



BALTIMORE HUMANE SOCIETY

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Baltimore Humane Society Visitation Guidelines

There are some guidelines that must be followed during your visit. Please be sure to review these guidelines with both your group and all of the chaperones who are attending the visit:

1. There can be **NO** screaming, loud noises, yelling, or running in or around the shelter.
2. You must stay with your group at all times.
3. You are not permitted to touch, nor take any animals out of their kennel or cage for any reason unless otherwise instructed.
4. If there is an occasion where your tour guide allows you to touch a pet, you must sanitize hands before and after that contact to avoid the spread of disease to any other pet.
5. You cannot take any pictures or videos unless your guide gives permission to do so.
6. No tapping/banging on the cat condo doors/windows.
7. No putting fingers in dog kennels or rabbit cages.
8. There must be at least one chaperone per 5-7 kids.
9. No food, gum, or candy, etc.
10. You must wear closed toed shoes with rubber soles (as opposed to sandals, flip-flops, heels, etc.) This is for your safety. We also clean the areas of our shelter quite often. This can also mean wet floors, so prepare accordingly.
11. Unfortunately, we do not have public restrooms for your use. Please take the time to handle these matters before your visit.
12. We do not do any tours of the Spay/Neuter & Wellness Center Surgery rooms or intake wing.
13. Schedule permitting and if age appropriate, our Medical Director, Dr. Mary Zink will take 5-7 minutes to talk to the group about Spay/Neuter. This is not always a possibility so please be flexible.

14. At the tour leader's discretion, there may be an opportunity for you to feed a dog in the dog kennel, a treat. You are **not** to do this on your own volition! When we get to this particular part of the tour, a staff member will advise the tour class as to which dogs are able to be fed.

15. Please make sure no one in your tour class has allergies to animals (cats/dogs/mice/guinea pigs/rabbits, etc.) before your visit. It can be a real liability to have a child who is allergic to pets on our grounds without the proper notice or precautions.

16. Have fun!

I have reviewed these guidelines with my child/class:

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher's/Instructor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Child's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____