

# People Animals Learning

Each year the Wisconsin Humane Society accepts applications from education professionals who identify underserved City of Milwaukee students who could benefit from the increased self-esteem and empathy that comes from training and caring for animals. People, Animals, Learning (PAL) is an empathy-building program for youth between the ages of 10 and 13. During the PAL program, students work with shelter dogs, cats and orphaned ducklings. The PAL program emphasizes responsibility and teaches kids how to gain control of challenging situations through kind actions.



Both kids and animals benefit from this unique program. We will be holding three sessions of PAL this summer. Each two-week session will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. The program is offered FREE and transportation to and from the shelter is provided.

## 2012 PAL Sessions:

Session I June 18-June 29

Session II July 9-July 20

Session III July 30-August 10

If you would like to nominate a student, please complete the application on the back of this page. Try to provide us with as much information as you can about the young person you are nominating and how this program can benefit him or her. If the student is unable to write responses to the required questions, he or she may dictate them to you. Participation is limited to approximately 12 students per session. Due to limited space, we can only accept applications from students who have not participated in the program previously.

**Deadline for PAL applications is Wednesday, April 18, 2012.**

Parents, students and teachers will be notified of acceptance into the program in May. If you would like more information about the PAL program, please contact the education department at 414-431-6159.

**WISCONSIN HUMANE SOCIETY  
PEOPLE ANIMALS LEARNING PROGRAM  
STUDENT NOMINATION FORM**

Thank you for nominating a young person for the PAL program. Please complete the application and include any additional information you think is important to his/her nomination. If your nominee is accepted, we will contact you both before and after the PAL program to track the student's progress. Your participation will help us evaluate the program and is essential to our ability to continue offering PAL. *Due to limited space, students who have previously participated in the program are ineligible.*

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ MILWAUKEE Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ # of Absences for 2011/2012 school year \_\_\_\_\_  
First day of 2012/2013 school year \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER/MENTOR INFORMATION**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade or subject you teach \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
School phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Summer phone (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions regarding the student you wish to nominate:**

1. Why do you think the child needs the PAL Program? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Please explain any physical, mental or emotional challenges we should be aware of.  
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3. What do you think the student's greatest challenge will be during the PAL program? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Describe any discipline problems you may have had with this student and how they were handled. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Does this student have any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please provide us with any additional information that we may find useful about this student.  
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**On a separate piece of paper, please have the student answer the following:**

1. Briefly describe yourself and your interests.
2. What has been your experience with animals?
3. Are you afraid of dogs?
4. Why do you want to be in the PAL Program?
5. How do you think your participation in the program could help others?
6. Does your family have any vacation plans, or any other plans that you know of that could interfere with your participation?

Please return the completed nomination form by **April 18, 2012** to: Education Department, Wisconsin Humane Society, 4500 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208-3156; Fax: 414-431-6200