SAFETY AROUND ANIMALS
Did you know 77% of dog bites come from a family or friend’s dog? This is an impactful statistic and, at HSC, we are working to lower that percentage through informative and engaging lessons that teach kids how to stay safe around all dogs by correctly reading and responding to dog body language.

BREED IDENTIFICATION
The American Kennel Club (AKC) recognizes over 175 dog breeds. However, many animal welfare professionals estimate there to be well over 300 breeds that exist worldwide. Students will learn about a variety of different dog breeds and the stereotypes that are attached to some breeds.

PET CARE 101
The 5 Animal Freedoms are internationally accepted standards of care that affirm every living being’s right to humane treatment. Students will develop an understanding of each freedom and the connection to the essential components of owning their own pet. Students will walk away with a deepened understanding of what animal needs are and why it’s vital that these needs are met.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & ADVOCACY
Many students have a natural curiosity and fondness for animals and want to volunteer their time and efforts to support animals in their community. Through hands-on activities, students are able to make connections between animal welfare and the importance of community service. Students learn about the interconnectedness of our world and the animals we share it with. Students will unlock their power to influence change and affect our community for the better.

It is the Humane Society of Charlotte’s goal to create safer and healthier communities for our children. Our Youth Programming equips children with the tools necessary to think critically about the real-world challenges affecting dogs, cats, and people in Charlotte. Through this programming, we are helping children cultivate empathy, compassion and increase their understanding of personal responsibility for animals and people.

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