



# OHS March Break Camp 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 thousands of animals.



## Our Mission

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



## Our Location

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



# OHS March Break Camp

## Important Information

### Camp Hours

Camp programming runs from 9a.m. to 4p.m., with optional extended care hours from 8a.m. to 4:30p.m.. Extended care (\$40/week) must be arranged and purchased in advance of the start of the camp week.

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### 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 and 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. We will also review who is authorized to pick your child up from camp, medication authorization, and answer any other questions you may have.

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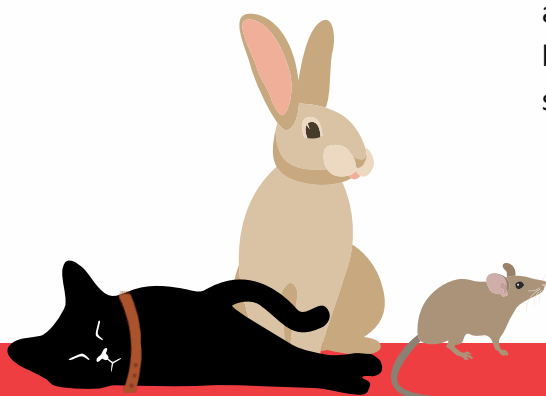
### Camper Pick Up

Parents, guardians, and approved custodians must sign each camper out between 3:45p.m. to 4p.m. if extended care was not purchased. A fee of \$1/minute (per child) may be enforced if you are late. Please communicate to staff ahead of time if you need to pick up your camper early. Government-issued photo identification will be required at pick up.

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### Animal Interaction

We aim to schedule 45 minutes of small-group animal interactions per day. Small-group interactions may look like camp teams getting to spend time in a cat room, all campers creating a big circle on the floor and observing a bunny at play, or campers getting to meet an OHS volunteer dog individually to practice their dog greeting skills learned in camp. These interactions are always dependent on availability, as program animals are behaviourally assessed for suitability with children and health checked by our Animal Care team. If ever we do not have an animal suitable for programming, we adjust our schedule to include a couple of bonus activities!



# OHS March Break Camp Important Information

## Peanut/Nut Policy

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

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## Camp Rules

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

- 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.
  - Stay on OHS property and remain with the group at all times.
  - Follow directions provided by the camp facilitators.
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## What to Pack

All campers should pack:

- A large, labeled bottle of water
- A nutritious lunch and two snacks
- Indoor closed-toe shoes
- Weather-appropriate outerwear (jacket, hat, etc.)
- A spare change of clothes
- Labelled medications (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) with a signed letter noting how and when to use them

We ask that campers do not bring:

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



# Thank you for choosing OHS Camps!

We are so excited to have your child join us at  
the Ottawa Humane Society.

If you have any questions leading up to camp,  
please email [programs@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:programs@ottawahumane.ca),  
or call 613-725-3166, Ext. 298.

