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An Educational Program and Learning Passport

Elementary School: “Things to Know about Pets and Pet Ownership”

An introduction to the wonders of pets and animals and the key aspects of pet ownership.

Benjamin’s story, kids’ stories, projects, passport ‘stamps’, and fun!

Decision to get a Pet

- 🐾 Why do you want one?
- 🐾 Choosing a species
- 🐾 Where to look



Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

- 🐾 Time
- 🐾 Money
- 🐾 Loving care: Your pet as a family member



Learning your Pet’s Language

- 🐾 Communicating with your pet



Thinking and Feeling Beings

- 🐾 Examples from the animal and people realms
- 🐾 How animals help society



Training

- 🐾 Why it’s important



Health and Wellbeing

- 🐾 Your pet’s happiness and how it impacts yours



Illness and Loss

- 🐾 Dealing with sickness
- 🐾 Letting go



Food and Diet

- 🐾 What’s in, what’s out and why



Honouring Benjamin and Your Pet’s Life

- 🐾 Starting a *Benjamin Booster Club*
- 🐾 Becoming a junior volunteer



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High School: A Human-Animal Bond Program - "From ownership to stewardship"

A comprehensive overview of the human-animal bond, from medicine to protection, advanced training, animal cognition, legislation and advocacy. Multiple speakers, hands-on learning experiences, readings, research projects, and graduation certificate.

Veterinary Medicine

- 🐾 The profession and roles
- 🐾 Educational qualifications



Animal Shelters, Sanctuaries and Rescues

- 🐾 Why they exist
- 🐾 What they do



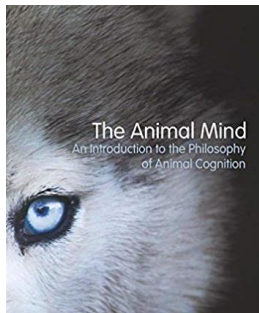
Advanced Training

- 🐾 Therapy animals
- 🐾 Security
- 🐾 Disaster rescue



The Animal Mind

- 🐾 Research on sentience and cognition: How animals think and why they behave in remarkable ways



Animal Welfare Legislation

- 🐾 Canada
- 🐾 Worldwide



Advocacy

- 🐾 Improving laws and practices: Companion, farm, and animals in the wild
- 🐾 Shaping individual and societal behaviour
- 🐾 Being a lifelong *Benjamin Booster* and changing the world

