a campers safety and we want to make sure that all campers have a fun and safe time.

If you have general Spring Camp questions you may email HumaneEducation@spcaLA.com and someone from the department will be in touch with you, as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding registration, payments, safety or health concerns, please contact the Director of Humane Education directly. You may reach Melanie Wagner at Mwagner@spcaLA.com or (310) 676-1149 ext 228.

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