NEW! Caring Kids; Gentle Hands (grades K-1)
This program is a great way to get the youngest students interested in animal welfare! Youngsters are engaged through a pet care and safety presentation, story time with a Pet VIP Therapy and Visitation Team and a “Similarities Between My Pet and I” presentation and activity.

Your Local Humane Society (All ages)
The presentation offers a frank discussion on topics such as overpopulation, euthanasia, cruelty and neglect, as well as the Humane Society’s mission and services. (Required)

Bite Prevention & Safety Around Animals (grades 2-8)
Did you know that the vast majority of dog bite victims are children? This presentation teaches kids how to recognize animal body-language and behavior in order to keep themselves and their non-human friends safe and sound.

A New Friend for Life (grades 2-8)
Designed as the first step in a child’s animal care education, this presentation offers simple information and tools on the basics of animal care, including the need for food, water, medical care, and loving companionship. The program includes a video presentation and classroom activities.

How Many is Too Many? (2-8)
Using a simple mathematics lesson, children learn about pet overpopulation, and just how quickly companion animals can reproduce. The importance of spaying and neutering to combat this societal problem is emphasized.

Living with Urban Wildlife: Your Sonoran Desert Guests (grades 2-12)
This presentation offers advice to young pet owners on how to limit unwanted and potentially dangerous confrontations between their pets and the wildlife of southern Arizona. The material emphasizes humane, non-lethal solutions and encourages young people to understand and appreciate the unique environment we all live in.
Wild vs. Domestic (grades 3-8)
Children explore the world of exotic animals that are kept as pets and learn the affect this practice has on wild animal populations, world ecosystems, and local native animal populations.

Juvenile Animal Cruelty (grades 3-12)
This presentation is designed to provide youth with a learning experience dealing with violence towards animals. The program provides background information on animal cruelty and neglect and related crimes.

Caring Careers (grades 2-12)
Although many people work to protect animals, few jobs actually work directly with animals. Children in this program are challenged to think outside the box when relating to careers with animals. Kids will be provided with information on what kind of education is required for certain careers with animals, as well as professional information.

When Dogs were Wolves – Dog Domestication (grades 3 – 8)
Ever wonder where your best dog friend came from? In this history of canines, children will explore the domestication of dogs from pre-historic times to current day companions. Students will learn about different breeds of dogs, their origins, and their specific roles through history.

When Cats were Wild – Cat Domestication (grades 3 – 8)
Explore the history of felines, from the European and African wild cat, to today’s feline friend. Students will learn about the domestication of the cat from pre-historic times to current day companions, and will also discover different breeds of cats, their origins, and their specific roles through history.

Dog Fighting Awareness (grades 5 – 12)
Students will engage in frank discussion and lessons about dog and cock fighting; why these brutal forms of entertainment are illegal in all 50 states as well as the effect it can have on animals and human communities. Students will also learn about animal protection laws and recent dog fighting investigations in the US.

BSL: Pit Bull Myths (grades 3 – 12)
This program is designed to teach children and adults about the breeds of dogs that fall under the umbrella term “Pit Bull”. Students will also engage in a frank discussion about Breed Specific Legislation and how is has been used to ban certain types of breeds based on looks rather than DNA or individual behaviors. This program will discuss the history, traits, and true nature of these breeds.

Animals in Entertainment (grades 3 - 8)
This program will explore the concerns with exotic animals kept as pets as well as how the use of animals in entertainment reflect a belief that animals are here for human entertainment and exploitation. Topics will include illegal capture of wild animals, zoos,
circuses, racing, poaching, and more. Children will be provided with the tools to make educated decisions regarding their views of these sensitive topics.

**HSSA Behind-the-Scenes Shelter Tour (all ages)**
People of all ages are encouraged to visit the Humane Society of Southern Arizona’s campus for a hands-on experience in animal welfare.
(Minimum of 10 participants)

**Ball Python Animal Ambassador Visit (all ages)**
As part of our hands-on learning we invite teachers participating in 3 or more classroom lessons to request a live animal visit with one of our Ball Python Ambassadors. These animals are very docile and provide safe and experiential learning opportunities. Please consult with your schools administration and policy prior to requesting a live animal visit.

**Pet VIP Therapy and Visitation – Dog Visit (all ages)**
The Pet VIP Therapy and Visitation Program at HSSA is designed to share animals with people of all ages and backgrounds. Pet visitation is a wonderful and vital therapeutic mode of promoting and maintaining wellness in our community.

**Community Service two part (all ages)**
Many schools and groups hold various benefits for the animals in the Humane Society’s care. Those participating in this program must also be prepared to have a HSSA representative at their facility to discuss HSSA, its mission, and how Community Service benefits our homeless animals.