

2026 CRITTER CAMP

Sessions for Younger Elementary School Campers (Rising 1st-3rd Graders, Ages 6+)

Creative Cats

For kids who adore felines, this purr-fectly fun week-long camp is filled with cat-themed games, crafts, and activities. Campers will learn about bottle-fed kittens, interact with friendly cats, and create cat-inspired crafts and games.

Pawsome Pups

Young dog lovers will have a tail-wagging good time at this dog-themed camp! This week is packed with fun games, crafts, and opportunities to learn about working dogs with important careers.

Fur and Fun Academy

Can't choose between cats and dogs? This full-day, week-long camp combines the best of Creative Cats and Pawsome Pups, offering a mix of feline and canine fun!

Sessions for Older Elementary School Campers (Rising 4th-6th Graders)

Future Vet Explorers

Perfect for aspiring veterinarians! Campers will explore the world of animal medicine through engaging classroom lessons and hands-on activities with animals in our care. They'll learn how veterinary care plays a crucial role in an animal shelter.

Voices for Animals

Campers will dive into the world of animal welfare, learning about the Richmond SPCA's mission and how they can make a difference. Activities include creating enrichment items for shelter pets, crafting adoption promotion materials, assisting with daily shelter tasks, and discussing age-appropriate animal welfare topics shaping our world today.

K9 Trainers in Training

An introduction to Kids & K9's for younger campers! Campers will interact with animals in the shelter, learn basic techniques that trainers use to practice them on furry friends, focus on reading the animals through nonverbal cues, crafts, and simulations. Campers will also keep a log of what they've learned over the week.

Sessions for Middle School Campers (Rising 7th-9th Graders)

Advanced Vet Adventures

Designed for older campers passionate about animal medicine, this camp expands on veterinary science through hands-on experiences and interactive classroom learning. Campers will work directly with animals in our care, gaining deeper insights into veterinary practices.

Kids and K9s*

A one-of-a-kind experience for campers who want to train their own dogs! Throughout the week, campers will attend training sessions with their canine companions, learning basic skills and fun tricks under the guidance of expert Richmond SPCA trainers. The Richmond SPCA will provide treats, training pouches, and journals to support their learning.

Immersive Kids and K9s*

Campers will practice with animals at the Richmond SPCA focusing on body language, behavior, techniques on training and performance! Campers will document their observations and learn basic skills and fun tricks under the guidance of expert trainers. At the end of the session, campers bring their dog with them to camp to show off what they've learned. The Richmond SPCA will provide treats, training pouches, and journals to support their learning.



***Kids & K9s camps are half-day sessions. If your child is enrolled in a full-day camp during the same week, please plan to transport your dog as needed. You will be responsible for dropping off and picking up your child's dog before and after the Kids & K9s camp session, as dogs cannot stay on-site for the full day.**

2026 CAMP SCHEDULE

WEEK	MORNING	AFTERNOON	MORNING	AFTERNOON	MORNING	AFTERNOON
JUNE 1 - JUNE 5	Creative Cats	Pawsome Pups	Future Vet Explorers	Voices for Animals		
JUNE 8 - JUNE 12	Creative Cats	Pawsome Pups	Future Vet Explorers	Voices for Animals		
JUNE 15 - JUNE 19	Fur & Fun Academy (full day)		Future Vet Explorers (full day)			
JUNE 22 - JUNE 26	Pawsome Pups	Creative Cats	Voices for Animals	Future Vet Explorers		
JUNE 29 - JULY 2	Fur & Fun Academy (full day)		Future Vet Explorers (full day)			
JULY 6 - JULY 10	Pawsome Pups	Creative Cats			Kids and K9s	Advanced Vet Adventures
JULY 13 - JULY 17	Creative Cats	Pawsome Pups	Future Vet Explorers	Voices for Animals		
JULY 20 - JULY 24	Creative Cats	Pawsome Pups			Immersive Kids and K9s	Advanced Vet Adventures
JULY 27 - JULY 31	Pawsome Pups	Creative Cats		K9 Trainers in Training	Advanced Vet Adventures	
AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 7	Pawsome Pups	Creative Cats			Advanced Vet Adventures	Kids and K9s
AUGUST 10 - AUGUST 14	Creative Cats	Pawsome Pups	Future Vet Explorers	Voices for Animals		
AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 21	Creative Cats	Pawsome Pups	Future Vet Explorers	Voices for Animals		
AUGUST 24 - AUGUST 28	Bonus Week! Wild Scientist Camp for rising 1st-6th graders: Campers will learn about biology, zoology, ecology, herpetology, and entomology while interacting with the animals at the Richmond SPCA.					

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