

**The Houston Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals
and
The Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council**

Leader's Guide
Daisy and Brownie Level Requirements



"Paw Pals"
Houston SPCA
Girl Scout Patch Program



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Houston SPCA "Paw Pals" Girl Scout Patch

Patch Description: The SPCA Patch will consist of each level of girl scouting: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors. Activities will include items directly related to the Houston SPCA's mission statement.

**Houston SPCA
Mission Statement:** to promote commitment to and respect for all animals and protect them from suffering, abuse, and exploitation. To accomplish this mission, we will: a) shelter homeless animals, b) place animals into humane environments, c) promote humane education, d) investigate animal cruelty, e) rescue animals in distress, and f) serve as advocates for all animals.

Patch Design: The Houston SPCA logo is in black and white. There are four levels of paws with different colors to represent each Girl Scout level.

- Daisies receive a yellow paw
- Brownies receive a pink paw
- Juniors receive an purple paw
- Cadettes/Seniors receive a orange paw

Cost: The cost is \$3.00 per girl. This price includes both the logo patch (\$2) and the paw (\$1) for the respective level. Checks should be made payable to the Houston SPCA. Cash is acceptable as well. Receipts are provided as requested by Troop Leaders.

HOUSTON SPCA "Paw Pals"
PATCH PROGRAM
Daisy Girl Scouts

"HELPING OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS"

Daisy Girl Scouts must complete three (3) of the five (5) activities including the one with the asterisk.

- *1. Visit the Houston SPCA for a tour and write or tell a story about one of the animals from their point of view. What would the animal say if he or she could speak? How do you think they feel about losing their family? How would you feel if you lost a special friend? Select one of the dogs or cats by name.**
2. Become a "Pet Safety Patrol Officer," by having the Houston SPCA visit your troop. Learn how to teach others ways in which to keep themselves and their pets safe. A pet therapy dog may accompany the presentation.
3. Start a troop recycling program. This benefits all types of animals by reducing trash and pollution and keeping our world healthier!
4. Our shelter uses a lot of towels and blankets to wrap the animals in that have been operated on, belong in foster care or are living at the shelter in the kennels. We also use fuzzy toilet seat covers as cat beds! See if your troop can get large white towels and gently used blankets donated and bring them down to the shelter on your next visit! Or there are a lot of other inexpensive items on our wish list that can be donated. The animals will love you for it!
5. Complete the "Find a New Friend for Life" color sheet. Once completed you can send them to a Nursing Home to brighten the residents' day.

Activity # 4

Help fill the Houston SPCA's
Wish List.



We Need:

1. Towels and Blankets
2. Laundry Soap
3. Bleach
4. Cloth Diapers
5. Cotton Swabs
6. Disposable Rubber Gloves
7. Batteries
8. Newspapers
9. Pet Toys
10. Fabric Toilet Seat Covers (for cat beds)
11. Pet Grooming Supplies
12. Dry Puppy Food/ Dry Kitten Food
13. Soft Dog Treats for Training
14. 37¢ and 23¢ postage stamps
15. White 8 ½" X 11" copy paper
16. Office supplies (scissors, Scotch tape, 3-hole punch, pens, yellow highlighters, and black Sharpies)
17. Bottled water
18. Cat Litter

***The Houston SPCA receives no government or
United Way funding, so the support of the
community is vital to the continuation of our
programs.***

HOUSTON SPCA "Paw Pals"
PATCH PROGRAM
Brownie Girl Scouts

"RESPECTING OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS"

Brownie Girl Scouts must complete five (5) of the ten (10) activities including the two that have asterisks.

