



Anderson
Animal Shelter
- A Humane Society -



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**Anderson Animal Shelter and Crate Free Illinois Team Up to Teach Kids
About Farm Animal Welfare**

This summer marks the first year that Anderson Animal Shelter will include educational sessions about farm animals as part of their Youth Humane Education program. Led by the local farm animal welfare nonprofit, Crate Free Illinois, the sessions will be part of the Shelter's summer Critter Camp for children ages 6 – 10.

In addition to learning about responsible pet ownership and the welfare of companion animals, children will also learn why we need to have compassion for animals raised for food. In this 60-minute, child-friendly presentation, Crate Free Illinois volunteers Lisa Schmalz, a high school teacher, and David Ouellette, a college professor, demonstrate how pigs, chickens, and calves are humanely and naturally raised by local farmers.

Insert quote from Carrie Frost, Humane Education Manager at Anderson Animal Shelter.

“As Americans, we shower our pets with love and affection. In Illinois, we have comprehensive laws to protect dogs and cats. But sadly, animals raised for food are frequently exploited and have few laws to protect them,” said Jessica Chipkin, founder of Crate Free Illinois. “We’re extremely grateful for this opportunity to work with Anderson Animal Shelter and help kids understand that, in the end, there’s really no difference between cruelty inflicted on a dog, cat, parakeet, horse, chicken, cow or pig.”

Critter Camp is a week-long summer camp program for animal-loving kids. In addition to the educational sessions, campers also engage in arts and crafts, games and hands-on time with shelter animals. Sessions are Monday-Friday, from 9 to 1:00 PM, beginning June 11 and repeated weekly through July 20.

About Anderson Animal Shelter

Anderson Animal Shelter collaborates with public and private organizations and individuals to shelter, care for and promote the adoption of homeless, stray and unwanted companion animals. The Shelter is a 501c3 charitable organization and does not receive any federal or state funding. The Shelter advocates for the compassionate and humane treatment of these animals through direct care, humane education and community outreach programs. For more information on Anderson Animal Shelter, including adoption, volunteering, donation drives and membership opportunities, please visit www.andersonanimalshelter.org, email info@andersonanimalshelter.org or contact us by phone 847-697-2880. The Shelter is located at 1000 South La Fox Road, South Elgin, IL 60177

About Crate Free Illinois

Crate Free Illinois is an Illinois-based, 501(c)3 animal welfare nonprofit. Formed in 2015, this all-volunteer organization works to educate consumers about the extreme confinement of animals on industrialized farms, support local sustainable farmers, and advocate for legislative change to ban gestation crates, battery cages and veal crates in Illinois. Learn more at <http://www.CrateFreeIL.org>.