



# OHS Summer Camps Handbook



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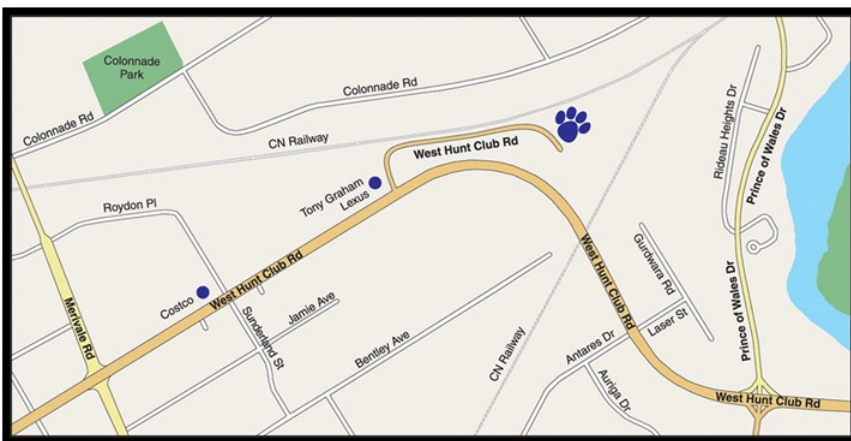


### About the OHS

The Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) is a non-profit, community-based organization and a registered charity. Since 1888, we have been the leading organization providing a safe haven for sick, injured and homeless animals in Ottawa. Each year, the OHS rescues and cares for more than 8,000 animals.

### Our Mission

To lead Ottawa in building a humane and compassionate community for all animals.



OHS Summer Camps are located at **245 West Hunt Club Rd**, in-between Merivale Road and Prince of Wales Drive.



### Questions or Comments?

Phone: 613-725-3166, ext. 298

Email: [programs@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:programs@ottawahumane.ca)



# OHS Summer Camps *FAQ*

## Camp Hours

Camp programming runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with optional extended care hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended care (\$30/week) must be arranged and purchased in advance of the start of the camp week.

## Camper Drop-Off

Please enter through the door marked "**Education Centre**" to the right of the main doors (do not enter through the Main Entrance as these doors may be locked). Parents/guardians are required to escort children into the building and sign them into camp. We look forward to meeting you to discuss how we can best support your child throughout the day. We will also review who is authorized to pick your child up from camp, medication authorization, and answer any other questions you may have.

## Camper Pick-Up

Parents, guardians or other approved custodians must sign each camper out between 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A late penalty fee of \$1/minute (per child) may be enforced if you are late. If you need to pick up your camper early, please communicate that to staff ahead of time. Government issued photo identification will be required at pick-up to ensure that only authorized individuals are picking children up from camps.

## Animal Interaction

We aim to have animal interaction for at least one hour each day, dependent on availability. Program animals are screened and all animals (including adoptable pets) are behaviourally assessed for suitability with children, as well as health checked by our Animal Care team.

## Peanut/Nut Policy

While we request that campers refrain from bringing products containing nuts to camp, the OHS is not a nut-free facility.

## COVID-19 Protocols

To ensure the safety of OHS staff, volunteers, participants and animals, we ask that campers stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or live with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last five days. At this time, masking is not required for OHS programs, although children who feel more comfortable wearing masks are encouraged to do so.



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## Things to Bring!

- A large, labeled bottle of water
- A nutritious lunch and two snacks
- Indoor closed-toe shoes
- Weather-appropriate outerwear (jacket, hat, sunglasses, etc.) and sunscreen
- A spare change of clothes, including a bathing suit
- Labelled medications (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) with a signed letter noting how/when to use. Campers must present to camp with these medications each day.
- A face mask (optional)

## Things Not to Bring!

- Cell phone, tablets, music players
- Open-toe or slip-on shoes
- Family pets
- Knives or weapons
- Peanut or nut products
- Toys or Stuffedies from home

## Camp Rules –Keeping Everyone Safe

To ensure a positive and safe camp environment, all campers must:

1. Respect one-another, the facilitators, and the animals involved in the camp. Engaging in conduct that disrupts the camp program or undermines the safety and security of any animals or camp participants will not be tolerated, including the use of profanity or engaging in any physical, sexual, or verbal misconduct, including bullying.
2. Stay on the OHS property and remain with the group at all times.
3. Follow directions provided by the camp facilitators.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Please tell us about your child's experience by providing your feedback at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OHScampsurvey>





**We look forward to having your child  
at camp!**



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