- *1. Visit the Houston SPCA for a tour and write or tell a story about one of the animals from their point of view. What would the animal say if he or she could speak? How do you think they feel about losing their family? How would you feel if you lost a special friend? Select one of the dogs or cats by name.**
2. What kind of diet is good for a dog or a cat? Find out what foods and treats are good for a dog or cat to eat. Follow the "Canine Cookie" recipe and make some healthy treats for your pet or the homeless animals at the shelter.
3. How do dogs and cats communicate or talk to us? Observe your dog or cat and explain their body language. On a tour at the Houston SPCA, watch the body language of the homeless animals. How do dogs and cats tell us when they are happy, sad, scared, angry, and other feelings? Complete the "Doggy Language" sheet and see if you can guess what the doggy is trying to say. *BONUS: Have kids act out how animals feel in different situations.*
- 4. *Find out why wild or exotic animals DON'T make good pets. Find out how wild animals can take care of themselves and how pet animals cannot. What kinds of things would a tiger or lion need (if it was a pet) that a regular cat would not? What problems could occur if that kind of animal was kept as a pet? What animals DO make good pets? Make a poster with one side of pictures of animals that make good pets and the other with animals that do not make good pets. Draw your own or use magazine pictures. Share this with your troop.**
5. Learn how to behave around pets the RIGHT WAY! Find out when to play with them and when to leave them alone. Be an actress and act out the attached scenarios with a friend.

HOUSTON SPCA "Paw Pals"
PATCH PROGRAM
Brownie Girl Scouts

"RESPECTING OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS", CONTINUED

Brownie Girl Scouts must complete five (5) of the ten (10) activities including the two that have asterisks.

6. Find out about a special operation given to dogs and cats to help with this huge problem of too many pets and not enough home or families for all of them. The Houston SPCA gets about 100 animals a day. So we have the problem too - too many animals and not enough people to take care of them. So we give all the dogs and cats an operation called **SPAY** for females (so they don't have any more puppies or kittens) and **NEUTER** for males (so they are not dads to any more puppies or kittens) before they get adopted to help with this problem. Color the "Too many Pets" sheet.
7. Find out about service dogs. Examples: police dogs, bomb-sniffing dogs, dogs for the blind and deaf, to name a few. How are they trained? What kinds of dogs make good service dogs? Work together and create a picture story about service dogs. Try the "Seeing Eye Dog" activity with a buddy. Invite a service dog to be a guest at your next troop meeting.
8. Find out how to act in the following situations: (1) how to meet a dog who is out walking with its owner, (2) what to do when a strange dog jumps on you or attacks you. With a buddy act out what you should do in each situation. Explain to your audience what you are doing. *BONUS: Complete safety coloring sheet.*
9. * Learn the important three (3) "L's" of wildlife. (See worksheet). Look at them, Learn about them, and Leave them alone.
10. Make a matching index card game to learn about what pet needs what things. Use magazines or draw your own pictures. Example: Leash/Dog.

ACTIVITY #2



DOGGIE COOKIE RECIPE

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 Cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 Teaspoon White Sugar
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- 6 Tablespoons Margarine
- 1 Whole Egg
- 1/2 Cup Non-fat Dry Powdered Milk
- 1/2 Cup Cool Water
- 1 Can Pam Cooking Spray (unflavored)
- 1 Can Chicken Broth or Beef Bouillon (optional)

1. Add cool water to non-fat dry powdered milk and mix together.
2. Mix all of the above ingredients in a large mixing bowl.
3. Knead the dough for 3 to 5 minutes or until dough forms a nice ball.
4. Roll to about 1/2 inch thick and then cut with cookie cutters into desired shape.
5. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet for 25 minutes at 350 degrees F.
6. If desired, add one can of chicken broth or beef bouillon for flavor.
7. Share cookies with your dog or bring them to the Houston SPCA and give the homeless dogs a nice treat!

Houston SPCA "Paw Pals" Patch Program Evaluation Form



Troop Number: _____

Your Name: _____

Girl Scout Level: Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior

I/ We earned this patch: as an individual as a troop

1. What was your favorite activity and why?

2. Which activities did you / your troop complete? Please let by number:

3. Name at least one thing you learned from the patch program that you didn't know before:

4. What was your least favorite activity and why?

**Please hand this completed form to the Houston SPCA's
Education Department. Patches will be provided upon
completion of activities.**