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TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR

AGES

Children 10+ years

Teens

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Match teens with animal-related volunteer opportunities in your area, such as humane societies, animal shelters, or even veterinarian offices! Local organizations could give presentations about the work they do, then set up behind tables around the room with more information about how to start volunteering. This could also be a fully passive program in which you display local volunteer opportunities and information cards/flyers for teens to take. Suggested runtime: 120 minutes

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

For the passive program, you will only need to create a display and leave stacks of handouts for teens to take.

For the volunteer fair, you might need:

- Laptop and AV equipment
- A table for each organization

Contact local organizations to find out which ones need volunteers and/or might be willing to table or present. If possible, request promotional materials that these organizations already have.

UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

A large programming room for the volunteer fair.

RESOURCES

Web

Humane Society volunteering: <https://www.humanesociety.org/volunteer>

Humane Society International: <https://www.hsi.org/>

PetSmart charities: <https://petsmartcharities.org/pro>

YA/Adult Animal Careers Nonfiction

Young Adult

Careers if You Like Animals (2017) by Toney Allman

Career Opportunities Working with Animals (2011) by Shelly Field

Veterinarian (2003) by John Riddle and Rae Simons

ADAPTATION:

You could also focus on possible career paths instead. Bring in a local veterinarian to present and share stories about their work. They might also bring animals on which to demonstrate basic, health-related exams.

TIP:

Vocational high schools and local colleges with vet tech programs may be willing to give information about their programs or send students to present for extra credit.

TIP:

Remember to check with local pet and/or wildlife rehabilitation centers.

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The Accidental Veterinarian: Tales from a Pet Practice (2019) by Philipp Schott

Animal Wise: The Thoughts and Emotions of Our Fellow Creatures (2013) by Virginia Morell

Lions and Tigers and Hamsters: What Animals Large and Small Taught Me About Life, Love, and Humanity (2019) by Mark Goldstein

YA/Adult Animal Careers Fiction

Young Adult

The Dog (2018) by David Paul Kirkpatrick and Steven James Taylor

Inubaka: Crazy for Dogs (Vols. 1–8) by Yukiya Sakuragi

Margaux With an X (2004) by Ronald Koertge.

Last Chance (A Robyn Hunter Mystery) (2012) by Norah McClintock

Stay with Me (2011) by Paul Griffin

The Unexpected Everything (2017) by Morgan Matson

Adult

All Creatures Great and Small (2014) by James Herriot

The Search (2010) by Nora Roberts

TIP:

For children's books on working with animals, see Chapter 03: Skype a Scientist.

RESIZABLE DOWNLOAD

(SEE ONLINE MANUAL OR USB)

Pet Volunteer Poster Templates

