



DIY Classroom Presentations

Tips for Parents & Caregivers

spcaLA DIY presentations and lesson plans are a source of information and easy-to-follow guides for you, but don't forget to make them interactive! Actively engage your child(ren) throughout the presentations by practicing the following when appropriate:

- Ask them what they think before revealing an answer (many slides are formatted this way).
- Take and encourage their questions along the way.
- Relate the content to their own life, their own pets, and/or other animals they know.
- Act things out with them! Use props! Be silly. Have fun.
- Keep a helpful perspective: when discussing more difficult, upsetting topics or pieces of information, highlight opportunities for advocacy and making the situation better. The information is not meant to make us feel terrible and helpless, but rather develop an awareness that is needed to work towards positive change for animals and communities.
- For ages 11+, you can experiment with the level of independence you give your child in learning the information. Consider the following additions or alternatives to directly giving the presentation yourself:
 - Your child reviews the presentations and lessons on their own, and you have a family discussion about it. Be sure to have questions prepared based on the content.
 - Ask them to give the presentation! You or the whole family can be the audience. This option is an effective way to involve older children in the presentations that are geared towards a younger audience, such as Pet Care and Dog Safety.
 - Your child takes the information provided in the presentations and lesson plans to create their own original presentation out of homemade posters, a written speech, or some use of technology. They can then present this to the family. Teaching others is a great way for youth and children to deepen their learning while also activating their creativity.

RECOMMENDED DOWNLOAD PLANS

All of the presentations can serve as stand-alone lessons. If interested in multiple lessons over a period of time, the following sequences are recommended by age group.

Ages 5-7

Animal Communication
Pet Care
Dog Safety

Ages 8-10

Animal Communication
Pet Care
Pet Overpopulation
Dog Safety
City Wildlife

Ages 11-13

Animal Communication
Pet Overpopulation
City Wildlife
Animal Cruelty

Ages 14 & older

Pet Overpopulation
City Wildlife
Animal Cruelty
Careers with Animals

***Please note:** The animal cruelty presentation contains sensitive information that may be especially difficult for youth and families to engage with at this time. As is the case with all of the presentations, parents and caregivers are encouraged to carefully review the presentation and lesson plan prior to sharing with their child(ren) in order to determine if they would like to use it at all, save it for later, skip certain slides, or make other modifications to its delivery.